



DATE: June 5, 2018

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Fire

TITLE: **Increase Appropriations in the Fire Department for Reimbursement of Mutual-Aid Support – Thomas Fire, 2017 Development Center Support, 2018 January Storms, and Task Force 3 Deployment to Hurricane Irma**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Increase appropriations in the Fire Department by \$282,018 for reimbursement received from the California Office of Emergency Services for Mountain View Fire Department's staff hours expended in support of firefighting operations during the deployment to the Thomas Fire in December 2017. (Five votes required)
2. For reimbursements not received by June 30, 2018, appropriate the following amounts: \$27,594 for the 2017 Development Center Support; \$65,675 for the 2018 January Storms, and \$89,042 for the Task Force 3 deployment to Hurricane Irma. (Five votes required)

BACKGROUND

The Mountain View Fire Department participates in the State of California Mutual-Aid System. As a result, the City is reimbursed at agreed-upon rates by the State for personnel, administrative, and vehicle-related costs for participating in strike team/mutual-aid deployments.

In May 2018, the City received \$333,407 for reimbursement of Fire personnel, administrative, and vehicle-related costs related to the Thomas Fire. Staff is requesting an increase in appropriations of \$282,018 for Fire personnel costs.

There are three incidents for which the City has not received reimbursement to date, related to support for the relocation of the Sonoma Developmental Center due to the 2017 North Bay fires, response to the 2018 January Storms, and Hurricane Irma in 2017. It is possible the reimbursements will not arrive before June 30, 2018 to offset the cost the City has incurred. The State has been inundated with reimbursement requests due to a very busy wildfire season last year. This has resulted in delayed State

reimbursements. In September 2017, Task Force 3 was activated and deployed to Hurricane Irma and reimbursement for personnel costs is still pending.

Dates	Fire/ Incident	Total Amount	Vehicle Fees	Admin. & Misc. Fees	MVFD Personnel	
October 15, 2017 to October 23, 2017	17 Dev. Center Support	\$33,523	\$1,257	\$4,672	\$27,594	Pending
January 11, 2018 to January 18, 2018	2018 January Storms	\$76,311	-0-	\$10,636	\$65,675	Pending
September 9, 2017 to September 16, 2017	Hurricane Irma	\$91,804	-0-	\$2,762	\$89,042	Pending

ANALYSIS

The California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) with the State of California's Office of Emergency Services requires that fire agencies be reimbursed for time and resources expended in the support of California fires requiring mutual-aid fire suppression services. The funds requested reimburse the City for overtime costs associated with strike team deployments, administrative costs, and vehicle-related expenses.

FEMA's Code of Federal Regulations requires that public safety agencies be reimbursed for time and resources expended in the support of Federal disaster relief. The funds requested reimburse the City for overtime costs associated with the Task Force 3 deployment.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City has been reimbursed a total of \$333,407 by the California Office of Emergency Services for Fire personnel hours, administration, and vehicle-related costs related to fire suppression efforts during the Thomas Fire. Staff is requesting the appropriations associated with Fire personnel hours of this reimbursement and pending reimbursements if not received by June 30, 2018, as the overtime has been incurred and

the appropriations are required to stay within budget for Fire Department expenditures.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Decline the increase in appropriations for the reimbursement of Mountain View Fire Department personnel hours and bear the total cost of staff overtime reimbursement.
2. Appropriate funds in an amount different than the reimbursed amount.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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