



DATE: February 12, 2019

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Fire

TITLE: **Increase Appropriations in the Fire Department for Reimbursement of Mutual Aid Support for Wildland August Move-Up, Hirz Fire, and Mendocino Complex Fire**

RECOMMENDATION

Increase appropriations by \$591,905 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 Wildland August Move-Up, Hirz Fire, and Mendocino Complex Fire incidents in August 2018. (Five votes required)

BACKGROUND

The Mountain View Fire Department (MVFD) 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 hours, administrative, and vehicle costs for participating in strike team/mutual aid deployments.

Earlier this fiscal year, the City received a total of \$718,865 of which staff is requesting \$591,905 be appropriated for Fire staffing costs. The remainder of these funds are allocated for fleet and administrative costs.

ANALYSIS

The California Fire Assistance Agreement with the State of California's Office of Emergency Services and the Assistance-By-Hire Agreement with CalFire—Santa Clara Unit 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 in this consent item reimburse the City of Mountain View for overtime costs associated with strike team deployments, administrative costs, and vehicle-related expenses.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City has been reimbursed a total of \$591,905 by the California Office of Emergency Services for Fire personnel hours related to fire suppression efforts during the deployment to the Wildland August Move-Up, Hirz Fire, and Mendocino Complex Fire incidents in August 2018. Staff is requesting the appropriations associated with this reimbursement 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 MVFD 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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