

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

Date: December 9, 2014

From:  Mary Dietrich, Facility Services Director
By: Scott Battles, Facility Services Deputy Director 

Subject: Emergency Purchase for Fire Protection Monitoring Equipment Repair at SPACF

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Ratify an emergency purchase from Industrial Electronic Systems in the amount of \$5,850 in budgeted net county cost.

BACKGROUND: On May 19, 2014 the fire protection monitoring system for the South Placer Adult Correction Facility (SPACF) was disabled due to a instantaneous system hardware failure. As a result the Department of Facility Services (DFS) was unable to electronically monitor critical life safety systems throughout the SPACF. Acting under the assumption the system was under warranty the DFS fire protection technician immediately contacted the service provider for repair services. Repairs were made and the system was put back online to continue remote monitoring of all life safety systems.

During the repairs IES notified DFS that this system was no longer under warranty but would verify to see if the hardware that failed was still covered by the manufacturer's warranty. Further investigation by IES and DFS determined that the hardware was no longer under warranty. As a result IES submitted an invoice, dated November 14, 2014, to DFS in the amount of \$5,850.00 for system element replacement and repairs. Pursuant to the Purchasing Policy Manual, emergency purchases exceeding \$5,000 must be ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

As a result of this situation DFS has initiated a backup system to the IES hardware that will provide SPACF life safety systems coverage in the event of a system failure. In addition, DFS is investigating using a Blanket Purchase Order for IES system support services to make sure the department has a qualified service provider ready should we need routine or emergency support for this system in the future.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: This project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA under Title 24, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 15269(b) for emergency repairs necessary to maintain services essential to the public health, safety and welfare.

FISCAL IMPACT: There are sufficient funds in the SPACF Warranty Phase Capital Project 4869 for this expense with no additional net county cost.

CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
PROCUREMENT

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