

**PLACER COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas Miller, County Executive Officer
by Rui Cunha, Emergency Services Program Manager

DATE: September 8, 2009

SUBJECT: Adopt by resolution three Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program Agreements (Grants) and direct staff to complete related financial and administrative actions

ACTION REQUESTED

That your Board adopts a resolution approving three Volunteer Fire Assistance Program agreements (grants), and authorize Rui Cunha, Program Manager, Office of Emergency Services or Michael J. Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer to sign and execute the agreements on behalf of Placer County.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Forest Service is the national administrator of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, which awards funds to volunteer fire organizations under the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is responsible for funds distributions and specifying grant terms and conditions.

Placer County Fire applied for VFA grants on behalf of six volunteer fire companies, Company 78 - Sheridan Fire, Company 32 - Dutch Flat Fire, and the three volunteer companies in Western Placer Fire: Companies 73 - Fowler, 74 - Thermalands and 75 - Paige. The applications were subsequently approved, and \$4,790 was awarded to Sheridan Fire, \$4,500 went to Dutch Flat Fire and \$5,350 was awarded to the Fowler, Thermalands and Paige companies combined.

Each grant award requires a 50% match, and therefore your Board's approval of the agreements means that these five volunteer fire companies are able to purchase a great deal of much needed equipment, e.g., personal protective equipment, pagers and hoses, at a half the actual cost.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the County General Fund as a result of this action. Matching funds are available this fiscal year in the budgets of Zones 6B (Sheridan), 150 (Dutch Flat) and 76 (Western Placer).

Attachments

Resolution

Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Agreements: (3) – on file with Clerk of the Board for public review

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Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

Resol. No: _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES 32, 73, 74, 75 AND 78 AND AUTHORIZING RUI CUNHA, OR MICHAEL J. BOYLE, TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF PLACER COUNTY.

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held **SEPTEMBER 8, 2009** by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board _____

WHEREAS fire protection in portions of the unincorporated county is provided by volunteer fire companies under direction of Placer County Fire, and

WHEREAS the United States Forest Service, under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, awards funds through the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to volunteer fire organizations under the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS Placer County Fire applied for funds on behalf of five of its volunteer fire companies which were subsequently approved as follows: \$4,790 to Company 32 - Sheridan Fire (Zone of Benefit 6B), \$4,500 to Company 78 - Dutch Flat Fire, (Zone 150), and \$5,350 was awarded to Fire Companies 73 - Fowler, 74 -Thermalands and 75 - Paige which are all in Western Placer Fire (Zone 76).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer that the VFA awards to Sheridan Fire, Dutch Flat Fire and three volunteer companies of Western Placer Fire described above are hereby approved, and that Michael J. Boyle, Assistant CEO, or Rui Cunha, Program Manager, Office of Emergency Services, officers of the County of Placer, are authorized to sign and execute each agreement on behalf of Placer County.

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