



MEMORANDUM
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** September 13, 2022
FROM: Jane Christenson, Acting County Executive Officer
BY: David Atkinson, PE, Assistant Director of Emergency Services
SUBJECT: Office of Emergency Services FY 22/23 Budget Amendment related to the
Community Power Resiliency Grant

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a FY 2022-23 budget amendment #AM-00698 for CC10007 – Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$182,687.92 and cancel General Fund PSPS reserves in the amount of \$182,687.92.

BACKGROUND

Over the last decade, California has experienced increased, intense, and record-breaking wildfires. These fires resulted in the loss of life, billions of dollars in damage, and severe economic loss. Fires attributed to electric utility infrastructure comprise roughly half of the most destructive fires in California history. California Public Utilities Code gives electric utilities authority to shut off the electric power to protect public safety, including to prevent fires when strong winds, heat events, and related conditions are present.

To mitigate the impact of Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) on public health, safety, and commerce in affected communities, the State Legislature included a General Fund appropriation in the FY 2019-20 Budget Act to support state and local government efforts to improve resiliency in response to utility-led PSPS actions. Eligible procurement under the program includes equipment such as generators and redundant emergency communications. The program is approaching closeout, and the final two projects awarded in Placer County are underway.

Placer County Office of Emergency Services requests to purchase redundant emergency communications equipment under the Community Power Resiliency Grant. The radio equipment will enhance the Emergency Operations Center's ability to monitor, communicate, and coordinate a response during an emergency safely and effectively. To proceed with the purchase, your Board's approval for a budget amendment is needed to increase budget authority in the Equipment ledger of the Office of Emergency Services FY 2022-23 Budget in the amount of \$138,045.92.

Additionally, South Placer Fire District is completing the delivery and installation of a backup generator as part of their Community Power Resiliency Grant award. To proceed with the reimbursement, your Board's approval for a budget amendment is needed to move budget

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authority to the Special Department Expense ledger within the Office of Emergency Services FY 2022-23 Budget in the amount of \$44,642.00.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of this action is \$182,687.92. A budget amendment for CC10007 – Office of Emergency Services is included for your consideration and approval. The budget amendment will increase expenditure authority in GL52580 in the amount of \$44,642.00 for reimbursement to South Placer Fire and increase expenditure authority in GL54450 in the amount of \$138,045.92 to purchase communications equipment. There will be a cancellation of general fund PSPS reserves in the amount of \$182,687.92.

ATTACHMENTS

None.