

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:** July 8, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Approve a budget revision for the purchase of two used / replacement fire engines (Dowd Fire response) for a total expense of \$70,000 from California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and on-board replacement safety and fire fighting equipment in the amount of \$30,000; authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the purchase agreements, and add the two new engines to the Master Fixed Asset List

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a budget revision for the purchase of two used fire engines from California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the purchase agreements, and add the two new engines to the Master Fixed Asset List.

**BACKGROUND**

During the Dowd Fire on June 11, 2008, a burn-over injured three CAL FIRE/PCF firefighters and destroyed two Placer County Fire (PCF) Type 3 wildland fire engines, Brush 73 and Brush 75. While the firefighters were quickly transported to medical care, the two engines were destroyed before the fire was finally brought under control. A formal investigation of the incident is currently underway.

Brush 73 was purchased new in 1991 for approximately \$103,500 and has been in constant use ever since as a key component of PCF wildland fire response. Brush 75 was a 1985-model engine purchased used in 2005 for \$9,000. Both engines are assets of County Service Area (CSA) 28, Zone of Benefit 76, *Western Placer Fire*. The initial post-fire investigation declared each of the engines a total loss, and upon their salvaging, Placer County received an insurance settlement of \$20,000 for Brush 75 and \$80,000 for Brush 73. These funds are available for the purchase of replacement engines, and the quick execution of these purchases is critical in light of this year's heightened-intensity fire season.

At a CAL FIRE auction the week of 23 June, PCF identified for purchase two used Type 3 engines that, as replacements, are expected to be serviceable for at least the next five years. The total cost of these two engines is not expected to exceed \$70,000, and PCF

will be responsible for all actions concerning the engines' purchase, and for maintaining all required maintenance and operational records.

The insurance payment for the two engines has been received, and PCF and the Office of Emergency Services are now ready to purchase the replacement engines. Actually making the purchases requires adding the two engines (at \$70,000 total) to the Master Fixed Asset List, an action subject to your Board's approval. The remaining \$30,000 in insurance revenues will be used to offset the total funding required to reequip each engine with any portable equipment that was attached to the engines and consequently lost in the fire.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of this action. The full cost of the two engines is covered by the insurance settlement on Brush 73 and Brush 75.

### **Attachment**

Budget Revision

**BUDGET REVISION**

**POST DATE:**

DEPT NO.	DOC TYPE	Total \$ Amount	TOTAL LINES
BR		200,000.00	3

- Cash Transfer Required
- Reserve Cancellation Required
- Establish Reserve Required

JG Auditor-Controller *WKS*  
 County Executive *WKS*  
 Board of Supervisors *4/27/08*

ESTIMATED REVENUE ADJUSTMENT										APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT											
DEPT NO.	T/C	Rev	Fund	Sub Fund	OCA	PCA	OBJ 3	PROJ.	PROJ. DTL	AMOUNT	DEPT NO.	T/C	Rev	Fund	Sub Fund	OCA	PCA	OBJ 3	PROJ.	PROJ. DTL	AMOUNT
09	006		501	076	CSA076		8761			100,000.00	09	014		501	076	CSA076		4451			70,000.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>										<b>TOTAL</b>											
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REASON FOR REVISION: To increase revenues for an insurance settlement for the loss of two fire vehicles and to appropriate the insurance proceeds for the purchase of two used replacement vehicles (\$70,000) and ancillary equipment for the vehicles (\$30,000).

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Department Head *Kim M. Davis for Tam Miller*

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