

**PLACER COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
M E M O R A N D U M**

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Thomas Miller, County Executive Officer
by: Rui Cunha, Program Manager

Date: April 6, 2010

Subject: Approve a Budget Revision for the purchase of three fire engines; make corresponding adjustments to the Master Fixed Asset list; approve loans from the Fire Control Fund to the North Auburn Ophir Fire and Western Placer Fire zones of benefit for apparatus purchases.

ACTION REQUESTED

That your Board approve:

1. A budget revision for the planned purchase of three fire engines
2. Cancellation of reserves for the purchase of two of the engines
3. A loan from Fire Control Fund to North Auburn Ophir Fire for the third engine
4. Corresponding adjustments to the Master Fixed Asset list
5. A loan to the Western Placer Fire (Zone of Benefit 76) for two water tenders already on order and expected to be delivered by September 2010.

BACKGROUND

Placer County Fire (PCF) budgeted for replacement of three engines this year in accordance with normal engine replacement schedules. Total budget for the three engines was \$1,111,250. However, due in large part to recent passage of clean air legislation, diesel engine costs have increased significantly causing the total cost of the three engines to rise to \$1,361,810. Offsetting some of this increase, Placer County Fire intends to take advantage of a vendor discount in the amount of \$21,342 for early chassis payments. In addition, included in the price above is a vendor discount in the amount of \$31,238 for multiple engine purchases.

Front line engines at the Bowman, Atwood and Sunset West stations will be replaced by these three new engines. However, the Bowman, Atwood, and Sunset West engines will not be sold or placed into surplus, rather they will replace Engine 75 (a 1990/Ford/F8000) currently at the Paige Volunteer Station; Engine 182 (a 1989/KME/Firefox) currently at the Ophir Station; and Engine 78 (a 1977/American LaFrance/Pioneer) currently at the Sheridan Volunteer Station. The older engines from the volunteer and Ophir stations will be placed into surplus once the three new and three replacement engines are in place and operational.

Two engines will be funded by the Fire Control Fund and the third by North Auburn Ophir Fire (Zone 193). A loan in the amount of \$450,000 from the Fire Control Fund will be used for the engine purchase for North Auburn Ophir Fire. In addition, a loan in the amount of \$400,408 from the Fire Control Fund will be used for the purchase of two water tenders in Western Placer Fire zone of benefit. All purchases were approved by your Board in the fiscal year 2009/2010 Budget. There are sufficient funds in the Fire Control Fund to fund these loans and fund future planned apparatus replacement.

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To accommodate the purchase and relocation of existing engines, the Fixed Asset Line in the Fire Control fund must be increased to \$915,000 to accommodate the purchase of two engines, one at \$465,000 and one at \$450,000. The Fixed Asset Line in the North Auburn/Ophir Fire budget must be increased to \$450,000 for its one engine purchase. Finally, the Fixed Asset line in the Western Placer Fire budget must be decreased \$350,000 to reflect that the third engine purchase is actually being done by the Fire Control Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of this action. The Fire Control Fund and the Zone 193 and Zone 76 budgets cover all costs of these engines and water tenders.

Attachment

Budget Revision

