

**MEMORANDUM**  
**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
**COUNTY OF PLACER**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** David Boesch, County Executive Officer  
By: John McEldowney, Emergency Services Program Manager

**DATE:** April 22, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Placer County Fire Completion of Radio System Support Net Channel Project

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a Budget Revision in the Fire Protection Fund increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$184,000 for Placer County Fire's completion of the Radio System Support Net Channel Project, funded with available Fire Mitigation Funds, with no new Net County Cost.

**BACKGROUND**

On January 7, 2014, your Board approved the award of a purchase order to Steve Borzelleri of Meridian, CA for costs associated with relinquishing the use of VHF frequencies supporting the Countywide Interoperable Radio Network Project, with a budgeted net County cost of \$150,000. As a continuation of this action, Placer County Fire (PCF) is responsible for 50% of the cost of the VHF frequencies, for a total contribution of \$75,000.

Additionally, PCF is reimbursing Placer County Administrative Services \$125,000 for the purchase of equipment required to ensure effective connection to radio towers in various areas of the PCF System.

These purchases are consistent with the 2013 Placer County Fire Facilities Impact Fee Study, approved by your Board on April 9, 2013, as they will complete the project identified as "Radio System Support Net Channel". The total project cost of \$200,000 was originally scheduled for purchase in FY 2014-15; however, because the Placer County Administrative Services Department was able to procure the VHF frequencies in FY 2013-14, PCF is requesting to move the project into the current fiscal year.

Although the total project cost for the "Radio System Support Net Channel" is \$200,000, the 2013 Placer County Fire Facilities Impact Fee Study identified an 8% shortfall for all future PCF mitigation purchases. For this purchase, the 8% shortfall, or \$16,000, is currently available in the FY 2013-14 Fire Protection Fund Budget.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Upon approval, Fire Mitigation Funds in the amount \$184,000 will be transferred to the Fire Protection Fund to complete the above purchases. There is no additional impact to the General Fund, and no new Net County Cost with this action.

**Attachment**  
Budget Revision

