



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: August 3, 2004

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: MOVING TOWARDS THE REGIONALIZATION OF FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SYSTEM IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY (DISTRICT: ALL)

SUMMARY:

Overview

On May 18, 2004, the Board of Supervisors took action to support in principal the regionalization of fire protection and emergency medical services, and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to assist the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO), the County Fire Chiefs' Association and the Task Force on Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services in developing a model fire protection and emergency medical service system in San Diego County. In addition, fire officials, the Executive Director of the Task Force and LAFCO will determine the needs of the region and develop a proposal for long-term stable funding from existing property tax dollars.

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Recommendation(s)

CHAIRWOMAN JACOB AND SUPERVISOR HORN:

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to identify \$50,000 in funding to share the costs with LAFCO for determining the fire and emergency medical service needs of the region and developing a model fire protection system for San Diego County.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal impact will be \$50,000 from the FY 2004-2005 budget.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

BACKGROUND:

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Today's action will direct the Chief Administrative Officer to identify \$50,000 in funding to share the costs with LAFCO for determining the fire and emergency medical service needs of the region and developing a model fire protection system for San Diego County. We urge your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

DIANNE JACOB
Chairwoman

BILL HORN
Supervisor, Fifth District

SUBJECT: Moving Towards the Regionalization of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service System in San Diego County (District: All)

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: All

COUNTY COUNSEL APPROVAL: Form and Legality Yes N/A
 Resolution Standard Ordinance

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/AUDITOR REVIEW: Yes N/A
4 VOTES: Yes No

CONTRACT REVIEW PANEL: Approved N/A

CONTRACT NUMBER(S):

PREVIOUS RELEVANT APPLICABLE:

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

CITIZEN COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

CONCURRENCE(S):

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors, District Two
Board of Supervisors, District Five

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