



May 14, 2024

Board of Directors
Ventura County Fire Protection District
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT:

Approval of, and Authorization for the Fire Chief to Execute, an Automatic Aid Agreement with the Los Angeles City Fire Department for Exchange of Emergency Response Services; Delegation of Authority to the Fire Chief to Amend and to Terminate the Agreement.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve, and authorize the Fire Chief to execute, the Automatic Aid Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1 ("Agreement") with the City of Los Angeles, acting by and through its Los Angeles Fire Department, ("LFD") for exchange of emergency response services.
2. Authorize the Fire Chief to amend the Agreement, consistent with its purposes with County Counsel approval as to form and legal sufficiency and to terminate the Agreement.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item contributes to the Board of Supervisors (Board's) 2024-2027 strategic plan to invest in Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities. The agreement will support prompt responses to suppress fires and provide other emergency assistance together with LFD within our respective jurisdictional limit.

DISCUSSION:

The Ventura County Fire Protection District and LFD currently operate under an agreement for Exchange of fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services dated July 1, 1989 (Exhibit 2). The proposed agreement would update and replace that agreement.

This agreement has undergone a review to bring it into alignment with both agencies' current operating plans conducted by operational commanders from both departments, and has been modified to ensure the continuation of the highest level of public service.

The agreement recognizes that, in some instances, resources from the neighboring jurisdiction are more closely positioned to an emergency incident than the home agency. In these instances, it is beneficial to both parties for the neighboring jurisdiction to automatically be dispatched and respond to assist with the early, successful resolution of an incident.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, County Counsel, and the Ventura County Fire Protection District.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 389-9704 or Assistant Chief Chuck Scherrei at 389-9708.

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Dustin Gardner
Fire Chief

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Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – LFD-VNC Response Agreement 2024
Exhibit 2 – LA City Auto-Aid Agreement 1989