



VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Board of Directors
Ventura County Fire Protection District
800 South Victoria Avenue
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SUBJECT:

Approval of, and Authorization for the Fire Chief to Sign, a Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Fire Department for Exchange of Fire Protection and Rescue Services.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve, and authorize the Fire Chief to sign, the attached Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding ("Supplemental MOU") for Exchange of Fire Protection and Rescue Services with the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, also known as the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed Supplemental MOU provides a continuation of reciprocal fire protection services between the Ventura County Fire Protection District and the Los Angeles County Fire Department. There is no additional fiscal impact associated with this board letter.

DISCUSSION:

This Supplemental MOU is in addition to the Memorandum of Understanding dated July 15, 1997 (Exhibit 2) outlining the procedures for carrying out an Automatic Aid/Initial Action response between the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County and Ventura County Fire Protection District.

This Supplemental MOU is to establish a revenue and expenditure schedule for the use of owned or leased aircraft, including but not limited to the Southern California Edison's Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Program of Very Large Helitankers (VLHT) on standby, twenty-four hours a day. This Supplemental MOU references the latest adopted County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' letter authorizing the District's aircraft lease as Exhibit A. Exhibit B references the County of Los Angeles and Coulson Helicopter Billing Rate. This Supplemental MOU does not replace existing

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MOUs or Agreements which may be in effect. Any conflicts between the Supplemental MOU and the 1997 MOU will be interpreted in favor of the 1997 MOU. If approved, this Supplemental MOU shall become effective and operational on September 12, 2023.

The term of the Supplemental MOU shall be until the parties mutually agree to cancel it or such time as either party unilaterally cancels it, which either party may do by notifying the other party, in writing, at least thirty (30) days in advance thereof.

This Board letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and the Auditor-Controller's office. If you have any questions, please contact me at 389-9704 or Deputy Fire Chief Chad Cook at 389-9703.



Dustin Gardner
Fire Chief

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Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding

Exhibit A to Exhibit 1– Contract Between Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County and Coulson Aviation (USA) Inc.

Exhibit B to Exhibit 1– County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Coulson Helitanker Billing Rate

Exhibit 2 – 1997 MOU with Los Angeles County and The District