



May 14, 2024

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

**SUBJECT:**

Approval, and Authorization for the Fire Chief to Sign, a Reimbursement Agreement with the Los Angeles County Fire Department for Exchange of Fire Protection and Rescue Services Pertaining to Quick Reaction Force Aircraft.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve, and authorize the Fire Chief to sign, the attached Reimbursement Agreement (Exhibit 1) 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, pertaining to Quick Reaction Force aircraft.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The proposed Reimbursement Agreement 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.

**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 provide supplemental aviation support during multiple fires in various jurisdictions.

**DISCUSSION:**

This Reimbursement Agreement 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 Reimbursement Agreement references the latest adopted County of Los Angeles Board

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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. If approved, this Reimbursement Agreement shall become effective and operational as of February 6, 2024.

The term of the Reimbursement Agreement 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dustin Gardner', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dustin Gardner  
Fire Chief

DG/CS:dm

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Reimbursement Agreement

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– Coulson Helitanker Billing Rate