

**EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Date: June 12, 2019

Subject/Title: Approve Cal Fire Amador Contract for Fiscal Year 2019-20

Submitted by: Brian Helmick, Fire Chief

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION

Approve Cal Fire Amador Contract for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 1, 2018, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2018-27 approving the Cal Fire Amador contract for FY 2018-19. This contract will expire June 30, 2019.

SUBJECT BACKGROUND

In November 2002, as part of the East County fire districts' consolidation, East Contra Costa Fire Protection District ("ECCFPD" or "District") began contracting with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) to provide emergency services to the Marsh Creek/Morgan Territory area of the District (the "Amador" contract). Prior to execution of the first Cal Fire Amador contract, the East Diablo Fire Protection District staffed a station within the area. The Cal Fire Amador contract funds coverage to this area during the non-fire season, which is normally between November 15th and May 15th of each year. During fire season (typically mid-May through mid-November) the State of California pays for the staffing of this station (also known as the Sunshine Station) due to the State's responsibility for providing fire protection services to the areas surrounding State watershed properties (including Mt. Diablo State Park). The Amador contract allows Cal Fire to invoice the District for actual operating costs of the Sunshine Fire Station, which includes State employees, equipment, and station expenditures, during the non-fire season months.

Under the proposed contract, total invoice amounts for FY 2019-20 would be capped at \$537,054. This represents an increase of approximately 3.9% over the maximum invoice amount for the FY 2018-19 contract. Though incremental contract costs have increased due to the changes in the State minimum wage law, based on continuing drought conditions and the longer fire season, staff expects that the actual cost to the District of its share of operating and staffing the Sunshine Station will continue to decrease.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-__

**APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 AGREEMENT WITH CAL FIRE FOR FIRE AND
EMERGENCY SERVICE FOR THE MARSH CREEK-MORGAN TERRITORY AREA**

WHEREAS, the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (District) has contracted with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) for service to the Marsh Creek-Morgan Territory Area during the non-peak fire season each year since November of 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief recommends and the Board of Directors authorize the Fire Chief to enter into the District's annual contract with Cal Fire for the District to fund emergency and fire service in the Marsh Creek-Morgan Territory during non-fire season months and in the interest of public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District does hereby:

1. Authorize the Fire Chief to execute a contract with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for Cal Fire to provide emergency and fire service in the Marsh Creek-Morgan Territory area during the non-fire season months for an amount not to exceed \$537,054.00 for Fiscal Year 2019-20; and

2. Designate the Fire Chief as the District's direct contact with Cal Fire.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of June, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Brian J. Oftedal
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Brian Helmick

Clerk of the Board