

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # B-13

Urgent

Routine

G. Husted

AGENDA DATE June 22, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Appoint Two Board Members to an Ad-hoc Committee to work with Modesto City Council and Salida Fire District Members on the Development of a Regional Joint Fire Services Agency, with Recommendations to be Returned to Each Governing Board for Consideration

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the creation of the proposed ad-hoc committee. The work of the ad-hoc committee will help to determine both the scope of the services that could be provided through a regional fire agency and the potential fiscal impact associated with the creation of a regional agency.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-389

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Grover

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

CHAIRMAN GROVER AND SUPERVISOR O'BRIEN WERE APPOINTED TO THIS AD-HOC COMMITTEE

ATTEST:

Christine Ferraro
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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DISCUSSION:

The fire service in Stanislaus County is experiencing challenges associated with increased calls for service, expanded services provided, declining revenues, increased mandates, LAFCO issues, and special / technical services that are supported by local fire agencies.

Currently the Stanislaus County Fire Authority is providing regional support services including Fire Prevention, Fire Investigations, Administrative / Finance services, Communications Coordination and Training. All of these services are delivered either through Modesto Fire, Salida Fire, or the County Fire Warden's Office. While this model has been successful, a more cohesive regional organization is needed to address the current demand for hazardous materials response, technical rescue coordination, EOC operations and support, fire and rescue mutual aid coordination, emergency medical services coordination, electronic records management, strategic planning, and support for the other fire agencies in the County.

Representatives of Modesto Fire Department, Salida Fire Protection District, and the Stanislaus County OES / Fire Wardens Office have been working to develop a conceptual regional organization with the potential to deliver more efficient and effective fire and life safety services. The goal of the project is to identify opportunities to eliminate duplication of services, develop regional solutions to common challenges, maintain trained and qualified personnel, and ensure that constituents are fairly represented and served. It is envisioned that the organization would also provide a platform for other fire agencies in the County, enabling them to take advantage of the support afforded by a regional administration.

Although much work has been done, the project remains conceptual in nature. It now requires additional input to complete the development and implementation of the program. This request is to establish a committee comprised of two Board Members, two Modesto City Council Members, and two Salida Fire Board Members, to explore options and develop recommendations for governance, and provide guidance on other policy issues. Recommendations would be returned to each governing board for further discussion and action.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board's decision to participate in this project will enhance the Board's priorities of A Safe Community, Effective Partnerships and Efficient Delivery of Public Services. The partnership that will be formed through this project will enhance the regional delivery of public safety services, leverage the resources of

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the County and its partners, and provide a platform for other agencies to join in the future.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Joint Fire Services

Stanislaus County
Board of Supervisors

June 22, 2010



Initial Agency Participation

- Agencies
 - City of Modesto Fire Department
 - Salida Fire Protection RFP
 - Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office

Introduction

- Common Interests
 - Growth Areas – Impact of Growth on Service Areas
 - Expanding Services – Managing Public Expectations
 - Declining Revenue – Ongoing Tax Losses
 - Economic Development – Supporting Business Growth

Introduction

- Common Interests
 - Expanded Mandates – Training, Reporting, Emergency Response
 - LAFCO – Impacts of Annexations
 - Special Services/Technical Services – Coordinating Joint Support and Joint Response
 - Sustainability – Future Service Delivery Potential

Goals

- High Quality Fire and Life Safety Services
- Reduce Duplication of Services
- Identify Stable Funding Sources
- Maintain Qualified Personnel
- Develop Regional Support System

Governance

- Objectives
 - Maintain Local Representation
 - Long Term Commitment
 - Model
 - Contract – JPA – Consolidation

Fire Authority Regional Services Supported

- Fire Prevention Services
- Fire Investigation Services
- Administration / Financial Services
- Communications
- Training

Additional Regional Services

- Hazardous Materials
- Technical Rescue
- Emergency Operations Center - Operations and Support
- Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Coordination
- Emergency Medical Services Coordination

Staff Recommendation

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Questions / Comments

