



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001366

MEETING DATE: 06/23/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Sheriff-Coroner

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SUBJECT: Approve California Department of Forestry for Helicopter Service Agreement

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
Concur	Approve agreement to form	CONSENT CALENDAR 3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: Yes	Current Year Cost: N/A	Annual Cost: N/A
Staffing Impact: No		Sole Source: No
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: See Financial Impact Section	Funding Source: State (CAL FIRE): 100%	County Audit in Last 3 years: No
Levine Act Review Completed? N/A		

Prior Board Action: 8/12/2025 #6, 8/27/2024 #6, 9/26/2023 #9, 7/27/2021 #5

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Authorize the Sheriff-Coroner or designee to execute the Lease Agreement for the Intermittent Use of Aircraft (Form FC-107RW) and Exhibits thereto with the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, for the Sheriff-Coroner Department to provide intermittent, call-when-needed helicopter services, valid for a term of one year from the date fully executed by the State Authorized Inspector and Appendix A, Call-When-Needed Helicopter Requirements Agreement.
2. Authorize the Sheriff-Coroner or designee to execute the Contractor Certification Clauses (Form CCC-04 2017).
3. Authorize the Sheriff-Coroner or designee to execute the California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Contractor Certification Clauses for Services (Form CAL FIRE-20).
4. Authorize the Sheriff-Coroner or designee to execute future lease agreements (Form FC-107RW) with the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection that contain identical terms and conditions, except for price and term of service, in order to update annually the helicopter rate charged by the County to reflect the County's actual costs in providing helicopter services.

SUMMARY:

Approval of the Agreement with the State of California's Department of Forestry and Fire Protection will allow the Sheriff-Coroner Department's Air Support Bureau to continue to provide intermittent, call-when-needed helicopter services for assistance in preventing and fighting fires in Orange County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) provides fire suppression in wild land areas. Since 1996, the State of California (State) has contracted with the County for the Sheriff-Coroner Department's (Sheriff) Air Support Bureau helicopters to provide call-when-needed (CWN) services during fires or other emergency situations. Pursuant to the Agreement, the services provided include aerial reconnaissance, fire suppression (transporting staff and equipment) and water dropping. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Sheriff retains the authority to determine whether aircraft and pilots are available and properly equipped for services requested by the State. If the Sheriff's helicopters are needed for other emergencies in the County, the Sheriff will deploy the helicopters as deemed appropriate.

The table below details the history with CAL FIRE:

Board of Supervisors (Board) Approved	Agreement Term	Comments
7/27/2021	FY2021-22	Board approved the execution of the Lease Agreement for the Intermittent Use of Aircraft and Exhibits.
n/a	FY2022-23	Administratively approved the execution of the Lease Agreement for the Intermittent Use of Aircraft and Exhibits.
9/26/2023	FY2023-24	Board approved the execution of the Lease Agreement for the Intermittent Use of Aircraft and Exhibits.
8/27/2024	FY2024-25	Board approved the execution of the Lease Agreement for the Intermittent Use of Aircraft and Exhibits.
8/12/2025	FY2025-26	Board approved the execution of the Lease Agreement for the Intermittent Use of Aircraft and Exhibits.

CAL FIRE updated its Contract Aerial Resource Standards (See Attachment A) on the FY 2026-27 agreement. These updates necessitate Board approval of the renewal Lease Agreement, effective for a one-year term upon Board approval and the receipt of all signatures.

The State will reimburse the County at full cost recovery hourly rates for the aircraft that includes salary, benefits, fuel and overhead including County General overhead.

The Orange County Preference Policy is not applicable to this agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no cost to the County for providing this service to the State of California. Costs associated with this agreement will be reimbursed by the State of California at full cost recovery. The hourly rates for the aircraft are based on current costs for salaries, benefits, fuel and overhead.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Cal Fire Lease Agreement