



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001234

MEETING DATE: 05/05/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: County Executive Office

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SUBJECT: Approve Standard Agreement Amendment Number 2 for Fire Protection Services

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

Budgeted: N/A	Current Year Cost: N/A	Annual Cost: N/A
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Staffing Impact: No	Sole Source: No
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Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A	Funding Source: N/A	County Audit in Last 3 years: No
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Levine Act Review

Completed? N/A

Prior Board Action: 11/4/2025 #9, 9/26/2023 #32, 5/19/2020 #67, 3/13/2018 #27

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve Standard Agreement Amendment Number 2 with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for wildland fire protection services to State Responsibility Areas to add funds in the amount of \$569,894 effective upon Board of Supervisors' approval through June 30, 2026, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$54,573,785 and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute same on behalf of the County of Orange.

SUMMARY:

Approval of the Standard Agreement Amendment Number 2 with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is needed to add funds that will provide continued wildland fire protection services to State Responsibility Areas.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) provides wildland fire protection to State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands within the County of Orange (County) pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 4129. The state may contract with a county for the protection of SRAs within that county, provided the County has enacted an ordinance assuming the state's responsibility for fire protection.

Under Orange County Code of Ordinances Section 3-3-200, the County assumed responsibility for fire prevention and suppression on all land in the County, including SRAs but excluding land owned by the Federal Government or land within a city. Link is available here: https://library.municode.com/ca/orange_county/codes/code_of_ordinances.

CAL FIRE has contracted with the County to provide fire services in SRAs within the boundaries of the County since 1980. Since the formation of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) in 1995, an agreement between the County and CAL FIRE has included language authorizing assignment of fire protection services within the Agreement to OCFA. Since state law does not permit CAL FIRE to contract directly with OCFA, CAL FIRE contracts with the County and OCFA are assigned the County's obligations under the agreement. The Board of Supervisors previously approved Standard Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection on August 22, 2017, March 13, 2018, May 19, 2020, and September 26, 2023. The Board of Supervisors approved the current State Standard Agreement No. 7CA06178 and the Assignment of the Agreement to the Orange County Fire Authority through its approval of Resolution No. 23-115 on September 26, 2023. On November 4, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the amendment to add funds to the State Standard Agreement due to the change to a 66-hour work week.

This Agenda Staff Report recommends approval of the Standard Agreement Amendment commencing upon Board of Supervisors' approval and terminating on June 30, 2026, and will continue to provide the ability to bill CAL FIRE for OCFA-owned aircraft, fire engines, specialized equipment, and handcrews deployed on SRA fires. The Standard Agreement Amendment will add funds in the amount of \$569,894 to State Standard Agreement No. 7CA06178 effective upon Board of Supervisors' approval through June 30, 2026, for a total amount not to exceed \$54,573,785. This amendment is required due to the timing of communication of the budget details from the CAL FIRE Budget's Office. As a result of this budget process, additional funds were allocated to Orange County for operating expenses.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Since state law does not permit CAL FIRE to contract directly with OCFA, CAL FIRE contracts with the County and OCFA is assigned the County's obligations under the agreement.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Amendment Number 2