



**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

Control: 26001532

MEETING DATE: 06/23/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board of Supervisors

DISTRICT(S):

SUBMITTING Vice Chair Katrina Foley

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:

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SUBJECT: Allocation of Fifth District Discretionary Funds to City of Laguna Beach

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
N/A	No Legal Objection	DISCUSSION
		3 Votes Board Majority

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Approve the allocation of \$50,000 from Fifth District discretionary funds to the City of Laguna Beach to support the purchase and installation of a HeloPod. 2. Find under Government Code section 26227 that this expenditure is necessary to meet the public safety needs of County residents and visitors. 3. Authorize and direct the County Executive Officer, or designee, to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the City of Laguna Beach as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this allocation. 4. Authorize and direct the Auditor Controller, or designee, to make related payments as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this allocation, including but not limited to Cal Card, electronic fund transfers, or check payments.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Summary: Vice Chair Foley requests approval for the allocation of \$50,000 from the Fifth District discretionary funds to support the City of Laguna Beach for the purchase and installation of a HeloPod.

Purpose of Funding: These funds will support the City of Laguna Beach in purchasing and installing a HeloPod to improve wildfire response capacity and expand access to emergency water supply for aerial firefighting operations.

Laguna Beach faces significant wildfire risk due to steep terrain, open space, dry vegetation, and Santa Ana wind conditions. In aerial firefighting, rapid access to water supply and reduced helicopter turnaround times can help firefighters contain fast moving fires before they threaten neighborhoods, public infrastructure, and natural resources.

HeloPods placed in other high fire risk areas in Orange County have helped strengthen aerial firefighting readiness by providing strategically located water sources for firefighting helicopters. This funding will support a similar public safety investment in Laguna Beach and help protect residents, visitors, first responders, and surrounding communities.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A