



**Contra
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County**

To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
From: Jeff Carman, Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
Date: March 29, 2016

Subject: Contract for EMS Continuing Education

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Acting as the Governing Board of the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute a contract with Cascade Healthcare Services, LLC doing business as Cascade Training Center in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 for emergency medical services training for first responder personnel for the period March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budgeted in FY 2015-16 and 2016-17; 100% Special District Operating Fund

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (District) provides fire, rescue, and emergency medical incident response services within its approximate 300 square mile service area. All District first responders (firefighters, fire engineers, and fire captains) are licensed as either basic Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) or Paramedics. As such, the District has a significant responsibility to ensure its personnel obtain required continuing education hours and infrequent skills verification to renew and re-certify their EMT and Paramedic licenses. Contracting

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/29/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

ABSENT: Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 29, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

for these services is less costly than paying course fees and overtime for personnel to attend required certification courses on non-duty days.

Cascade Healthcare Services provides on-site, on-duty continuing education and infrequent skill verification. Along with providing all required certification training, under this contract the District has expanded access to a wide variety of required and optional training by professional instructors. Cascade also maintains records of continuing education hours and certifications for District personnel.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District is required ensure its EMS personnel obtain a certain number of continuing education hours and infrequent skills verification to renew and recertify their paramedic and EMT licenses. If this contract is not approved, the District will have to obtain other education providers and/or pay overtime and reimbursement for course fees for employees to obtain the training on their own.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.