



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors  
From: Jeff Carman, Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District  
Date: August 15, 2017

Subject: Purchase Order for Grant-Funded Wildland Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

As the governing body of the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Purchasing Agent to execute, on behalf of the Fire Chief, a purchase order with L. N. Curtis & Sons, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$133,000, for the purchase of wildland personal protective equipment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

90% Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant; 10% local agency match.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (District) was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide technical rescue training. After completing all of the scheduled training, the District was left with an unused balance of excess grant funds. The District applied for, and was granted, an amendment to use the excess grant funds to purchase wildland firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE).

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) recommends that wildland PPE meet certain

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **08/15/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V 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: August 15, 2017

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

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By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

cc:

standards and places a ten year time period

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

for retirement of PPE. The District currently uses outdated PPE that does not meet NFPA standards. This new PPE would bring the District in line with best practices and make our firefighters more safe from thermal burns, exhaustion, and fatigue.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District will not acquire new wildland personal protective equipment at this time and will not fully utilize awarded federal grant funds.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.