



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
 From: Lewis T. Broschard III, Chief, Contra Costa Fire Protection District
 Date: February 11, 2020

Subject: Battalion 7 Automatic Aid Agreement

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to enter into an Automatic Aid Agreement for Exchange of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services between the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District, and City of Pinole Fire Department, effective April 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is neutral, except for those occasions where reimbursement may be paid to other agencies for battalion chief coverage.

BACKGROUND:

The original Battalion 7 Automatic Aid Agreement (“Agreement”) concept between the City of Pinole, Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District, and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District dates back to the late 1990s. The overall concept of cooperation amongst these agencies was identified as necessary based on each agency’s staffing, the geography of West Contra Costa County, and the need for closer coordination of resources to safely and successfully mitigate incidents within the respective jurisdictions. There has been at least one revision to the Agreement since its inception.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/11/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, Director
 Candace Andersen, Director
 Diane Burgis, Director
 Federal D. Glover, Director

ABSENT: Karen Mitchoff,
 Director

Contact: Lewis Broschard, Deputy
 Chief 925-941-3300 x1101

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: February 11, 2020

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

cc:

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The areas served under this Agreement include the cities of Pinole, San Pablo, and Hercules as well as the unincorporated communities of Bayview-Montalvin, Tara Hills, El Sobrante, and Rodeo. The communities of North Richmond and East Richmond Heights are not necessarily directly served by all parties to the Agreement; however, they receive the benefit of automatic aid and mutual aid from the Battalion 7 agencies, when needed. The area served by the Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection District are not included in this Agreement.

This revision to the Agreement was developed in collaboration with the Fire Chiefs of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District and the City of Pinole Fire Department. The intent of the revision was to capture and document current operational practices and combined philosophy of providing service to the areas within Battalion 7.

This Agreement provides for a consistent staffing requirement for all parties; ensures advanced life support (paramedic) staffing of all units within Battalion 7; requires all parties to adequately equip their agency with primary and reserve fire apparatus and to operate under common communications and operational procedures; outlines consistent daily reporting and supervision activities of the shared battalion chiefs; and provides a mechanism for financial reimbursement between agencies for battalion chief coverage, when necessary.

This Agreement does not contain any provision for financial compensation between the agencies for incidents or responses.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The current agreement would remain in effect without the necessary improvements and requirements contained in the revised agreement.