To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors

From: Lewis T. Broschard III, Chief, Contra Costa Fire Protection District

Date: April 28, 2020

Subject: Purchase Order for EBRCS Portable Radios



### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Agent, on behalf of the Fire Chief, to execute a purchase order with Motorola Solutions, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for the purchase of sixty-nine (69) portable radios.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

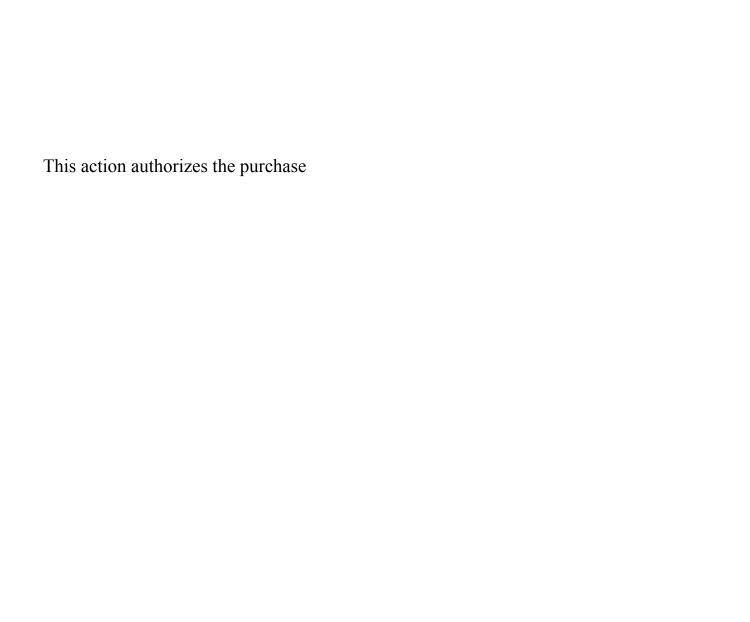
Funds are budgeted in the EMS Transport Fund (fund 204000).

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On October 27, 2019, Contra Costa County experienced a significant wind event leading to several wildland fires and dozens of wind-related incidents in rapid succession. All in all, the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (District) recalled or held over 100 firefighters and staffed 21 additional fire engines (over minimum staffing). These unprecedented actions saved lives and property. One of the findings in the after action review was a determination that there was a shortage of portable radios for upstaffing due to disaster response activities. These additional portable radios also need to operate on the East Bay Regional Communications System (EBRCS).

✓ APPROVE	☐ OTHER
	☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE
Action of Board On: 04/28/2020	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: April 28, 2020  David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Contact: William Pigeon, Assistant	By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Chief 925-941-3300



## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

of a cache of additional P25 EBRCS portable radios for engines that are upstaffed during disaster response activities, thus providing seamless communications across all incidents within the County.

# **CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Firefighters using radios that do not operate on the EBRCS system may not have access to communications for all incidents that may occur in the region.