



**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: 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 CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ 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
 Chief 925-941-3300

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

cc:

This action authorizes the purchase

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.