



**Contra
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County**

To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
 From: Lewis T. Broschard III, Chief, Contra Costa Fire Protection District
 Date: August 10, 2021

Subject: Cooperative Agreement with CAL FIRE for the USDA Forest Service Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute a cooperative agreement with the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to become a Cooperator with the Federal Excess Personal Property Program (FEPP) which allows participants to screen and borrow federal excess property for primary use (90%) in activities directly related to wildland and rural community fire protection.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact associated with approving this item.

BACKGROUND:

The State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is an approved agent of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service for administering Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) as part of the Cooperative Fire Protection Program which allows the Cooperators to take custody and use FEPP property for wildland and rural community fire protection services.

Participation in this program will allow Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/10/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

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

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 10, 2021

, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

cc:

(District) to access excess federal property at little to no cost to the District which represents a significant cost savings. This program is particularly valuable for the District when there is a need for equipment that is used infrequently but comes with a high investment, including equipment used in support of the wildland firefighting mission.

The Grade-All forklift currently in use at the District training grounds had been made available to us through this program. Other items the District may seek to make use of could include additional forklifts, ten-wheel dump trucks for use during floods, equipment trailers, and heavy equipment for the fire trails or the Urban Search and Rescue Program.

For these reasons, District staff recommend that the Board approve the execution of the cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District will not be able to enter into a cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE and will not be able to screen and borrow federal excess property through the Federal Excess Personal Property Program (FEPP).