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AGENDA ___ February 7, 2023

January 24, 2023

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Honorable Board of Directors
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SAN RAMON VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REGARDING EXCHANGE OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Approve Automatic Aid Agreement between the Alameda County Fire Department and San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District regarding exchange of fire protection services for a continuous term following ratification by both parties with the cost of providing automatic aid response services borne by the responding agency; and
- B. Authorize the Fire Chief to execute the Agreement, subject to review and approval as to form by County Counsel and submit an executed copy of the Amendment to the Clerk of the Board for filing.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Automatic Aid Agreement is to provide an automatic aid response system for fire protection services between the Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) and San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District (SRVFPD).

The services provided pursuant to this Agreement will not be used to supplant or substitute for day-to-day full and continuing fire protection within each agency's own jurisdictional area. Additionally, participating agencies will not be required to reduce their own fire protection resources, personnel, services or facilities to the detriment of their normal fire protection and emergency services capability within their borders.

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Specifically, the scope of the Agreement may include automatic assistance in responding to structure and vegetation fires that are within the scope of services provided by each agency's fire departments. Both agencies also agree to participate in multi-jurisdictional drills and exercises, training programs, pre-incident planning, post-incident critiques, and other activities annually to enhance safe and effective emergency operations when practical and feasible to participate.

At this time, both ACFD and SRVFPD desire to enter into an Automatic Aid Agreement regarding exchange of fire protection services, for continuous term, following ratification by both parties. The cost of providing automatic aid services shall be borne by the responding agency.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the proposed Automatic Aid Agreement, and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the Agreement, subject to review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

VISION 2026:

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding meets the 10x goal pathway of **Accessible Infrastructure** in support of our shared vision of **Safe and Livable Communities**.

FINANCING:

There is no impact to County General Fund. Costs of providing automatic aid services are included in the ACFD's adopted FY 2022-23 budget. Costs of providing services in the future years will be included in the ACFD's annual budgets for the upcoming years.

Sincerely,

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Fire Chief