## County of Sonoma
### Agenda Item Summary Report

**Clerk of the Board**
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**To:** Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma

**Board Agenda Date:** June 14, 2016  
**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Fire and Emergency Services

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Al Terrell / 565-1152

**Supervisory District(s):** Second and Fifth Districts

**Title:** Fire Suppression Services Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

**Recommended Actions:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute Agreement #1CA03086 with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide an Amador Plan services for Zone 9 (Wilmar, Lakeville, San Antonio, and Two Rock Volunteer Fire Companies) within Sonoma County Fire Service Area #40, and command and control services as needed to all of CSA#40 areas, for an amount not-to-exceed $227,780 for the period of July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017.

**Executive Summary:**

The Fire and Emergency Services Department (FES) provides fire protection services for the unincorporated areas of the county that are not included in an independent fire protection district. These areas are known collectively as County Fire - County Service Area #40 (CSA #40). The basic level of fire protection services is provided using our volunteer fire companies and through automatic aid and mutual aid agreements with neighboring fire agencies. To supplement the volunteer fire companies’ emergency response within portions of the CSA #40 service area the County contracts with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) to provide staffed fire engines in support of the volunteer response. The fire protection services are funded from the CSA #40 budget, which comes from a portion of the property tax allocated to fire services within the area of CSA #40.

This contractual arrangement has been in place and renewed on an annual basis since 1999. This item brings forward an agreement for a one year term. Cal Fire requires a concurrent resolution by the Board of Supervisors to approve entering into the annual agreement. Renewal of the agreement will be evaluated at the end of the one year term. This contract may be cancelled by either CSA #40 or Cal Fire at any time during the contract’s term on giving one year’s written notice to the other party. The agreement cost for Fiscal Year 2016-17 is $227,780, which is included in the requested Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget.

CSA #40 contracts with Cal Fire to provide enhanced fire protection services for the south county response areas of Wilmar, Lakeville, San Antonio, and Two Rock under the State’s Amador Plan. The
Amador Plan lays out standard terms for Cal Fire to enter into agreements with local agencies to provide support for fire operations. The Amador Agreement supplements delivery of fire protection services to the CSA #40 volunteers, partnering fire districts and the City of Petaluma during the winter months of November through June. Cal Fire provides response to these areas during the summer months (fire season) without cost. The Zone 9 – South County Amador agreement cost for Fiscal Year 2016-17 is $186,046, which represents a 5.9% increase over Fiscal Year 2015-16. This increase is primarily due to an increase in Cal Fire firefighter base salary rates and unplanned overtime based on the previous fiscal year’s use of overtime.

Supplemental Command and Control Services were added in Fiscal Year 2013-14 and were continued through Fiscal Year 2015-16 to provide Cal Fire Battalion Chief support to the CSA #40 Duty Chief by the provision of command and control services on an as-needed basis not to exceed 15, 24-hour days per month. The Fiscal Year 2016-17 cost is $41,733, which is a .06% increase from Fiscal Year 2015-16.

The use of Cal Fire for these supplemental fire protection services is a cost effective way to ensure the basic level of fire protection is provided in support of our volunteer firefighters.

Prior Board Actions:

06/23/2015: Resolution #13-0307 approved by the Board; contracts have been in place annually since 1999. Previous approvals included Schedule A contract coverage to Sea Ranch and Annapolis response areas where annexed into the Northern Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District, effective 04/01/2016.

Strategic Plan Alignment

Goal 1: Safe, Healthy, and Caring Community

This agreement allows for an enhanced and timelier emergency response to residents of Sonoma County.

Fiscal Summary - FY 15-16

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Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

The agreement cost for FY 16/17 is $227,780, which is included in the requested FY 16/17 budget for Board consideration during June 2016 Budget Hearings.
### Staffing Impacts

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**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None.

**Attachments:**

- Resolution (A1)

**Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:**

- Agreement (8 Copies)