

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

*Larry Haugl*

DEPT: Auditor-Controller

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-3

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE May 18, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Authorize the Auditor-Controller to Advance Funds to Oakdale Rural Fire District for Operational Expenses Under Government Code 23010 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,445,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the Auditor-Controller to advance funds to Oakdale Rural Fire District for operational expenses under Government Code 23010 in an amount not to exceed \$1,445,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Government Code Section 23010 permits the County to advance funds to fire protection districts in order for them to perform their functions and meet their obligations, in an amount not to exceed 85% of the fire district's anticipated revenue for the ensuing fiscal year.

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-294

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Grover

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:

*Christine Ferraro*

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No. DF-8-B-21

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**FISCAL IMPACT (CONTINUED):**

Government Code Section 23010 would permit and the District is requesting a maximum advance of 85% of the District's anticipated revenue of \$1,700,000. The District's request totals \$1,445,000 to be used for dry period financing. A general tax was approved by voters on June 14, 2005, to ensure the continued support of fire services to the residents within district boundaries. Districts requesting an advance must maintain their funds in the custody of the county or with an officer of the county.

The Auditor Controller's Office is requesting authority to make adjustments to the advance during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The District may receive additional revenue and incur additional expenditures as the result of providing unanticipated services, such as, responding to mutual aid requests. To address these fiscal needs, authority to make limited adjustments consistent with Government Code Section 23010 is requested.

**DISCUSSION:**

The County received a request from Oakdale Rural Fire District for a temporary advance of funds dated April 20, 2010, for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year. This advance of funds is intended to address the District's cash needs for the fiscal period and corresponds to the payment of property taxes and direct assessments. The request is made under the provisions of Government Code Section 23010.

The funds being requested will ensure continuation of critical public safety services to District residents. Funds advanced may only be used to meet maintenance and operational expenses. The amount advanced will be repaid with interest at a rate equivalent to the average rate of return currently earned on deposits in the County Treasury.

**POLICY ISSUES:**

Government Code Section 23010 requires Board approval to advance funds to fire districts. In evaluating this request the Board may consider whether it enhances the stated goal of ensuring a safe, healthy community and achieving multi-jurisdictional cooperation. Adoption of this agenda item supports the Board of Supervisors priority of Efficient Delivery of Public Services.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

If approved, monitoring of the advance would be performed with existing staff in the Auditor-Controller's Office.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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# OAKDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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April 20, 2010

The County of Stanislaus  
 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6500  
 Modesto, CA 95354

Re: Dry-Period Funding for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Oakdale Fire Protection District always strives to operate within the budget it sets each year. Even with the uncertainty of what our apportionment of ad valorem property taxes will be each year, we consistently balance our budget between revenues and expenditures. The District has also reduced our service level in order to help balance our budget for the 2010-2011 year.

Our anticipated revenue for the 2010-2011 year is \$1,700,000.00. We have always depended on the dry-period financing allowed by the County wherein we were able to operate on funds "loaned" by the County until our property taxes were apportioned to us in December. Therefore, we respectfully request pursuant to Government Code §23010 that the County advance the Oakdale Fire Protection District funds to perform its functions and meet its obligations. Our funds are deposited and held by Stanislaus County, and the County would be repaid with tax apportionments prior to any other obligations. Further, we request that the advance is up to 85 percent of our revenues as allowed by the Government Code. Direct assessments are applied to the property tax rolls and represent approximately 75 percent of our budget.

We appreciate your consideration of this request as soon as possible since our ability to continue operations and plan for the future is dependant on the consistent cash flow.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth M. Brichetto*  
 Elizabeth M. Brichetto  
 Board Chairperson

cc: Larry Haugh – Auditor Controller  
 Gary Hinshaw – County Fire Warden  
 Rick Robinson – Stanislaus County CEO

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