

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *B-2

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE July 2, 2013

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of Year End Budget Adjustment for the Chief Executive Office - County Fire Service Fund to Cover Unanticipated Retirement Costs

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations by an amount not to exceed \$55,000 in the Chief Executive Office-County Fire Service Fund for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to cover unanticipated retirement costs. This increase in appropriations will be funded by County Fire Service Fund fund balance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

At the end of Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the Chief Executive Office-County Fire Service Fund will need a budget adjustment to cover unanticipated costs due to the retirement of the County Fire Marshal. If approved, the request to increase appropriations by an amount not to exceed \$55,000 in the Chief Executive Office-County Fire Service Fund will enable the County to fully fund the retirement cash-out of the County Fire Marshal. The recommended increase will be funded by County Fire Service Fund fund balance. After the transfer, a total balance of approximately \$480,000 will remain in fund balance.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2013-323

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor De Martini
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Withrow, Monteith, De Martini and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Christine Ferraro
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

The creation of the Modesto Regional Fire Authority Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) required an ongoing financial commitment of all partners including Stanislaus County. The County agreed to contribute the Less-Than-Countywide Fire Tax, Fire Prevention fees, and all other funding sources identified in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 County Fire Service Fund budget as an on-going commitment.

Modesto Regional Fire Authority (MRFA) includes former Salida, Stanislaus County and Modesto City employees. MRFA also contracts with five County employees, including the Fire Marshal. On June 3, 2013, the Fire Marshal announced his retirement and exercised his option to cash out his remaining vacation and sick leave accruals. His retirement announcement was unanticipated and was not included in the Adopted 2012-2013 County Fire Service Fund Budget which funds this position. Due to the increased cost of the retirement cash-out, it is recommended to increase appropriations by an amount not to exceed \$55,000. There is sufficient fund balance to cover the cost of the retirement cash-out.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval of this item supports the Board of Supervisors' priority of Efficient Delivery of Public Services by ensuring that all County budgets end the year within appropriations.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

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