



June 2, 2016

**TO:** LOCSO Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Tom McEwen, North Coast Battalion Chief  
**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 11F – June 2, 2016 Board Meeting**  
Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Immediate Purchase of a Replacement Medic-Rescue Vehicle Meeting Department Standards, with Funds of Not to Exceed \$170,000 from the Vehicle, Equipment, and Fire Engines Reserves

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

***Motion: I move that the Board adopt Resolution 2016-18 authorizing for the immediate purchase of a replacement Medic-Rescue vehicle meeting department standards, with funds of not to exceed \$170,000 from the Vehicle, Equipment, and Fire Engines Reserves.***

**DISCUSSION**

The current Station 15 – South Bay Fire Department Rescue Squad is a 2004 Ford F350 with a Ferrara Fire Apparatus Rescue Equipment Storage Build Up. This vehicle is unique to South Bay Fire Department in its design, storage ability for medical equipment, and light build which allows for a higher level of maneuverability and quicker response than the South Bay Fire Department Engines can provide. CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Department generally recommends that rescue squad vehicles are replaced between 10 to 15 years of age, depending on the type of chassis, the condition of the engine and the cost and frequency of maintenance.

Station 15 – South Bay Fire has funded Line Item 3110 (Reserve for Replacement – Fire Vehicle or Equipment) since approximately 2005. The amount currently in Fund 301, Line Item 3110, is estimated to be around \$735,000 as of 5/18/16. This Line Item is intended to fund the replacement of all Station 15 - South Bay Fire Department vehicles. A schedule titled Restricted Reserve Schedule as of 5/18/16 has been used recently by the LOCSO Accountant to determine the funding balance.

After discussions with Interim General Manager Kampa and the Emergency Services Advisory Committee at the April 19, 2016 and May 18, 2016 meetings, CAL FIRE Staff was directed to immediately move forward with the purchase of a replacement Medic Rescue vehicle meeting the standards developed by the Department. The existing Fire Department Equipment Replacement Reserve will be used as a source of revenue in the 2016/17 FY budget for the purchase of the new rescue squad.

Staff is updating the LOCSD Fund 301 Vehicle Sinking Fund document, which describes the priority order in which Department vehicles are expected to be replaced, with the intention of presenting it at the July 7, 2016 LOCSD Board Meeting. This document outlines the replacement years for the 5 vehicles in the Station 15 - South Bay Fire fleet, along with anticipated purchase costs, resale values and projected annual contributions.

On 5/18/16, at an Emergency Services Advisory Committee, the status of the Station 15 – South Bay Fire Vehicle Fleet was discussed in detail. This discussion included statistics that proved the rescue squad has been out-of-service due to persistent mechanical and electrical issues 17% (approximately 5 days of every month) of the time since January 2013, at a cost of over \$33,000. At the conclusion of the agenda item, ESAC voted unanimously to recommend to the LOCSD BODs that they approve the necessary funds from the Line Item 3110 Reserve for Replacement – Fire Vehicle or Equipment to be transferred to Fund 301 for the purposes of replacing the rescue squad, command vehicle and utility vehicle in FY 2016/17 and authorize Staff to develop appropriate vehicle specifications and purchase the vehicles.

Upon consulting with LOCSD and CAL FIRE staff, it was decided that the purchase of the command vehicle would be deferred until FY 2017/18 and the purchase of the utility vehicle would be deferred until FY 2018/19. Because of its unreliability, the immediate priority for staff is the replacement of the rescue squad. CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Department also recommends scheduling vehicle purchases strategically in order to absorb major purchases responsibly. This will limit the need to maintain large accumulations of reserve funds over long periods of time prior to purchasing. Finally, the option of purchasing one vehicle per FY allows staff the needed time to acquire the best price and quality.

Upon Board approval, staff will finalize the desired vehicle specifications through consultation with other departments with similar vehicle needs and operating conditions, and perform the research necessary to specify the vehicle meeting the objectives of the District with regard to quality, function, vendor service and cost/value. A Request for Proposals and Bid process will be used. The attached Resolution authorizes the General Manager to issue a purchase order for the vehicle upon completion of proposal review and negotiation of price, terms and conditions.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

It is estimated that the cost of a new rescue squad that will meet the needs of South Bay Fire in regards to maneuverability, storage capacity, updated technology and overall reliability will not exceed \$170,000.

Sincerely,

Scott Jalbert, Unit Chief  
CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Department

By Tom McEwen, Battalion Chief  
CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Department

Attachment

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT MEDIC-RESCUE VEHICLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Los Osos Community Services District is formed and operating in accordance with California Government Code Section 61100 et seq. to Provide fire protection services, rescue services, hazardous material emergency response services in the same manner as a fire protection district, formed pursuant to the Fire Protection District Law, Part 2.7 (commencing with Section 13800) of Division 12 of the Health and Safety Code.; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has developed a replacement schedule and reserve funding source for its critical vehicles and equipment within the Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the District under its contract with CAL FIRE is required to replace its critical vehicles and equipment according to a reasonable replacement schedule, and if vehicle maintenance costs paid by the County Fire Department exceed a reasonable amount annually, then the District may be required to purchase replacement vehicles in advance of budgeted replacement schedules; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's Medic-Rescue vehicle has been in a state of disrepair and out of service an unacceptable number of times over the past two years and the frequency, complexity and severity of the failures of the Medic Rescue vehicle have been increasing exponentially in the past six months; and

**WHEREAS**, delay in replacement of the Medic-Rescue vehicle is and will continue to negatively affect the quality of emergency response services provided by the department; and

**WHEREAS**, CAL FIRE staff and District management agree, and have recommended to and received a Board recommendation of vehicle replacement approval from the District Emergency Services Advisory Committee, with vehicle funding recommended to be allocated from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Los Osos Community Services District Board of Directors does hereby authorize the Immediate Purchase of a Replacement Medic-Rescue Vehicle Meeting Department Standards, with Funds of Not to Exceed \$170,000 from the Vehicle, Equipment, and Fire Engines Reserves and authorize the Interim General Manager to sign the associated purchase order.

On the motion of Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nays: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Conflicts: \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing resolution is hereby passed, approved, and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Los Osos Community Services District this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2016.

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Marshall E. Ochylski  
President, Board of Directors  
Los Osos Community Services District

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter J. Kampa  
Interim General Manager and Secretary to the Board

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Michael W. Seitz  
District Legal Counsel