



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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Authorize the Auditor-Controller to increase revenue by \$904,000 and appropriations by \$567,000 in the Department of Emergency Communications (EME001) for the purchase of E9-1-1 Customer Premise Equipment (CPE) using state 911 telecommunications funds (4/5th vote required).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The State of California Technology Agency - Office of Public Safety Communications Services (OPSCS) collects a 9-1-1 surcharge on all telephone bills for the purpose of maintaining the 9-1-1 system delivery infrastructure and customer premise equipment (CPE) located at over 400 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) throughout the state. Approximately every 5 years, a 911 center is authorized to replace their CPE using State 9-1-1 funds, as provided by OPSCS policy. Based on an analysis of emergency call traffic, the State has established an accrual rate for Monterey County of \$113,000 per year. The last time that the Monterey County CPE equipment was replaced was in 2004 during construction of the consolidated dispatch center in Salinas. As of 2012, the County's accrual totaled \$904,000. The Department of Emergency Communications (ECD) requests that the Board authorize the Auditor-Controller to increase revenue in the ECD budget by \$904,000 to permit the purchase and installation of equipment. While the Department will recover this full amount, an increase of only \$567,000 in appropriations is requested due to operational savings established in the Department during this fiscal year.

In addition to replacement of CPE equipment in the 911 Center, some Homeland Security Grant funding will be used to install equipment in the recently acquired Regional Mobile Command and Control Vehicle (MCCV), which will serve as a back-up to the 9-1-1 System in the event of evacuation of Center personnel.

The State has implemented a Master Purchase Agreement (MPA) for agencies to use as a procurement vehicle. Using that MPA as a baseline, the Department of Emergency Communications (ECD) working with the Information Technology Department - Telecommunications Division (ITD) has completed an RFI process and selected Cassidian Communications to engineer, furnish, and install new CPE equipment for ECD. Significant administrative time was saved by using this existing agreement between the State and Cassidian Communications. The County will issue a Purchase Order using the State MPA and will be reimbursed by the state upon payment of invoices.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ITD participated in the vendor selection process, provides technical expertise on this equipment replacement project, and will provide Tier 1 maintenance and support of the new system. The Contracts / Purchasing Officer has approved the use of the State MPA and, therefore, separate approval for contractual activities is not required.

The OES, as grant administrator, and the Salinas City Fire Department - as the lead agency and grantee in the acquisition, operation and maintenance of the Regional MCCV and 9-1-1 equipment installed therein, have approved the technical specs and funding for the equipment and services to be provided under this agreement.

FINANCING:

Approval of this item will have no impact on the general fund. All costs for the E9-1-1 CPE will be reimbursed by the State and costs for the MCCV will be paid using Homeland Security Grant funds. Funds have been budgeted by ECD in the FY 2011-2012 budget for the costs of additional ITD staff to support the installation. Due to additional operational savings put into place during this fiscal year, the department does not need to increase appropriations for the total cost of the project but will receive the full revenue from the state. Based on the 911 service agreement between the County and agencies served by the Department of Emergency Communications, approximately 1/3 of the savings will be restored to the general fund. This was reflected in the year end forecast submitted to the County Administrative Office Budget and Analysis Division in March 2012.

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Attachments:

Letter from State confirming funding