



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Salinas, CA 93901

Board Report

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- b. Support authorizing the Auditor Controller to amend the FY2016-17 adopted budget to increase appropriations and revenue by \$200,000 in the Road Fund 002, Appropriation Unit RMA012, where funding is provided by the CALFIRE SRAFPF & TM grant (4/5th vote required).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Budget Committee:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On December 5, 2016, the RMA received an award letter from CALFIRE dated December 2, 2016. CALFIRE's letter informed the RMA that the County's application for the grant entitled Monterey County Fire Prevention and Tree Mortality Project was selected for funding in the amount of \$200,000 (Attachment 1). The full agreement was provided to the County via email with instructions from CALFIRE on December 20, 2016 (Attachment 2).

On January 10, 2017, the Board of Supervisors: 1) approved a grant award from the State of California - The Natural Resources Agency California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund and Tree Mortality Grant Program (SRAFPF & TM) in the amount of \$200,000 for the Monterey County Fire Prevention and Tree Mortality Project; 2) authorized the Resource Management Agency Director or the Director's designee to execute an agreement between the County and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) to sign and execute invoices on behalf of the County; and 3) adopted a Resolution authorizing the Resource Management Agency Director or the Director's designee to act as the agent for the County to execute an agreement between the County and CALFIRE and to sign and execute invoices on behalf of the County.

Staff was unable to present this item to the Budget Committee prior to taking it to the Board of Supervisors, due to time limitations stipulated by the grant. The grant award was contingent upon receipt of the fully executed agreement between the County and CALFIRE and an adopted Resolution authorizing the Resource Management Agency Director or the Director's designee to act as the agent for the County, to execute an agreement between the County and CAL FIRE, and to sign and execute invoices on behalf of the County no later than January 31, 2017.

The Monterey County Fire Prevention and Tree Mortality Project consists of vegetation removal and mowing for approximately 198 acres of land to help prevent fire ignition and spreading near roadways and populated rural State Responsibility Area (SRA) areas.

FINANCING:

The recommended action will increase the FY2016-17 adopted budget appropriations and revenue in Fund 002, Appropriations Unit RMA012 by \$200,000, funded by the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund and Tree Mortality Grant Program. The grant will provide adequate financing for the project and staff anticipates there will be no impact to the General Fund. The grant does not require a County match and is 100 percent reimbursable. The Project is expected to be completed in FY 17.

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Attachments:

Attachment A - CALFIRE Grant Award Letter

Attachment B - CALFIRE Instructions