



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
County Manager



**Date:** June 23, 2015

**Board Meeting Date:** July 7, 2015

**Special Notice / Hearing:** None

**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Peggy Jensen, Deputy County Manager

**Subject:** Resolution authorizing an agreement with the La Honda Fire Brigade, INC.  
regarding the joint purchase of a replacement structural fire engine.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the La Honda Fire Brigade, Inc.  
regarding the joint purchase of a replacement structural fire engine.

**BACKGROUND:**

The La Honda Fire Brigade is a volunteer fire department and also a non-profit corporation. The Brigade provides rescue and fire protection services in the La Honda area as part of the San Mateo County fire protection system.

Through Measure A, the Board of Supervisors has committed to funding a ten year apparatus replacement program for the County Fire system. The structural fire engine currently assigned to the La Honda Brigade is past its useful life and will be replaced as part of the ten year plan.

In 2008, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the La Honda and Kings Mountain Fire Brigades was signed that provides that the County and the brigades may jointly purchase apparatus and equipment for the brigades.

**DISCUSSION:**

The County has developed specifications for a replacement engine for rural areas such as La Honda and will purchase a new engine through a competitive bidding process. Consistent with the 2008 MOU, the County and the La Honda Brigade will jointly pay for the new engine. Title and registration for the new engine will be held jointly by the County and the Brigade, with the County's name appearing first. The County will insure the engine and it will be assigned to the Brigade.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The County will contribute an amount not to exceed \$453,200 for the new engine. The Brigade will contribute \$100,000. The County contribution for the engine will come from Measure A funds.