

# **County of San Mateo**

# Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department: SHERIFF** 

**File #:** 19-719 Board Meeting Date: 7/9/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Carlos G. Bolanos, Sheriff

**Subject:** Agreement with San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution waving the Request for Proposals and authorizing an agreement with San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department for the provision of a Countywide Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$2,131,137.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In January of 2019, Belmont Fire Protection District, Foster City Fire, and San Mateo Fire, consolidated and formed San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department. The Hazardous Materials Team is now part of the newly formed San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department. All members of the Hazmat Team have been trained to the level of Technician/Specialist and are ready to respond 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This Hazmat program is provided by agreement between San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department and the County of San Mateo, including the 20 cities in the County that along with the County, form the Emergency Services Council. This is a fee for service program and the current agreement is due to expire on June 30, 2019. All services remain the same.

# **DISCUSSION:**

The Emergency Services Council (ESC) and the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department have approved the agreement and budget. The new agreement continues to ensure the highest level and stability of services from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, and incorporates the same elements as the previous agreement with the Hazardous Materials Team. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the County to waive the Request for Proposals process and continue contracting with the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department to ensure continuity of the highest level and stability of services.

These services include bringing the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department into the annual ESC

budget approval process for the establishment of their annual budget, ensuring high level participation in the Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security activities and council meetings.

Trained firefighters from the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department Hazmat Team work in coordination with an on-call team of Hazmat Specialists from the County's Environmental Health Department, who provide scientific analysis determination of the hazardous materials, and appropriate safety and mitigation measures. Contract management responsibilities are centralized under the Sheriff's Office Homeland Security Division and Office of Emergency Services to ensure ongoing two-way communication and prompt resolution of any emergent issues.

The new agreement was approved by the County Emergency Services Council on April 18, 2019. It is now being brought to this Board for final execution.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution and agreement as to form.

### PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2018-19 Actual	FY 2019-2020 Projected
Percent of Emergency incidents responded to within one hour as secondary responders	100	100

# FISCAL IMPACT:

This agreement is for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. This agreement provides reimbursement to San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department in the amount of \$676,015 for FY 2019-2020, \$709,816 for FY 2020-2021, and \$745,306 for FY 2021-2022. The new agreement is included in the FY 2019-2020 Countywide Emergency Services budget. There is no additional new County Cost associated with the approval of this agreement.