



FRESNO COUNTY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT

Honor, Integrity, Cooperation & Professionalism

MEMORANDUM

Date: 9/11/20

To: Board Directors

Attn: Mike Del Puppo
President

From: Fire District Staff

Subject: Purchase of Type I Fire Engine

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING PAPER

ISSUE:

Staff is asking the Board of Directors to authorize the purchase of a new Type I Fire Engine to meet the District's service demands and to keep pace with the fleet replacement plan goals.

BACKGROUND:

The District has worked hard to improve the overall condition and age of its fleet by keeping pace with its purchasing program.

DISCUSSION:

The District still has two front-line career staffed engines that are fifteen years old. This District's approved budget includes a \$650K line item for the purchase of a new engine without using reserves. This generation of fire engine will have the EZ-Trac all-wheel drive capabilities included which accounts for the elevated cost estimate. The City of Santa Clara has a five-year contract with Rev Group/Spartan/Smeal that includes a tag-on provision that the District can activate to procure this apparatus. This purchase is recommended in the District's draft 2020 Mobile Equipment Replacement Plan for this fiscal year.

ALTERNATIVES:

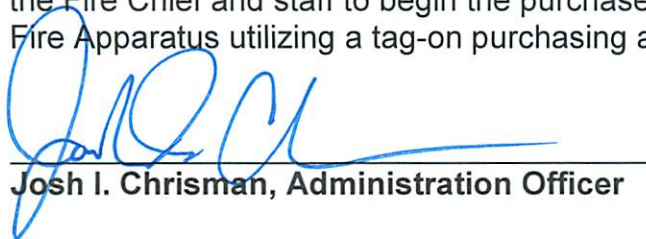
1. The Board votes to approve the purchase of a new fire engine under a “tag-on” apparatus purchasing agreement with Smeal Fire Apparatus for up to \$650K.
2. The Board votes not to approve any apparatus purchasing now.

IMPACTS *(Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas of concern for proposed alternatives):*

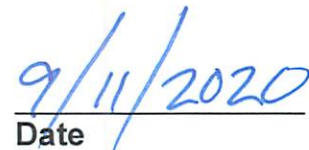
- Fiscal – The approved FY Budget includes \$650K funding for this purchase.
- Operational – District fleet will be modernized thus improving operational reliability and in service time. Increased fleet maintenance costs will be incurred as apparatus age without replacement.
- Legal – No known impact.
- Labor – No known impact.
- Sociopolitical – No known impact.
- Policy – No known impact.
- Health and Safety – Personnel will be operating apparatus with the most current safety features.
- Environmental – No known impact.
- Interagency – No known impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors approve Option #1 and authorize the Fire Chief and staff to begin the purchase process for one fire engine from Smeal Fire Apparatus utilizing a tag-on purchasing agreement.



Josh I. Chrisman, Administration Officer



Date