



# Board Agenda Item 30

DATE: June 9, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Steven E. White, Director  
Department of Public Works and Planning

SUBJECT: Agreement with Fresno County Fire Protection District

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

**Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement with the Fresno County Fire Protection District for the Station 93 Water Tender Refurbish, Community Development Block Grant Project No. 19731, effective upon execution through February 1, 2021 (\$250,000).**

Approval of the recommended action will provide Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the Station 93 Water Tender Refurbish (Project), included in the County's 2019-20 Action Plan approved by your Board on June 4, 2019. The Project consists of refurbishing an existing water tender located at Fire Station 93 in Huron. The Project will benefit the residents of southwest Fresno County, primarily the unincorporated areas surrounding the Cities of Coalinga and Huron. The County will provide \$240,000 in CDBG funds for the Project, and the Fresno County Fire Protection District (District) will provide a local financial contribution of \$10,000 in excess of the CDBG funds necessary to complete the Project by February 1, 2021. This item pertains to a location in District 4.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Your Board may reject the recommended action and direct the Department of Public Works and Planning staff to use the funds for a FY 2020-21 project. There are no other projects remaining on the FY 2019-20 Back-Up list for consideration. However, deletion may impact the County's ability to meet its CDBG expenditure timelines set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The Project's total estimated cost is \$250,000, which includes specification development and equipment procurement. CDBG funds in the amount of \$240,000 are included in the Department's - CDBG Org 7205 FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget. The funds are provided on a reimbursement basis. The District will provide a local financial contribution (\$10,000) in excess of the CDBG funds necessary to complete the Project by February 1, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

On June 4, 2019, your Board approved the FY 2019-20 Unincorporated Area Projects list as part of the Annual Action Plan, which included the Project on the Back-Up list, should funding become available. Due to year-end cost savings from other CDBG activities, sufficient funds became available for this Project.

The Project consists of refurbishing an existing water tender located at Fire Station 93 in Huron. The Project will improve fire protection services by providing a mobile water supply with firefighting capability. The Project will benefit the residents of southwest Fresno County, primarily in the unincorporated areas surrounding the Cities of Coalinga and Huron. The Project is expected to be completed by February 1, 2021.

In addition to providing local funds in excess of the CDBG funds for the Project, the recommended agreement requires the District to prepare design plans and specifications that conform to Federal and State regulations governing Federally-assisted projects. The District will also be responsible for advertising and awarding of the Project to the lowest responsible bidder, and completion of the necessary construction engineering. The County agrees to review and approve the plans and specifications for compliance with Federal regulations prior to the District advertising the Project for bid. The District agrees to maintain the Project after completion.

The County has determined with reasonable certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant impact on the environment, and therefore the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

With your Board's approval, the recommended CDBG allocation of \$240,000 will be made to the District for the Project, which was listed on the Back-Up list of the County's FY 2019-20 Action Plan.

OTHER REVIEWING AGENCIES:

The Fresno County Fire Protection District has reviewed and approved the recommended agreement on April 8, 2020.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #14, June 4, 2019

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

Location Map

On file with Clerk - Agreement with Fresno County Fire Protection District

CAO ANALYST:

Debbie Paolinelli