REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND RECORD OF ACTION

August 19, 2025

FROM

DAN MUNSEY, Fire Chief/Fire Warden, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

SUBJECT

Non-Financial Aid Agreement with the Consolidated Fire Agencies Joint Powers Authority for Supplemental and As-Requested Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services to the High Desert Region of San Bernardino County

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Acting as the governing body of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, approve non-financial aid **Agreement No. 25-653** with the Consolidated Fire Agencies Joint Powers Authority, to provide assistance to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District in the form of supplemental and as-requested pre-hospital emergency medical services to the High Desert Region of San Bernardino County, for the period of August 19, 2025, through August 18, 2026. (Presenter: Dan Munsey, Fire Chief/Fire Warden, 387-5779)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.
Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.
Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this aid agreement will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). This is a non-financial agreement that defines the responsibilities of the two entities regarding the Consolidated Fire Agencies Joint Powers Authority's (CONFIRE) aid to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) in providing supplemental and asrequested pre-hospital emergency medical services to the High Desert Region of San Bernardino County (County).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

CONFIRE is the regional provider of fire and emergency medical dispatch and communications services in the county. CONFIRE is a separate legal entity formed pursuant to a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement executed between its member agencies as authorized by Government Code section 6500 et seq. SBCFPD is a member agency of CONFIRE. CONFIRE provides communication, dispatch, computer information systems support, and geographic information systems to its member and contract agencies, including SBCFPD. CONFIRE has received all applicable and required licenses and approvals to become a pre-hospital emergency medical services provider in the County. As an authorized pre-hospital emergency medical services (EMS) to its member agencies who request this assistance.

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SBCFPD and other pre-hospital emergency medical services providers have experienced an increase in EMS calls, in particular in the High Desert Region of the County. SBCFPD and CONFIRE desire to enter into the recommended agreement where CONFIRE will provide aid, in the form of supplemental and as-requested pre-hospital emergency medical services to SBCFPD in the High Desert Region of County where SBCFPD is the pre-hospital emergency medical services provider.

Approval of this agreement will help address the limited ambulance resources, increased call volume, and other emergency needs in the High Desert.

This agreement may be terminated by either party without cause by giving 90 days' written notice of the party's intent to terminate this agreement.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Rick Luczak, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on August 4, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Ivan Ramirez, Administrative Analyst, 387-4020) on August 4, 2025.

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Record of Action of the Board of Directors San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, SECRETARY

DATED: August 19, 2025



cc: SBCFPD - Munsey w/agree Contractor - c/o SBCFPD w/agree

File - w/agree

CCM 08/21/2025