



FRESNO COUNTY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT

Honor, Integrity, Cooperation & Professionalism

MEMORANDUM

Date: 01/21/2026

To: Board Directors

Attn: Brad Richter
President

From: Fire District Staff

Subject: Resolution 2026-01, Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA)

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING PAPER

ISSUE:

The District has been approved for the VFA grant for Fiscal Year 25/26. To execute the VFA Agreement the Board must adopt a resolution authorizing the District President to execute the Agreement between the District and the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE).

BACKGROUND:

The VFA grant was formally known as the VFC Grant. The District has received the grant in the past and used the funds to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The current year's budget included these grant funds to purchase PPE.

DISCUSSION:

This grant is a 50% reimbursement grant. The total of the grant is approximately \$35,703 total reimbursement back to the District will be 50% of what was spent or approximately \$17,851.50 District staff plan to purchase structural PPE with this grant. Resolution # 2026-01 is authorizing the District President to execute the VFA Grant Agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The District could decide to not accept the grant.

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

- Fiscal – There is no impact to the budget since the District had planned on an additional \$35,703 in safety gear expenses. The District would be reimbursed up to 50% of what is actually spent or approximately \$17,851.50
- Operational – The PPE is needed to maintain serviceable PPE for operational personnel.
- Legal – No known impact.
- Labor – No known impact
- Sociopolitical – No known impact.
- Policy – No known impact.
- Health and safety – No known impact.
- Environmental – No known impact.
- Interagency – No known impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending the Board of Directors adopt Resolution # 2026-01 and approves accepting the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. That any Board of Director makes a motion to adopt Resolution # 2026-01 and accept the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant.

APPROVED:

DocuSigned by:

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Brandon Markle, Battalion Chief

1/8/2026
Date _____



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RESOLUTION No. 2026-01

In the Matter of:

APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT #7GF25040 FOR SERVICES FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST SIGNATORY ON PAGE 1 OF THE AGREEMENT TO JUNE 30, 2026 UNDER THE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT OF 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Fresno County Fire Protection District that said Board does hereby approve the Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection dated as of the last signatory date on page 1 of the Agreement, and any amendments thereto. This agreement provides for an award, during the term of this Agreement, under the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 during the State Fiscal year 2025-26 up to and no more than the amount of \$17,851.50.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Brad Richter, President of said Board be and hereby is authorized to sign and execute said Agreement on behalf of the Fresno County Fire Protection District.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Fresno County Fire Protection District at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 21 day of January 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: _____

Dan Mather
Vice President
Fresno County Fire Protection District

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

Darryl Mendes
Secretary
Fresno County Fire Protection District

Certification of Resolution

ATTEST:

I, Louisa Alonzo, Clerk of the Fresno County Fire Protection District, California do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original **RESOLUTION #2026-01**.

WITNESS MY HAND OF THE FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, on this
21 day of January 2026.

Clerk of the Board, Fresno County Fire Protection District