



FRESNO COUNTY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT

Honor, Integrity, Cooperation & Professionalism

MEMORANDUM

Date: 10/4/2019

To: Board Directors

Attn: Mike Del Puppo
President

From: Fire District Staff

Subject: Aera Energy Donation

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING PAPER

ISSUE:

Aera Energy is interested in donating \$5,000, once again, to be used for the purchase of an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Drone kit.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2019, Aera Energy staff contacted District Station 94 (Harris Ranch) and advised of their interest in donating to support emergency response in Western Fresno County. Aera has a community support grant program and feel that investing in fire equipment would be ideal to meet the intent and interest of their program.

DISCUSSION:

The District recently received a grant to purchase three (3) UAS Drone Kits for its newly created Unmanned Aircraft Program. Staff has identified that these Drones will be assigned to District funded Battalion Chief's for operational gain. To accomplish District wide saturation, the District will need a total of four (4) drone kits to meet its needs. This generous donation will allow the District to purchase the fourth and final kit to reach full program implementation. This drone will be assigned to District Battalion Chief, B4315, Aera Energy's facility/service area in Western Fresno County.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Not accept the donation and direct staff to identify an alternative equipment need for this funding source.

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

- Fiscal – District would realize \$5,000 in savings for fire equipment purchasing.
- Operational – Operational readiness and emergency response capabilities will be improved.
- Legal – N/A
- Labor – N/A
- Sociopolitical – N/A
- Policy – N/A
- Health and safety – N/A
- Environmental – N/A
- Interagency – N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the District Board of Director's approves accepting the donated funds from Aera Energy and direct staff to use the funds to buy the needed fourth UAS Drone Kit. It is also recommended that the Board vote to approve accepting the donation and authorizing the Chief to sign the acceptance and acknowledgement letter.

APPROVED:



Chris Bump, Assistant Chief

10/4/2019

Date