



FRESNO COUNTY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 12, 2020

To: Board Directors

Attn: Mike Del Puppo
President

From: Fire District Staff

Subject: Resolution 2020-06 Authorizing the Fire Chief to Submit a Proposal to the Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING PAPER

ISSUE:

The District does not have backup power generating abilities at most the fire stations during power outage events such as a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS).

BACKGROUND:

The final State Budget Bill, SB 74, included a \$50 million appropriation accessible to local governments to assist in preparing for de-energization events and specifically included special districts who operate critical facilities and infrastructure as eligible to apply for the grant funds.

The purpose of the Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program is to support California special districts with additional preparedness measures in response to power outage events. Of the \$50 million overall appropriation for Community Power Resiliency funding, \$20 million has been reserved for special district needs.

Only special districts with identified critical facilities pursuant to the de-energization guidelines adopted by the Public Utilities Commission may apply. The District has identified all of its fire stations as critical facilities.

Priority funding will be given to eligible applicants if the proposal shows either a benefit to disadvantaged communities or the use of/acquisition of low/no emissions power solutions. The District's critical facilities provide fire protection services to 29 of the 36 disadvantaged unincorporated communities of Fresno County based on the Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities Database by the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission

DISCUSSION:

Staff are working on a proposal to address the District's need for back-up power at fire stations. This funding opportunity would allow the District to potentially provide back-up power at all of its fire stations. An additional benefit of having back-up power at all the fire stations would be potential additional credit obtained during Insurance Services Office (ISO) reviews. Currently, Stations 73 and 84 are the only District fire stations with back-up power abilities.

Staff estimates that the District's proposal will be between \$250,000 and \$300,000. Individual applicants may request up to \$300,000. The Deadline to submit the proposal is October 30, 2020. The performance period for the project ends October 31, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Provide a proposal to the Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program so that the District can improve its ability to provide services during power outage events.
2. Not provide a proposal for the Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program grant and consider limited funding to make limited improvements to the District's ability to provide services during power outage events.

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

- Fiscal –No fiscal impact. The grant is 100% reimbursable.
- Operational – Maintains the District's operational ability during power outage events.
- Legal – N/A
- Labor – N/A
- Sociopolitical – N/A
- Policy – N/A

Health and safety – Potentially protects the health of safety of employees and citizens of the District by maintaining operational abilities.

Environmental – N/A

Interagency – N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors approve submitting a proposal to the Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program. That any Board of Directors makes a motion to approve submitting a proposal to the Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program and to approve the Fire Chief to sign and execute documents related to the Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program.

APPROVED:



Josh I. Chrisman, Administration Officer

10/12/2020
Date