



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Budget Report Back – Full Cost Recovery on Emergency Dispatch Contracts

BACKGROUND:

In March 2012, the Public Safety Communications (PSC) FY12-13 budget was presented to your Board where the issue of cost recovery for communications contracts was discussed. Since the economic downfall in 2009, many contracts between cities and the County were not increased as the escalators in the contracts were attached to either the Bay Area CPI and/or negotiated labor contract increases. As a result, contract costs remained flat. In addition, when original contracts were negotiated, the County assumed some subsidy as a gesture of goodwill during healthier economic times. In March, your Board agreed that cost recovery of these contracts is essential to reduce PSC's general fund allocation.

DISCUSSION:

Several contracts expired during calendar year 2012. PSC took this opportunity to negotiate long term contracts that included an equity increase as well as cost of living increase in order to recover costs. By the end of the contract term, costs of providing service would be achieved without a County subsidy. The agencies contracted with PSC and the contract status is as follows:

City of Half Moon Bay – five (5) year term expires June 2017. Includes a 2% equity increase every other year and a 1% cost of living increase each year. Approved by City Council in June.

City of San Carlos – the city was presented with a proposed cost increases in August. In November of last year, the City and County agreed on a five (5) year contract that expires in June 2016. The agreement included costs for service for a seven (7) month period which expired in June 2012. Currently, the City and County are negotiating the proposed costs increases which provides for full cost recovery by the end of the contract term.

City of East Palo Alto – the City was provided with a draft contract in May 2012 with the

proposed increases over a five (5) year term. The previous contract expired June 30, 2012. On September 4th, the City requested a one (1) year contract. Negotiations continue.

Sam Trans – through a master contract extension with the Sheriff's Office, PSC provided Sam Trans a proposal for Transit Police communications. The proposal included increased costs including a one-time adjustment and a cost of living increase for each year until the contract expires on December 31, 2014.

The contracts with the City of Millbrae, the Fire Service JPA, City of South San Francisco (Fire and Rescue dispatch), Broadmoor Police and AMR expire in future years.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you.