



County of Santa Cruz

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Agenda: December 14, 2010

Board of Supervisors
701 Ocean Street
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Status Report: Automatic Aid Agreement with Santa Clara County

Dear Members of the Board:

On May 4, 2010, your Board directed staff to return today with a status report on the modified automatic aid agreement with Santa Clara County and the development of an agreement with that county which would provide reimbursement to Santa Cruz County Fire in the form of a set annual amount for responses into the remaining uncovered areas.

Santa Clara County Fire recently completed their annexation process and is now willing to move forward with modifications to the existing automatic aid agreement. A meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2010 to finalize the modified automatic aid agreement.

Discussions are in process regarding reimbursement by Santa Clara County to Santa Cruz County Fire for responses to the uncovered areas. However, progress is slow and may be further hindered due to the upcoming transition of both Santa Clara County Supervisor Gage and Santa Clara County Fire Chief Waldvogel, who have played active roles in the talks and are leaving their respective offices this month. At this time your Board is requested to continue facilitating discussion with Santa Clara County on this issue, once the new supervisor and chief are in office. Staff will continue to work with Supervisor Stone to present the reimbursement proposal endorsed by your Board to the appropriate Santa Clara County representatives.

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that your Board:

1. Accept today's report; and
2. Direct staff to return to your Board on or before February 8, 2011 with a status report on Santa Clara County reimbursement to Santa Cruz County Fire for emergency response into the remaining unprotected areas.

Very truly yours,

Nancy Gordon
Director

RECOMMENDED:

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

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cc: County Fire Department