



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: October 15, 2019

DATE: October 2, 2019

TO: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Alex Kukulus, Deputy Chief
Phone: (775) 328-6125 Email: akukulus@tmfpd.us

THROUGH: Charles A. Moore, Fire Chief
Phone: (775) 328-6123 Email: cmoore@tmfpd.us

SUBJECT: Recommendation to authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to identify and negotiate the purchase of a ladder truck in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, through adopted purchasing provisions and to work with County Purchasing to publish a Request for Bids and subsequent Award of Bid. Upon identification of an acceptable apparatus and sales price, authorize the District to execute a purchase agreement, upon approval of the Chair of the Fire Board. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item is a recommendation to authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to identify and negotiate the purchase of a ladder truck in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, through adopted purchasing provisions and to work with County Purchasing to publish a Request for Bids and subsequent Award of Bid. Upon identification of an acceptable apparatus and sales price, authorize the District to execute a purchase agreement, upon approval of the Chair of the Fire Board.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

The District currently operates 11 full-time fire stations that each operate a Type I fire engine as a primary response unit for structure fires and rescues. The District does not own or operate any aerial ladder apparatus' which limit the ability of the District to conduct operations beyond the reach of a standard 24' ground ladder. Throughout the District there are many residences, multi-family dwellings, and commercial occupancies that exceed the reach of the District's ground ladders. During operations on those structures, any aerial apparatus needs can only be accomplished through the use of mutual aid ladders from neighboring jurisdictions. The acquisition of an aerial apparatus will enable the District to access roofs and structures up to approximately 100' in height, more safely conduct vertical ventilation operations, effect rescues from elevated locations, and provide an elevated water delivery platform during defensive operations.

In recent years there have been numerous incidents where an aerial apparatus was needed for both rescue and/or fire suppression. Mutual aid was requested from neighboring agencies including RFD & SFD, but comes from a significant distance and is a very limited resource within the County. Between

all agencies, there are currently only 4 aerial apparatus' in-service and staffed within the County at any one time. This is significantly below the numbers within similar regions of this size. The addition of this unit to the District will not only significantly enhance the District's capabilities, but will also benefit the region as a whole.

Staff requests authorization to pursue a purchase of a used and/or refurbished aerial apparatus to fill this void, until a new apparatus can be brought into service in future fiscal years. By purchasing a unit that is used, the District estimates it will save over \$1 million, as compared to buying new at this time. The District anticipates that it can secure the purchase of the apparatus for less than \$300,000. Similar new aerial apparatus' with all necessary equipment can exceed \$1.4 million.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated cost to the District for the complete project is \$300,000. The District has budget authority within the Capital Projects fund of \$2,620,500 for fiscal year 2020. The district will defer some planned purchases to stay within this budget authority. The District anticipates to bring back a budget augmentation resolution from higher than estimated beginning fund balance with the audited financial statement presentation at a future date which is expected to result in the ability to purchase any planed purchases deferred for the purchase of the ladder truck.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to identify and negotiate the purchase of a ladder truck in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, through adopted purchasing provisions and to work with County Purchasing to publish a Request for Bids and subsequent Award of Bid. Upon identification of an acceptable apparatus and sales price, authorize the District to execute a purchase agreement, upon approval of the Chair of the Fire Board.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

"I move to authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to identify and negotiate the purchase of a ladder truck in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, through adopted purchasing provisions and to work with County Purchasing to publish a Request for Bids and subsequent Award of Bid. Upon identification of an acceptable apparatus and sales price, authorize the District to execute a purchase agreement, upon approval of the Chair of the Fire Board."