



**TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

Board Meeting Date: June 1, 2021

DATE: May 18, 2021
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to identify and purchase necessary equipment, software, and associated costs for new radio systems in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, through adopted purchasing provisions. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item is a recommendation to authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to identify and purchase necessary equipment, software, and associated costs for new radio systems in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, through adopted purchasing provisions.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

TMFPD is seeking approval to contract for dispatch services between the District and REMSA (separate agenda item). If approved, the District will need to purchase various components related to the radio system, dispatch consoles, and CAD software. Some of these components have a significant lead time due to national supply challenges. The District is seeking approval to commence the purchase of some of these necessary components, so that the overall project is not delayed. Staff estimates that the lead time on some of these components may be as much as 3-4 months. With a target start date between October 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022, these items need to be ordered as soon as possible.

Although some of this equipment and software will be utilized within REMSA's dispatch center for the District, TMFPD will purchase the items in order to leverage tax exempt status and to retain long-term ownership. In the event that the District seeks an alternative dispatch service arrangement in the future, the equipment, software and components would be transferable to the alternative provider.

Some additional start-up costs for the remaining software and equipment may be necessary, but those items are not expected to have the same extended lead time as other components and will be brought back to the Board at a future date if necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT

These purchases represent the upfront costs required with approval of the REMSA Emergency Communications Services agreement. The estimated cost to the District is \$300,000. The cost will remain within the FY21/22 budget and is expected to be offset with savings in dispatch costs.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to identify and purchase necessary equipment, software, and associated costs for new radio systems in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, through adopted purchasing provisions.

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 purchase necessary equipment, software, and associated costs for new radio systems in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, through adopted purchasing provisions."