



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 27, 2021

PRESIDENT
Dennis Rodoni
4TH DISTRICT

Honorable Senator Mike McGuire
State Capitol Building, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Assemblymember Marc Levine
State Capitol, Room 2137
Sacramento, CA 94249

VICE PRESIDENT
Judy Arnold
5TH DISTRICT

RE: Marin County Support of Contract Counties Fire Request

Dear Senator McGuire and Assembly Member Levine:

2ND VICE PRESIDENT
Damon Connolly
1ST DISTRICT

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I write to request appropriation of \$14.3 million to fund six fuels crews to the Counties who contract with CAL FIIRE at the same level and rates as CAL FIRE Fuels Crews to provide fire response and perform fuel reduction and fire prevention project work.

Katie Rice
2ND DISTRICT

Each of the member counties will receive the equivalent funding for one crew. This request does not fully fund the crew programs within the respective counties. Each County will still be making significantly larger financial contributions than the funds requested to maintain and enhance their respective fuels crew programs.

Stephanie Moulton-Peters
3RD DISTRICT

The six counties are contracted by CAL FIRE to protect State Responsibility Area (SRA). Since the 1930's the state has recognized its responsibility in protecting publicly owned state lands where state interests would suffer significant loss if destroyed by wildland fires. The ACC delivers robust fire prevention and suppression using their infrastructure of fire stations, personnel, and specialized resources (air operations, hand crews, dozers). If not for this successful arrangement, we would see more large wildfires drawing resources from CAL FIRE and local agencies across the state.

Matthew H. Hymel
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK OF THE BOARD

Diane Patterson
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD

Each of the six counties maintains year-round and seasonal wildland fuels crews to perform hazardous fuels reduction work as well as to provide a robust initial attack response to wildland fires to keep fires to 10 acres or less 95% of the time. The majority of the time and effort of the Association of Contract Counties (ACC) crews is spent protecting the SRA. We strongly support this request.

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In addition, we also support efforts to purchase mobile tower units to provide a dedicated source of continuous wi-fi or satellite connectivity for first responders to battle climate change among other applications. We respectfully request the acquisition of at least two units for Marin County; each one costs an estimated \$2 million but would provide a range of up to 19 miles for critical connectivity. The 2020 wildfire season was the largest in the State's recorded history, made worse by the vulnerability of existing cellular communication infrastructure.

Thank you in advance for your support of our firefighters and personnel who are protecting the lives of residents in Kern, Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties. We must ensure that those counties serving the

states mission are provided the same level of support and ability to protect the SRA in those counties.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of our position on this important request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Rodoni". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dennis" and last name "Rodoni" clearly distinguishable.

Dennis Rodoni, President
Marin County Board of Supervisors

cc: Marin County Board of Supervisors