

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Employee and Public Services

DATE: June 14, 2004

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 29, 2004

TO:

Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Mary Welch, Director of Employee and Public Services
Jaime D. Young, Public Safety Communications Director

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the Agreement between the County of San Mateo

and Fire Net Six for Communications Services.

Recommendation

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute an amendment to the agreement between the County of San Mateo and Fire Net Six, extending the contract term for one year and increasing the amount to \$446,783 for fiscal year 2004-05.

Background

Since June 1992, Fire Net Six and the County have had an agreement for Public Safety Communications to provide emergency and routine fire and medical dispatch services seven-days a week, 24 hours a day. This ten-year contract will expire on June 30, 2004.

Discussion

Under the terms of the agreement, Public Safety Communications will continue to assume full-time communications/dispatch services for all agencies in Fire Net Six, which include: South County Fire Authority, Redwood City Fire Department, Woodside Fire Protection District, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District, Point Montara Fire Protection District and San Mateo County Fire/CDF.

Fire Net Six is in the process of expanding their membership to include all other fire agencies in the County so that one Joint Powers entity will exist for the provision of fire suppression services. It is anticipated that this expanded entity will be in place prior to the end of FY 2004-05. Once in place the expanded entity and the County will negotiate a new agreement so that Public Safety Communications may continue

the provision of fire and medical communication dispatch services.

Vision Alignment

The amendment to this agreement keeps the following two commitments: Goal #7 Maintain and enhance the public safety of all residents and visitors and Goal #22 County and local governments effectively communicate, collaborate and develop strategic approaches to issues affecting the entire County.

Fiscal Impact

Under this agreement, the Fire Net Six will pay the County \$446,783 for a one-year term effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. This funding has been included in the FY 2004-05 budget and fully offsets the cost of the services provided.

RECOMMENDED

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER