RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-595

MEETING: October 26, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Van Loben Sels, Acting Fire Chief

RE: Approve Amendment Extention to Agreement with USDI, Yosemite National Park and Mariposa County

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a One Year Extension of the Reciprocal Fire Protection Agreement Between the United States Department of Interior National Park Service and the County of Mariposa in the Not-To-Exceed Amount of $30,000 Per Year; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement

The current agreement expires on November 1, 2021. This extension amendment is a one year agreement, effective November 1, 2021 and will terminate on November 1, 2022. It has been in effect for twenty-five years and provides for first response fire protection and dispatch service for County residents and property in the communities of El Portal, Foresta, Yosemite West and Wawona. In addition, it provides for automatic aid to incidents in Fish Camp and the Merced River Canyon from the Park boundary to Briceburg.

NPS has approached Mariposa County Fire with a request to re-evaluate the annual payment of $30,000/year. While we work to evaluate the annual payment, both parties wish to extend the current agreement as is for one year in hopes that a new agreement and terms will be reached within the one year time frame.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Board approved this agreements in the past, resolution 2017-11.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Agreement will expire for first response of fire and rescue and transfer service to County responsibility that interface with Yosemite National Park. This action would be detrimental to these communities because of the availability and response time of other fire, medical and emergency services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
An amount of $30,000 for this agreement will be included in the 2021-2022 Mariposa County Fire budget unless changed through new agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:
2017_YNP_Agreement (1)(PDF)
G8803170001 Mod 01 (PDF)
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor
SECONDER: Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey
MODIFICATION 01
TO
RECIPROCAL FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT
G8803170001
BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
AND THE
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

GENERAL:

This modification is issued to extend the period of performance for one year to prevent a lapse in this agreement while the Parties develop a successor agreement to provide mutual assistance for structural fire and wildfire in and around Yosemite National Park.

MODIFICATION:

1. ARTICLE IV – TERM OF AGREEMENT, Section B, is modified to read as:

   B. This Agreement shall be effective as of November 1, 2016, and shall continue in effect until November 1, 2022, unless it is terminated pursuant to the provisions of Article IX.

2. ARTICLE VI – PAYMENT, Section B, is modified to read as:

   B. It is agreed that for the six (6) years of this Agreement, the amount will be $30,000.00, per year.

3. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this modification on the date(s) set forth below.

FOR THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

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Marshall Long
Chair, Board of Supervisors

FOR THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Cicely Muldoon
Acting Regional Director, Interior Regions 8, 9, 10, and 12

Approved as to Legal Form:

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Steven W. Dahlem
County Counsel
Mariposa County

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