



# AGENDA REPORT

Fire Department

<b>DATE:</b>	March 15, 2022
<b>TO:</b>	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
<b>FROM:</b>	Angel Montoya, Fire Chief
<b>Subject:</b>	Resolution and Interagency Agreement to Support Hazardous Materials Program
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	The funds consist of an allocation not to exceed \$360,335 over a one-year period, commencing on July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b>	N/A
<b>STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:</b>	The Fire Department maintains a Hazardous Materials Response Unit and an Emergency Vehicle as part of its Hazardous Materials Response Program and receives funding from the Contra Costa County Health Services Hazardous Materials Division in support of the program.
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	ADOPT a resolution to accept and appropriate \$360,335 in funding from the Contra Costa County Health Services Hazardous Materials Division; and APPROVE a one-year interagency agreement from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, in support of the Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Response Program – Fire Department (Chief Angel Montoya 510-307-8041).

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Richmond Fire Department is part of the Hazardous Materials Interagency Task Force consisting of a coalition of other fire agencies in Contra Costa County with responsibility for public and environmental health and safety as it pertains to incidents involving hazardous materials. As Incident Commander for West Contra Costa County, the Richmond Fire Department is one of two fire agencies in the County with a response team and is responsible for ensuring that its members are properly trained at the level of technician, specialist, or incident commander and that they are equipped to respond appropriately to any hazardous materials incident.

As the Certified Uniform Program Agency, the Contra Costa County Health Services Department is responsible for ensuring agency response teams are supported by providing funding required to maintain response units. This includes hazardous materials certified personnel and coordinator training, hazardous materials drills, pay differential, annual physicals, supplies, and equipment. The interagency agreement provides that the County will allocate funds from its Hazardous Materials Business Plan inspection fees for the Hazmat Response Unit.

The Richmond Fire Department and Contra Costa County Health Services Department agreement to support the Hazardous Materials Response Program expired on June 30, 2021. The present agreement was not finalized and submitted to Richmond Fire Department for review until February 17, 2022. In the interim, Richmond Fire Department continued to render service from July 1, 2021, to date. Reimbursements cannot be transacted until the agreement is fully executed between Contra Costa County and the City of Richmond.

Staff requests adoption of the resolution to accept and appropriate funding from Contra Costa County Health Services and approval of the one-year interagency agreement to cover the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

## **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

Attachment 1 – Resolution

Attachment 2 – Contra Costa County Interagency Agreement 22-402-17