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Item: 22. ACCEPTED status report on County Fire emergency service calls related to responding in the Santa Clara County unincorporated area and approved related actions, as recommended by the Director of General Services

County Of Santa Cruz

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June 5,2009

Agenda: June 23,2009

Board of Supervisors
701 Ocean Street
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Status Report: Emergency Service Response into Santa Clara County

Dear Members of the Board:

On April 21,2009 your Board directed staff to return today with a status report on the potential development of an automatic aid agreement with Santa Clara County for emergency calls into Santa Clara County's unincorporated area that is not currently covered by any local government fire service agreement.

Santa Cruz County Fire Chief John Ferreira and I met with Santa Clara County Fire Chief Ken Waldvogel in early May. At that meeting, Chief Waldvogel informed us of his agency's intention to annex much of the area in question into Santa Clara County Fire's special district. However, after this annexation, an approximately eight mile long area along the summit between Santa Clara County Fire's southern boundary and the northern boundary of the South Santa Clara County Fire District will still remain uncovered by any local government fire service agreement.

Santa Cruz County Fire and Santa Clara County Fire are currently in the process of modifying operational language in an existing automatic aid agreement between the two agencies. When complete, the agreement will cover all of the abutting areas between Santa Cruz County Fire and Santa Clara County Fire, as well as the proposed annexation. It is anticipated that the agreement modifications will be complete sometime this summer.

Staff will begin investigating agreement options for the eight mile long uncovered summit area once work on the above mentioned automatic aid agreement is completed. In this area of the study, there are not only are response strategies and accessibility issues but also jurisdictional governance questions that complicate finding a successful resolution. Further direction from your Board will be sought as this portion of the project advances.

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It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board accept this status report on the potential development of an automatic aid agreement with Santa Clara County and direct that staff return with a further status report on the progress of the modifications to the existing Automatic Aid Agreement and the development of an agreement with Santa Clara County for the remaining uncovered eight mile area on or before October 20, 2009.

Very truly yours,

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