**GENERAL** SERVICES



### COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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October 20, 1998

Agenda: November 10, 1998

Board of Supervisors County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, California 95060

**Authorization for Transfer of Funds** 

Dear Members of the Board:

On February 24, 1997 the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF)/County Fire assisted the Department of Fish and Game on a cleanup of hazardous chemicals which resulted from a vehicle accident. The vehicle was transporting chemicals on Bear Creek Road in the area of Boulder Creek from an illegal drug lab.

At the request of the County Fire Incident Commander and in accordance with a procedure developed by the Fire Chiefs Association several year before, Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (SVFPD) responded to the incident with their hazardous materials unit. The SVFPD have submitted charges to County Fire in the amount of \$6,882.96, which account for their staff time and site County Fire has pursued collection from the Department of Fish and Game and the State Department of Toxic Waste/ Cost Recovery since the completion of the incident. Recently, the state agencies issued a determination that they will not reimburse local jurisdictions without a specific contract and agreement in The County is currently investigating the availability of federal funding sources that are available for this specific type of incident, and anticipate hearing within the next few months whether federal reinbursement is forthcoming. view of the time expended thus far in awaiting the state's initial determination, staff are recommending that SVFPD be paid immediately for the outstanding claim Funds are available in the County Fire Fund reserves (26105) and are recommended for transfer in order to facilitate this payment.

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In order to avoid future delays in reimbursing the local hazardous materials response teams that are requested for an incident within the County Fire jurisdiction, County Fire staff is developing a Memorandum of Understanding with both SVFPD and the City of Watsonville. The two teams are the only local agencies who have the specialized training and resources readily available for response, and the MDU will clearly identify the reimbursement responsibility and process for future incidents. Additionally, the County Fire budget will include a line item for payment of hazardous materials responses to provide for timely payment in the event the teams' services are utilized.

It is therefore recommended that your Board:

- 1. Authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$6,882.96 from the County Fire Fund Reserves (26105) for payment to the SVFPD for the prior year hazardous materials response; and
- 2. Direct the General Services Department to return to your Board for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Watsonville and the SVFPD for hazardous materials teams response in the County Fire jurisdiction once an agreement is completed.

Very truly yours

Roy K. Holmberg

General Services Director

**RECOMMENDED:** 

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO

County Administrative Officer

attachment: AUD74 Transfer of Funds

cc: Steve Wert, County Fire Chief

Auditor-Controller

Chief Mike McMurry, SVFPD

## **COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

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# SCOTTSVALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 811 J

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## **INVOICE**

INVOICE# 96-00019

DATE:

March 7.1997

TO:

Chief Bill Ruskin

Santa Cruz County Fire Department

PO Drawer F2

Felton, CA 95018

FROM:

Scotts Valley Fire Protection District

7 Erba Lane

Scotts Valley, CA 95066

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Incident Reimbursement for Hazardous Materials Response for:

Bear Creek Incident 97-2912 2/24/97
Bar Creek Incident 97-2976 2/25/97
Bar Creek Incident 97-3036 2/26/97

TOTAL **AMOUNT: \$ 6,882.96** 

**Please** make check payable to:

Scotts Valley Fire Protection District