## City of Calistoga Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Steve Campbell, Fire Chief

**DATE:** June 16, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Agreement between

Napa County and the City of Calistoga to Provide Emergency Medical and Fire Protection Services to Certain Unincorporated

Areas near Calistoga

## APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:

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Richard Spitler, City Manager

<u>ISSUE</u>: Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Agreement between Napa County and the City of Calistoga to Provide Emergency Medical and Fire Protection Services to Certain Unincorporated Areas near Calistoga

**RECOMMENDATION**: Adopt Resolution.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:** For many years Calistoga has provided first response emergency services to the unincorporated areas outside the city limits. The City and Napa County (County) have enjoyed a positive working relationship and have provided very reliable and much needed service for each other over these years.

The County contracts with Cal Fire to provide emergency response services to the County unincorporated area. The County has contracted with the City to provide first response emergency services within a defined unincorporated area, generally to the north, east, south and west of the City.

The current agreement was entered into July 1, 2013 and will expire on June 30, 2015.

Under the current agreement, the City provides emergency response to the contract area, which includes:

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- 1. One staffed Engine with two personnel Monday through Sunday, on a 24-hour basis.
  - 2. Provide additional apparatus and equipment as necessary staffed by off-duty and/or paid-call firefighters on a 24-hour basis, available for response into the contract zone, from Calistoga's Fire Station.
  - 3. Respond to all reported incidents within the contract zone, with appropriate equipment, as available, to mitigate the emergencies.
  - 4. Respond to mutual aid requests with appropriate equipment, as available.

The County provides Calistoga with emergency response/station coverage as follows:

- 1. Provide one Type I engine staffed with two personnel, 24/7 at the Cal Fire Station located on Hwy. 29 at Big Tree Road and respond to the following types of incidents within the city limits of Calistoga:
  - Reported structure fires.

- Reported vegetation fires.
- 2. Provide station coverage as requested.
- 3. Provide Chief Officer Coverage when requested.
- 4. Respond to all reported incidents within the City limits, with minimum of one apparatus staffed with two personnel, if available
- 5. Respond to mutual aid request with appropriate equipment, as available.

The agreement has provided more efficient fire and emergency services to the unincorporated Calistoga area at an overall reduced cost to the public.

The County has expressed interest in having Calistoga continue providing fire and emergency services to the contract zone area through June 30, 2016, with a term agreement that would automatically renew for an additional year at the end of each fiscal year, under the terms and conditions then in effect, unless either party gives the other party written notice of intention not to renew no less than (90) days prior to expiration of then current term. If the contract is automatically renewed there is a 3% annual increase to the cost per call amount.

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The proposed agreement does have some changes to dispatch, fleet maintenance and the cost per call rate:

1. Calistoga would contract for dispatch services directly with Cal-Fire on an annual basis. Calistoga would pay for one-half the cost of these dispatch services (\$30,000) and the County would pay for the other half of the cost.

2. The County will cover 1/3 the cost of fleet maintenance. This cost is included in the cost per call rate.

3. Cost per call rate would increase from \$826.00 to \$1188.00 per call.

The City has two options to consider:

1. Fulfill our current agreement and do not enter into a new agreement. (Service would cease June 30, 2015).

2. Approve the newly agreement with Napa County Agreement that would expire on June 30, 2016, unless it is extended.

Staff recommends the City Council direct the City Manager to execute the proposed agreement with the County.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT</u>: The County shall compensate Calistoga for a <u>minimum</u> of 150 incidents per year and a <u>maximum</u> of 350. Each call shall be compensated at the rate of \$1188.00, for a minimum total of \$178,200 and a maximum total of \$415,800.

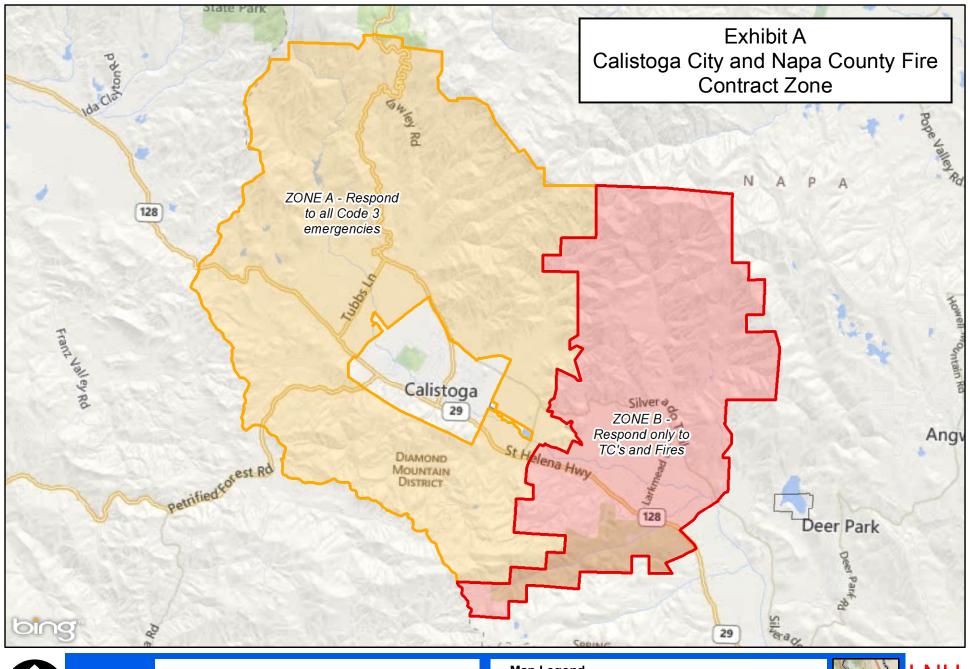
The \$178,200.00 is a decrease of \$7,000 below the past agreement and if we reached the 350 maximum it would be a net increase of \$91,700.

By the end of the present fiscal year it is estimated that there will have been 279 calls or \$230,454 in revenue. If this call volume were to continue into next fiscal year, the revenue would be \$331,452.

## ATTACHMENT:

- 1. Zone Map
- Resolution
- 3. Proposed Agreement for Fire and Emergency Services with Napa County

## **ATTACHMENT 1**





Map Created By: Tom Knecht, BC 5/20/2015 , NAD 1983. Map not to scale.

Map Legend

ZONE A - Respond to all Code 3 emergencies

ZONE B - Respond only to Traffic Collisions and Fires



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Kathy Flamson, City Clerk