



**NOTICE AND CALL OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY'S  
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A Special Meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority's  
Budget and Finance Committee  
has been scheduled for  
May 18, 2022 at 3 p.m.

The meeting will be held at:  
OCFA Fire Station 41  
Fullerton Airport  
3900 Artesia Avenue  
Fullerton 90621

The business to be transacted at the meeting is indicated on the attached Agenda.

Opportunity will be provided for members of the public to address the  
Orange County Fire Authority Committee Members  
regarding any item of business as described on the Agenda.

Tri Ta, /ss/  
Chair



# ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY AGENDA

**Special Budget and Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2022**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**OCFA Fire Station 41**  
**Fullerton Airport**  
**3900 Artesia Avenue**  
**Fullerton, 90621**

### **Committee Members**

Tri Ta, Chair • John O'Neill, Vice-Chair  
Troy Bourne • Shelley Hasselbrink • Gene Hernandez  
Austin Lumbar • Anthony Kuo • Vince Rossini • Ed Sachs  
Jennifer Cervantez, Ex Officio

### **NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** **DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

This meeting is open to the public. The meeting will not be broadcasted or available for virtual comments, as committee members will all be attending in person. The public may only comment in person or submit an e-comment and on items on the agenda. Your comments will be forwarded electronically and immediately to the members of the Committee. Comments related to a particular agenda item will only be considered prior to the close of public comments on that item.

**E-Comments:** Submit an e-comment to [coa@ocfa.org](mailto:coa@ocfa.org). E-comments will be provided to the committee members upon receipt and will be part of the meeting record as long as they are received during or before the committee takes action on an item. Emails related to an item that are received after the item has been acted upon by the committee will not be considered.

This Agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action or discussion shall be taken on any item not appearing on the following Agenda. Unless legally privileged, all supporting documents, including staff reports, and any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Committee members after the posting of this agenda are available for review at the Orange County Fire Authority Regional Fire Operations & Training Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA 92602 or you may contact the Clerk of the Authority at (714) 573-6040 Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and available online at <http://www.ocfa.org>

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Ta

**ROLL CALL** - Clerk of the Authority



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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Please refer to instructions on how to submit a public comment during COVID-19 Emergency on Page 1 of this Agenda.**

**1. WORK STUDY SESSION**

**A. OCFA Aircraft Replacement Review Process - Asset Orientation - Air Operations Station 41**

Submitted by: Brian Fennessy, Fire Chief, Kenny Dossey, Deputy Chief/Operations Bureau and Tim Perkins, Division Chief/Special Operations

Recommended Action:

Receive and file an overview of assets used in the provision of Air Operations Services.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – The next regular meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 12:00 noon.

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury and as required by the State of California, Government Code §54956, that the foregoing Agenda was posted in the lobby and front gate public display case of the Orange County Fire Authority, Regional Fire Operations and Training Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA, not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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Maria D. Huizar, CMC  
Clerk of the Authority

**FUTURE B&FC AGENDA ITEMS – THREE-MONTH OUTLOOK:**

- Monthly Investment Report
- ABH Reimbursement Rates
- Year End Budget Adjustments
- QRF program

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Executive Committee	Thursday, May 26, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Board of Directors	Thursday, May 26, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Concurrent Joint Special Meeting of the Board of Directors and all Committees	Thursday, May 26, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Budget and Finance Committee	Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 12 noon



Orange County Fire Authority  
**AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

Special Budget and Finance Committee Meeting  
May 18, 2022

Agenda Item No. 1A  
Work Study Session

**OCFA Aircraft Replacement Review Process -  
Asset Orientation - Air Operations Station 41**

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**Contact(s) for Further Information**

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**Summary**

This agenda item is provided to commence the Budget & Finance Committee OCFA Aircraft Replacement Review Process with an asset orientation and tour of Air Operations Station 41. At this meeting, staff will provide an overview and education of the assets used in the provision of Air Operations Services.

**Prior Board/Committee Action(s)**

At the July 22, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors, a presentation was provided by Division Chief/Special Operations, Vince Carpino, as an update on OCFA Air Operations. The Board was informed that staff would return at a later date to initiate more dialogue and to begin to explore next steps related to the replacement of OCFA's Air Assets.

At the November 10, 2021 meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, discussion was initiated regarding the OCFA Aviation Unit Fleet Plan Analysis and proposed review process. However, quorum was lost prior to completing any action.

At the January 12, 2022 meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, dialogue continued, and direction was provided to staff to finalize the proposed review structure, and to return to the Committee for an additional and final review prior to submittal to the Board of Directors for input and approval.

On March 9, 2022, the Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the proposed OCFA Aircraft Replacement Review Process item and directed staff to place on the Board of Directors agenda for approval.

On March 24, 2022, the Board of Directors reviewed and approved the proposed OCFA Aircraft Replacement Review Process.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)**

Receive and file an overview of assets used in the provision of Air Operations Services.

## Impact to Cities/County

Not Applicable.

## Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact will be developed as part of the upcoming OCFA Aircraft Replacement Review Process.

## Background

At their respective March 2022 Budget & Finance Committee (B&FC) and Board of Directors Meetings, the B&FC and the Board reviewed and approved the OCFA's Aircraft Replacement Review Process and work plan. The review process and work plan incorporate prior input provided by the B&FC, and developed to educate and inform our policy-makers on needs, options, costs, financing solutions, and ultimately to prepare recommendations for consideration by the Board of Directors pertaining to disposition of obsolete aircraft and acquisition of replacement aircraft.

The B&FC will conduct the Aircraft Replacement Review Process, with delivery of its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors upon completion. In delegating this responsibility to the B&FC, the Board will rely upon the B&FC to conduct a thorough review of the services provided by OCFA's Air Operations in order to gain an understanding of needs for aircraft replacement, disposition of obsolete aircraft, as well as the costs for replacement, affordability, and options for financing these important assets.

The review process and work plan organizes the review into feasible phases and sequenced in a manner to facilitate a thorough education. The review process and work plan includes:

1. Asset Orientation - OCFA Air Operations Station 41
2. Review of Air Operations Services Provided
3. Aircraft Replacement Needs & Disposition of Obsolete Aircraft
4. Aircraft Options & Associated Costs
5. Affordability Analysis with Potential Financing Solutions
6. Development of Recommendations

The B&FC will be provided ample time for completion of this important review and staff anticipates that the work plan will require approximately six months or longer to complete.

### **Current Month's Topic: Asset Orientation - OCFA Air Operations Station 41**

This meeting is scheduled as a special meeting, held at Fire Station 41 where OCFA's Air Operations unit is located at the Fullerton airport. Staff will provide an overview and education of the assets used in the provision of Air Operations services. This on-site asset orientation meeting will only be feasible through in-person attendance by Committee members, and remote participation will not be available. Staff has worked with Committee members to schedule this special meeting so that it aligns with the greatest majority of Committee member calendars.

### **Next Month's Topic: Review of Air Operations Services Provided**

At the June 8, 2022 meeting, details of services provided will be reviewed, including call volume statistics, types of calls, etc. Those information needs that the B&FC previously requested staff to include in the formal vetting process will be fulfilled during these discussions. The information requests that the B&FC requested include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Breakdown of helicopter call types by month within OCFA service area

- Assessment of necessity and improved outcomes from having a helicopter
- Assess OCFA & OCSD helicopter programs overlap and operational relationship
- How many aircraft we require and to do what function?
- How does the growth of county population factor into the needs of the agency?
- Was Air Operations unable to perform any missions due to insufficient capacity?

**Attachment(s)**

N/A