

# MINUTES

## ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Budget and Finance Committee Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 8, 2022**  
**12:00 Noon**

**Regional Fire Operations and Training Center**  
**Board Room**  
1 Fire Authority Road  
Irvine, CA 92602

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Budget and Finance Committee was called to order on June 8, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Ta.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Lombard led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Tri Ta, Westminster, Chair\*  
John O'Neill, Garden Grove, Vice Chair\*  
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos\*  
Austin Lombard, Tustin\*  
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo\*  
Vince Rossini, Villa Park\*

**Absent:** Mark Tettermer, Lake Forest  
Tory Bourne, San Juan Capistrano  
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda  
Ex-Officio Member Jennifer Cervantez

### Staff present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy	Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez	Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Assistant Chief Lori Smith	Assistant Chief TJ McGovern
General Counsel David Kendig	Assistant Chief Randy Black
Director of Communications Matt Olson	Division Chief Tim Perkins
Clerk of the Authority Maria Huizar	

*\* Budget and Finance Committee Members participating via Teleconferencing*

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Ta opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting, and without any comment from the general public, closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

### **1. PRESENTATION**

No items.

### **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Director Hasselbrink and second by Director Sachs, and following a roll call vote, approved 5-0 Agenda Items No. 2A-2C, and 2E (Directors Hernandez, Bourne, Tettermer, and O'Neill absent). Agenda Item 2D was pulled for separate consideration.

#### **A. Minutes for the Budget and Finance Committee Meetings (FILE 12.02B2)**

Action:

1. Approve the Minutes for the April 28, 2022, Concurrent Joint Special Meeting as submitted.
2. Approve the Minutes for the May 11, 2022, Regular Meeting as submitted.
3. Approve the Minutes for the May 18, 2022, Special Meeting as submitted.

#### **B. Monthly Investment Reports (FILE 11.10D2)**

Action: Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of June 23, 2022, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the reports.

#### **C. Updated Cost Reimbursement Rates (FILE 15.12)**

Action: Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of June 23, 2022, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve and adopt the proposed Cost Reimbursement Rate schedules to be effective July 1, 2022.

#### **D. FY 2021/22 Year End Budget Adjustment (FILE 15.12)**

This item was pulled by Director Rossini for clarification.

Director O'Neill arrived at this point (12:08 p.m.).

On motion of Director Rossini and second by Director O'Neill, and following a roll call vote, approved 6-0 (Directors Bourne, Hernandez, and Tettermer absent) to review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of

Directors meeting of June 23, 2022, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve and authorize FY 2021/22 budget adjustments as detailed in this report.

Note: The ABH adjustment detail on the staff report was corrected to reflect \$4,542,894 instead of \$4,415,524. However, the Board approved total general fund adjustment remained unchanged.

**E. CAL FIRE Grant to OCFA for Vegetation Management (FILE 16.0212)**

Action: Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting on June 23, 2022, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve a budget adjustment to the FY 2022/23 General Fund (121) budget to increase revenues and expenditures by \$1,225,000 for the OCFA Vegetation Management grant.

**3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**A. Fire Integrated Real-time Intelligence System (FIRIS) 3.0 Program Extension (FILE 18.09D)**

Fire Chief Fennessy presented the Fire Integrated Real-time Intelligence System (FIRIS) 3.0 Program Extension.

On motion of Director O'Neill and second by Director Sachs, and following a roll call vote, approved 6-0 (Directors Bourne, Hernandez, and Tettermer absent) to review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of June 23, 2022, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors:

1. Approve and authorize a budget adjustment to increase revenue and appropriations in the FY 2022-23 General Fund (121) budget by an additional \$9,789,565 for the extension of the FIRIS 3.0 Program up to an additional six months from July 1 through December 31, 2022.
2. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to either amend or enter into new FIRIS-related vendor contracts by the individual amounts needed in support of the FIRIS 3.0 Program extension, so long as the aggregate value of the increase does not exceed the revised program budget (see table).
3. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to issue an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with AEVEX to modify the scope of services to allow for the installation and utilization of additional sensor technology, as requested by Cal OES.

## **B. 2022 Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Program (FILE 18.09D)**

Fire Chief Fennessy presented the 2022 Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Program.

On motion of Director Hasselbrink and second by Director Sachs, and following a roll call vote, approved 6-0 (Directors Bourne, Hernandez, and Tetteimer absent) to review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of June 23, 2022, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors:

1. Approve the Funding Agreement with Southern California Edison in a form substantially consistent with the attachment and approved by legal counsel to accept funding in the amount of \$9,018,100 to fund the fixed-cost portion of the 165-day 2022 Quick Reaction Force Program.
2. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to execute the Public Aircraft Lease and Service Agreement with Coulson Aviation (USA), Inc. in a form substantially consistent with the attachment and approved by legal counsel utilizing the sole source procurement provision in the Purchasing Ordinance for the provision of aircraft and other operational related services in an amount not to exceed \$7,893,260 for the 2022 QRF Program term with the option to renew the agreement for two additional program terms, at the sole discretion of OCFA and contingent upon the identification of additional SCE funding.
3. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Perimeter Solutions in a form substantially consistent with the attachment and approved by legal counsel utilizing the sole source procurement provision in the Purchasing Ordinance for the provision of a mobile fire-retardant plant and related services in an amount not to exceed \$1,655,000 for the 2022 QRF Program term.
4. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to enter into new Professional Services Agreements with the Air Tactical Group Supervisors (ATGS') in a form substantially consistent with the attachment and approved by legal counsel at an amount not to exceed \$250,000 each for the 2022 QRF Program term, with an aggregate program spending cap not to exceed \$660,000.
5. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to enter into a new Professional Services Agreement for Program Manager Services with Scott Jones, in a form substantially consistent with the attachment and approved by legal counsel with an aggregate program spending cap not to exceed \$250,000 for the 2022 QRF Program term.
6. Approve and authorize a FY 2022/23 General Fund (121) budget adjustment to recognize funding from SCE for a revenue increase of \$9,018,100 and to increase appropriations by the same amount.
7. Approve the updated Cost Reimbursement Rate schedule to include the CH-47 Very Large Helitanker, S-61 Helitanker, and S-76 Helitanker daily stand-by and hourly flight rates, and mobile fire retardant plant daily stand-by and hourly rates, and hourly rates for Program Manager and Air Tactical Group Supervisors to be effective June 24, 2022.
8. Adopt an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

9. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training base in a form substantially consistent with the attachment and approved by legal counsel for a program spending cap not to exceed \$150,000 for the 2022 QRF Program term.

**C. Award of RFP# SK2489b Design-Build Services for OCFA Mission Viejo Fire Station #24 and Approval of Corresponding Budget Adjustments (FILE 19.07C24)**

Assistant Chief Jim Ruane presented the Award of RFP#SK2489b Design Build Services for OCFA Mission Viejo Fire Station #24 and Approval of Corresponding Budget Adjustments.

On motion of Director Sachs, and second by Director O'Neill, and following a roll call vote, approved 6-0 (Directors Bourne, Hernandez, and Tettermer absent) to review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place this item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting on June 23, 2022, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors:

1. Direct staff to increase the FY 2021/22 Fire Stations and Facilities CIP in the amount of \$3,000,000 for one-time additional funding for Fire Station #24 to add station capacity for both an Engine and Truck company.
2. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to execute the proposed Design-Build Services Agreement for OCFA Mission Viejo Station #24 with EC Constructors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$14,996,489.

**D. OCFA Aircraft Replacement Review Process of Air Ops Services Provided (FILE 18.9)**

Fire Chief Fennessy presented the OCFA Aircraft Replacement Review Process of Air Ops Services Provided.

On motion of Director Rossini, and second by Director O'Neill, and following a roll call vote, approved 6-0 (Directors Bourne, Hernandez, and Tettermer absent) to:

1. Receive and file the second phase of the six-phased work plan for the OCFA Aircraft Replacement Review process.
2. Approve Option B, shorten the Board approved work plan by combining some of the review phases.

**CLOSED SESSION** - General Counsel David Kendig reported there was no necessity for Closed Session at this point.

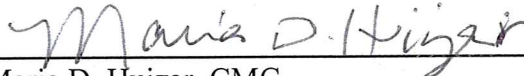
**CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Cal. Government Code 54956.9(d)(2): 1 matter (Quick Reaction Force operations and contracts).

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director Sachs congratulated Director Ta on his Primary Election win.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Ta adjourned the meeting at 12:32 pm. The next regular meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 12:00 noon.

  
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Maria D. Huizar, CMC  
Clerk of the Authority