

## STAFF REPORT

<b>BOARD MEETING DATE:</b>	October 3, 2023
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**CATEGORY:** Consent Calendar 5

**SUBJECT:** Designate authority to sign a revenue agreement with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for emergency use of the facilities at Fall River Mills Airport.

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:** District 3

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Troy Bartolomei, Interim Director of Public Works, (530) 225-5661

**STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:** Troy Bartolomei, Interim Director of Public Works

<b><u>Vote Required?</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund Impact?</u></b>
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Simple Majority Vote

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No General Fund Impact

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the County Executive Officer to sign a revenue agreement with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) in the amount of \$750 per day, when activated, to allow for emergency use of the facilities at Fall River Mills Airport (Airport) for the period October 3, 2023, through December 31, 2026.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Intermountain area is prone to wildfires. The Airport may provide a convenient base for aerial operations by CAL FIRE and other responders. An agreement with CAL FIRE is proposed to manage risk and recover costs.

Similar agreements have been executed in the past to facilitate operations. Over the past 10 years the County has received approximately \$8,400 from these agreements. Usage of the facilities is sporadic and only occurring when there is a local fire requiring air support.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Board may seek alternate terms or decline to enter into an agreement at this time. At this time Staff are not aware of other equivalent locations that could facilitate aerial operations. Pre-existing agreements can be useful during emergencies. These agreements provide a source of revenue for the Airport and assist CAL FIRE in fighting fires in the Intermountain area.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form. Risk Management has approved the agreement. The recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient appropriations to operate the Airport are included in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2023-24 Fall River Mills Airport Budget. The Airport is financially self-sufficient with limited resources.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1: CAL FIRE Use Agreement