



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

AGENDA

Pursuant to the Brown Act, this meeting also constitutes a meeting of the Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 24, 2014

5:30 P.M.

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center

Board Room

1 Fire Authority Road

Irvine, CA 92602

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CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION by OCFA Chaplain Jeff Hetchel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Director Spitzer

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATIONS

No items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resolution No. 97-024 established rules of decorum for public meetings held by the Orange County Fire Authority. Resolution No. 97-024 is available from the Clerk of the Authority.

Any member of the public may address the Committee on items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction but which are not listed on this agenda during PUBLIC COMMENTS. However, no action may be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. We request comments made on the agenda be made at the time the item is considered and that comments be limited to three minutes per person. Please address your comments to the Committee as a whole, and do not engage in dialogue with individual Committee Members, Authority staff, or members of the audience.

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REPORT FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR**MINUTES**

1. **Minutes from the March 27, 2014, Regular Executive Committee Meeting (A), and Minutes from the April 14, 2014, Special Executive Committee Meeting (B)**
Submitted by: Sherry Wentz, Clerk of the Authority

Recommended Action:

Approve as submitted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters on the consent calendar are considered routine and are to be approved with one motion unless a Committee Member or a member of the public requests separate action on a specific item.

2. **Monthly Investment Reports**
Submitted by: Patricia Jakubiak, Treasurer

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the reports.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

3. **April Legislative Reports**
Submitted by: Brian Stephens, Assistant Chief/Support Services Department

Recommended Action:

Approve recommended legislative positions.

4. Public Relations Consulting Services – Clarification of Scope of Work

Submitted by: Keith Richter, Fire Chief

Recommended Action:

Discuss and confirm the scope of work previously approved in the Professional Services Agreement for Public Relations Consulting Services with Communications LAB.

REPORTS

No items.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

CLOSED SESSION

CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL–ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – Significant Exposure to Litigation (1 case)

CS2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Position: Fire Chief

Authority: Government Code Section 54957

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURNMENT – The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, 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 72 hours prior to the meeting. Dated this 17th day of April 2014.

Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Executive Committee Meeting	Thursday, May 8, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 12 noon
Claims Settlement Committee Meeting	Thursday, May 22, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
Executive Committee Meeting	Thursday, May 22, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	Thursday, May 22, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Executive Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 27, 2014
5:30 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Executive Committee was called to order on March 27, 2014, at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Steven Weinberg.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Duncan McColl offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Randal Bressette, Laguna Hills
Noel Hatch, Alternate, Laguna Woods
Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo
Jeffrey Lalloway, Irvine
Al Murray, Tustin
David Shawver, Stanton
Todd Spitzer, County of Orange
Beth Swift, Buena Park
Steven Weinberg, Dana Point

Absent: Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda

Also present were:

Fire Chief Keith Richter	General Counsel David Kendig
Deputy Chief Craig Kinoshita	Assistant Chief Brian Stephens
Assistant Chief Dave Thomas	Assistant Chief Lori Zeller
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz	Assistant Clerk Lydia Slivkoff

PRESENTATIONS (X: 11.09)

1. Presentation of the California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO) Presidential Award to OCFA Purchasing Staff (F:17.10I)

On motion of Director Bressette and second by Director Spitzer, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the presentation of the California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO) Presidential Award to OCFA Purchasing staff. Vice Chair Murray was absent.

Chair Weinberg introduced Paul Herman, 2013 CAPPO President and Purchasing Manager for the City of Burbank, who presented a CAPPO Presidential Award of Merit to Purchasing & Materials Manager Debbie Casper for her outstanding achievement and dedicated commitment to the CAPPO organization, and serving as a member of its Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 12.02A3)

Chair Weinberg opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting. Chair Weinberg closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting without any comments.

REPORT FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Beth Swift reported at the February 5, 2014, meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Committee discussed and unanimously recommended approval of the Monthly Investment Report and the proposed contract award for Bond, Tax and Disclosure Counsel. She reported the Committee held a lengthy discussion on OCERS' Direct Lending Policy and recommended that the Fire Chief send a letter to OCERS outlining its concerns surrounding the Policy. However, she noted in making this recommendation, the Committee voted to forward the matter to both the Executive Committee and Board for concurrence, prior to the Chief sending the letter, and indicated a yellow draft of the letter was available at the dais for review. Budget and Finance Committee Chair Beth Swift reported the Committee also recommended approval of both the Implementation of Audit Recommendations for Purchasing, and the FY 2013/14 Mid-year Budget Adjustments; however, in making this recommendation, they directed staff to submit the items to both the Executive Committee and Board of Directors concurrently for review and approval. She also reported at the February 5, 2014, Budget and Finance Committee meeting, the Committee held a lengthy discussion regarding the Award of TPA Contract for Workers' Compensation and unanimously recommended that the Executive Committee approve the contract with CorVel, as the number one ranked firm in the RFP process. Budget and Finance Committee Chair Beth Swift also reported the Committee provided direction to staff for approval of a contract with a firm for administration of the Traveler's Claims.

MINUTES

2. Minutes from the February 27, 2014, Regular Executive Committee Meeting (F: 12.02A2)

On motion of Director Bressette and second by Director Swift, the Executive Committee voted to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2014, Executive Committee Regular Meeting, as submitted. Director Lalloway noted an abstention and Vice Chair Murray was absent.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items Nos. 4 and 7 were pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

3. Monthly Investment Reports (F: 11.10D2)

On motion of Director Bressette and second by Director Kelley, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to receive and file the reports. Vice Chair Murray was absent.

4. Request for Proposal No. MD1902 - Bond, Tax and Disclosure Counsel (F: 15.10E)

Director Lalloway pulled this agenda item for clarification on the approval of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes.

Assistant Chief Zeller provided clarification and indicated the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes would be submitted to the full Board of Directors for its consideration at a future meeting.

On motion of Director Lalloway and second by Director Kelley, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Fire Chief to sign the Professional Services Agreement for bond, tax and disclosure counsel with Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP for an initial term of one (1) year for a not-to-exceed amount of \$42,950 plus costs for publications necessary for public sale of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) and any reports necessary for the Official Statement (e.g., Overlapping Debt Report) with the option of two (2) additional one-year extensions subject to increases based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) with a not-to-exceed amount of 3% per year. Vice Chair Murray was absent.

5. Request for Proposal No. MD1913 – HVAC Maintenance & Repair Services (F: 19.07)

On motion of Director Bressette and second by Director Kelley, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to issue a one (1) year Blanket Order (BO) contract to Harbor Pointe for a not-to-exceed amount of \$240,000 with the option of four (4) one year extensions based on the pricing adjustments provided in the Best and Final Offer. This amount includes \$65,000 for preventive maintenance services and \$175,000 for repairs and replacement parts. Vice Chair Murray was absent.

6. Management Physicals (F: 17.02) (F: 17.04A)

On motion of Director Bressette and second by Director Kelley, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to receive and file the report. Vice Chair Murray was absent.

7. Blanket Order Contract Increases and Extension (F: 17.10E1) (X: 15.09F)

Director Spitzer requested the Committee bifurcate the action, as he had a conflict of interest with Ware Disposal. He also requested that legal counsel consult with OCFA's Purchasing Section to ensure vendors disclose potential conflicts of interests with members of the Board.

On motion of Director Swift and second by Director Bressette, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to increase the following annual blanket orders for plan review consultants:

Vendors & Blanket Orders	Contract End Dates for Annual Renewal Options	Original Annual BO Amount	Proposed Annual Increase	New Annual Total
CSG Consultants BO1451	Year 1 2/28/14 Year 2 2/28/15 Year 3 2/28/16	\$11,000	\$25,000	\$ 36,000
Bureau Veritas North America BO1449	Same as Above	\$11,000	\$15,000	\$ 26,000
Hayer Consultants, Inc. BO1450	Same as Above	\$11,000	\$57,000	\$ 68,000

Vice Chair Murray was absent.

On motion of Director Kelley and second by Director Bressette, the Executive Committee voted to approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to increase Ware Disposal's blanket order (BO1484) by \$8,000, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$23,000. Director Spitzer recused himself and Vice Chair Murray was absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Vice Chair Murray arrived at this point (6:07 p.m.).

8. Orange County Employees' Retirement System – Direct Lending (F: 17.06D)

Treasurer Tricia Jakubiak provided a presentation on the Orange County Employees' Retirement System–Direct Lending.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding concerns with OCERS investments.

On motion of Director Swift and second by Director Bressette, the Executive Committee voted to recommend that the Board of Directors support the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation to send a letter to OCERS expressing concern with the Direct Lending Program. Director Lalloway voted in opposition.

9. FY 2013/14 Mid-year Budget Adjustments (F: 15.04)

Assistant Chief Zeller provided an overview of the FY 2013/14 Mid-year Budget Adjustments.

On motion of Director Spitzer and second by Director Lalloway, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the FY 2013/14 Mid-year Budget adjustments.

10. Implementation of Audit Recommendations – Purchasing (F: 15.02A1) (X:11.03A)

Assistant Chief Zeller introduced Purchasing & Materials Manager Debbie Casper who provided an overview of the Implementation of Audit Recommendations – Purchasing.

Director Spitzer provided handouts regarding contract approvals from other like agencies, and requested all non-emergency sole source contracts exceeding \$25,000 be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

Board discussion ensued concerning contract approval thresholds.

On motion of Director Spitzer and second by Vice Chair Murray, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the revised Roles/Responsibilities/Authorities matrix effective July 1, 2014, along with the following amendments:

1. The Executive Committee shall approve all non-emergency Sole Source contracts over \$25,000.
2. Service contracts approved by Authority management shall be limited to \$100,000 for the life of the contract, instead of an annual aggregate.

11. Award of Third Party Workers' Compensation Administration & Managed Care Services Contracts (Request for Proposal No. DC1857 and Request for Proposal No. DC1898) (F: 18.10A2)

Assistant Chief Zeller provided an overview on the Award of Third Party Workers' Compensation Administration & Managed Care Services Contracts.

On motion of Director Spitzer and second by Director Kelley, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to:

1. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to sign the proposed Professional Services Agreement for TPA and MC Services with CorVel Corporation, effective June 1, 2014, for the initial term of five years and three additional one-year contract extensions.
 - a. The TPA pricing will be a fixed cost with annual adjustments for eight years as outlined in the updated pricing index (pricing reflects reduction of costs to exclude handling the 32 open indemnity claims).

- b. The MC Services will be based on the agreed cost listed in the pricing index; the overall cost of these services is based on actual claims activity and bill volume (bill review, utilization review and nurse case management) for each category of service.
 - c. Allocated Expenses (attorney fees, copy service fees, interpreter fees) are not included in the claims administration fees and will be charged per the contracted rates.
2. Direct staff to return to the Budget and Finance Committee and the Executive Committee after one year of service to provide a status report and after two years of service (i.e., July 2016), to evaluate performance and the resulting contract costs under the new contract with CorVel Corporation.
 3. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to sign the proposed Professional Services Agreement for administration of the Traveler's Insurance Claims with CCMSI, effective June 1, 2014 (This recommendation is submitted for Executive Committee approval as directed by the Budget and Finance Committee).

12. Award of Contract – Public Relations Firm (RFP No. DC1921) (F: 17.10C1)

Fire Chief Richter provided an overview of the Award of Contract – Public Relations Firm.

On motion of Director Bressette and second by Vice Chair Murray, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to: 1.) Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to sign the Professional Services Agreement for Public Relations Consulting Services with Communications LAB for an initial term of one year for a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000, to be billed as specified per the Pricing Schedule referenced in the attached Agreement. 2.) Approve and authorize the contract to be renewed, with the concurrence of the firm, for up to two additional one-year periods not-to-exceed a total contract term of three years.

REPORTS

No items.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 12.02A4)

Director Bressette noted his opposition to providing the Executive Committee and Board of Directors the same agenda items on both agendas.

Director Swift reported she attended the Active Shooter Drill exercise at Buena Park High School, and indicated the Buena Park Police Department and OCFA did a job well done.

Vice Chair Murray thanked Fire Chief Richter, Directors Spitzer and McCloskey, Division Chief Conception, Fire Station 37 staff, and the City of Tustin for coordinating the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Fire Station 37 (Tustin). He indicated it was a great event.

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CLOSED SESSION (F: 12.02A5)

No items.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Weinberg adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.

Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Executive Committee Special Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2014
1:00 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Executive Committee was called to order on April 14, 2014, at 1:03 p.m. by Chair Steven Weinberg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Randal Bressette, Laguna Hills
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Jeffrey Lalloway, Irvine
David Shawver, Stanton
Todd Spitzer, County of Orange
Beth Swift, Buena Park
Steven Weinberg, Dana Point

Absent: Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo
Al Murray, Tustin

Also present were:

Fire Chief Keith Richter	General Counsel David Kendig
Deputy Chief Craig Kinoshita	Assistant Chief Brian Stephens
Assistant Chief Dave Thomas	Assistant Chief Lori Zeller
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz	Assistant Clerk Lydia Slivkoff

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 12.02A3)

Chair Weinberg opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting. Chair Weinberg closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting without any comments.

CLOSED SESSION (F: 12.02A5)

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Executive Committee would be convening to Closed Session to consider the matter on the Agenda identified as CS1, Public Employee Performance Evaluation.

Chair Weinberg recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 1:05 p.m.

CS1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Position: Fire Chief

Authority: Government Code Section 54957

Chair Weinberg reconvened the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig indicated the Executive Committee had taken no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Weinberg adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.

Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

CONSENT CALENDAR - AGENDA ITEM NO. 2
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 24, 2014

TO: Executive Committee, Orange County Fire Authority

FROM: Patricia Jakubiak, Treasurer

SUBJECT: **Monthly Investment Reports**

Summary:

This agenda item is submitted to the Committee in compliance with the investment policy of the Orange County Fire Authority and with Government Code Section 53646.

Committee Action:

At its April 9, 2014, meeting, the Budget and Finance Committee reviewed and unanimously recommended approval of this item.

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the reports.

Background:

Attached is the final monthly investment report for the month ended February 28, 2014. A preliminary investment report as of March 21, 2014, is also provided as the most complete report that was available at the time this agenda item was prepared.

Impact to Cities/County:

Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact:

Not Applicable.

Staff Contact for Further Information:

Patricia Jakubiak, Treasurer

Triciajakubiak@ocfa.org

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Attachment:

Final Investment Report – February 2014 / Preliminary Report – March 2014

Orange County Fire Authority Monthly Investment Report



Final Report – February 2014

Preliminary Report – March 2014



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Orange County Fire Authority

Final Investment Report

February 28, 2014



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Portfolio Activity & Earnings

During the month of February 2014, the size of the portfolio decreased from \$135.5 million to \$121.2 million. Significant receipts for the month included apportionments of property taxes and various contract and grant payments totaling \$5.3 million. Significant disbursements for the month included primarily biweekly payrolls. The portfolio's balance is expected to stay about the same in the following month.

In February, the portfolio's yield to maturity (365-day equivalent) increased by 2 basis points to 0.31% while the effective rate of return increased by 5 basis points to 0.32% for the month and stayed unchanged at 0.32% for the fiscal year to date. The average maturity of the portfolio lengthened slightly by 9 days to 232 days to maturity.

Economic News

In February 2014, the U.S. economic activity appeared to improve slightly, although continued to be mixed overall. Employment activity picked up in February. There were a total of 175,000 new jobs created for the month, a stronger number than what had been forecasted. Unemployment conditions, on the other hand, remained elevated and edged up a notch to 6.7%. Manufacturing activity increased better than expected while the non-manufacturing sector declined, but its pace remained in expansion territory. Both retail sales and industrial production reversed and rose better than expected in February while consumer confidence stayed mixed. Housing activity continued to stay slow, but durable goods orders exceeded expectations for the month. Inflation remained tamed. The NFIB (National Federation of Independent Business) small business optimism index declined while the LEI (Leading Economic Index) rose. On March 19, 2014, at the second scheduled meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee for the calendar year 2014, the Committee voted to keep the federal funds rate unchanged at a target range of 0 – 0.25%. The Committee also decided to continue its gradual "tapering" pattern of its asset purchase program to \$55 billion per month from \$65 billion starting in April 2014.



BENCHMARK COMPARISON AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2014

<i>3 Month T-Bill:</i> 0.05%	<i>1 Year T-Bill:</i> 0.12%
<i>6 Month T-Bill:</i> 0.08%	<i>LAIF:</i> 0.24%
<i>OCFA Portfolio:</i> 0.32%	

PORTFOLIO SIZE, YIELD, & DURATION

	<u><i>Current Month</i></u>	<u><i>Prior Month</i></u>	<u><i>Prior Year</i></u>
<i>Book Value-</i>	\$121,167,391	\$135,503,250	\$115,577,530
<i>Yield to Maturity (365 day)</i>	0.31%	0.29%	0.28%
<i>Effective Rate of Return</i>	0.32%	0.27%	0.31%
<i>Days to Maturity</i>	232	223	146



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Portfolio Management
Portfolio Summary
February 28, 2014

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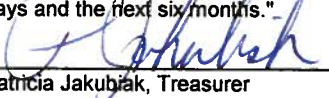
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Investments	Par Value	Market Value	Book Value	% of Portfolio	Term	Days to Maturity	YTM/C 360 Equiv.	YTM/C 365 Equiv.
Money Mkt Mutual Funds/Cash	10,124,364.05	10,124,364.05	10,124,364.05	8.22	1	1	0.001	0.001
Federal Agency Coupon Securities	45,000,000.00	44,863,020.00	45,004,736.23	36.55	1,292	619	0.586	0.594
Federal Agency Disc. -Amortizing	27,000,000.00	26,999,730.00	26,998,547.50	21.93	99	27	0.071	0.072
Local Agency Investment Funds	41,000,000.00	41,011,792.42	41,000,000.00	33.30	1	1	0.233	0.236
Investments	123,124,364.05	122,998,906.47	123,127,647.78	100.00%	494	232	0.307	0.312
Cash								
Passbook/Checking (not included in yield calculations)	-1,479,557.10	-1,479,557.10	-1,479,557.10		0	0	0.000	0.000
Total Cash and Investments	121,644,806.95	121,519,349.37	121,648,090.68		494	232	0.307	0.312

Total Earnings	February 28 Month Ending	Fiscal Year To Date
Current Year	32,502.74	284,936.59
Average Daily Balance	132,008,053.76	132,208,088.56
Effective Rate of Return	0.32%	0.32%

"I certify that this investment report accurately reflects all pooled investments and is in compliance with the investment policy adopted by the Board of Directors to be effective on January 1, 2014. A copy of this policy is available from the Clerk of the Authority. Sufficient investment liquidity and anticipated revenues are available to meet budgeted expenditure requirements for the next thirty days and the next six months."


 Patricia Jakubiak, Treasurer 3/17/14

Cash and Investments with GASB 31 Adjustment:

Book Value of Cash & Investments before GASB 31 (Above)	\$ 121,648,090.68
GASB 31 Adjustment to Books (See Note 3 on page 9)	\$ (480,699.41)
Total	\$ 121,167,391.27

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Portfolio Management
Portfolio Details - Investments
February 28, 2014

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CUSIP	Investment #	Issuer	Average Balance	Purchase Date	Par Value	Market Value	Book Value	Stated Rate	YTM/C 365	Days to Maturity	Maturity Date
Money Mkt Mutual Funds/Cash											
SYS528	528	High Mark 100% US Treasury MMF		(See Note 4 on page 9)	10,124,364.05	10,124,364.05	10,124,364.05	0.001	0.001	1	
Subtotal and Average			8,576,998.65		10,124,364.05	10,124,364.05	10,124,364.05		0.001	1	
Federal Agency Coupon Securities											
3133ECBT0	799	Federal Farm Credit Bank (Callable anytime)		12/26/2012	9,000,000.00	9,000,090.00	9,000,000.00	0.375	0.375	482	06/26/2015
3133ECM76	809	Federal Farm Credit Bank (Callable anytime)		04/25/2013	9,000,000.00	8,983,890.00	8,995,489.97	0.400	0.424	783	04/22/2016
3133804V6	787	Fed Home Loan Bank (Callable anytime)		08/09/2012	6,000,000.00	5,980,680.00	6,000,000.00	1.000	0.981	1,257	08/09/2017
3133813R4	800	Fed Home Loan Bank (Callable 3-9-14)		12/20/2012	9,000,000.00	8,898,120.00	9,010,871.63	1.000	0.883	8	11/09/2017
313382DC4	803	Fed Home Loan Bank (Callable anytime)		03/15/2013	12,000,000.00	12,000,240.00	11,998,374.63	0.470	0.477	737	03/07/2016
Subtotal and Average			45,004,737.74		45,000,000.00	44,863,020.00	45,004,736.23		0.594	619	
Federal Agency Disc. -Amortizing											
313385UF1	815	Fed Home Loan Bank		12/19/2013	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	8,999,805.00	0.060	0.062	13	03/14/2014
313385UV6	816	Fed Home Loan Bank		12/19/2013	9,000,000.00	8,999,910.00	8,999,460.00	0.080	0.082	27	03/28/2014
313385VK9	817	Fed Home Loan Bank		12/19/2013	9,000,000.00	8,999,820.00	8,999,282.50	0.070	0.072	41	04/11/2014
Subtotal and Average			36,033,460.23		27,000,000.00	26,999,730.00	26,998,547.50		0.072	27	
Local Agency Investment Funds											
SYS336	336	Local Agency Invstmnt Fund			41,000,000.00	41,011,792.42	41,000,000.00	0.236	0.236	1	
Subtotal and Average			42,392,857.14		41,000,000.00	41,011,792.42	41,000,000.00		0.236	1	
Total and Average			132,008,053.76		123,124,364.05	122,998,906.47	123,127,647.78		0.312	232	

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CUSIP	Investment #	Issuer	Average Balance	Purchase Date	Par Value	Market Value	Book Value	Stated Rate	YTM/C 365	Days to Maturity
Money Mkt Mutual Funds/Cash										
SYS10104	10104	American Benefit Plan Admin		07/01/2013	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00		0.000	1
SYS10033	10033	Revolving Fund		07/01/2013	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00		0.000	1
SYS4	4	Union Bank of California		07/01/2013	-1,764,557.10	-1,764,557.10	-1,764,557.10		0.000	1
SYS361	361	YORK		07/01/2013	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	(See Note 4 on page 9)	0.000	1
		Average Balance	0.00							0
Total Cash and Investments			132,008,053.76		121,644,806.95	121,519,349.37	121,648,090.68		0.312	232

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Aging Report
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As of March 1, 2014

Orange County Fire Authority
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				Maturity Par Value	Percent of Portfolio	Current Book Value	Current Market Value	
Aging Interval:	0 days	(03/01/2014 - 03/01/2014)	6 Maturities	0 Payments	49,644,806.95	40.81%	49,644,806.95	49,656,599.37
Aging Interval:	1 - 30 days	(03/02/2014 - 03/31/2014)	2 Maturities	0 Payments	18,000,000.00	14.80%	17,999,265.00	17,999,910.00
Aging Interval:	31 - 60 days	(04/01/2014 - 04/30/2014)	1 Maturities	0 Payments	9,000,000.00	7.40%	8,999,282.50	8,999,820.00
Aging Interval:	61 - 91 days	(05/01/2014 - 05/31/2014)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Aging Interval:	92 - 121 days	(06/01/2014 - 06/30/2014)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Aging Interval:	122 - 152 days	(07/01/2014 - 07/31/2014)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Aging Interval:	153 - 183 days	(08/01/2014 - 08/31/2014)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Aging Interval:	184 - 274 days	(09/01/2014 - 11/30/2014)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Aging Interval:	275 - 365 days	(12/01/2014 - 03/01/2015)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Aging Interval:	366 - 1095 days	(03/02/2015 - 02/28/2017)	3 Maturities	0 Payments	30,000,000.00	24.66%	29,993,864.60	29,984,220.00
Aging Interval:	1096 - 1825 days	(03/01/2017 - 02/28/2019)	2 Maturities	0 Payments	15,000,000.00	12.34%	15,010,871.63	14,878,800.00
Aging Interval:	1826 days and after	(03/01/2019 -)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Total for			14 Investments	0 Payments		100.00	121,648,090.68	121,519,349.37



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Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)

As of February 28, 2014, OCFA has \$41,000,000 invested in LAIF. The fair value of OCFA's LAIF investment is calculated using a participant fair value factor provided by LAIF on a quarterly basis. The fair value factor as of December 31, 2013 is 1.00028762. When applied to OCFA's LAIF investment, the fair value is \$41,011,792 or \$11,792 above cost. Although the fair value of the LAIF investment is higher than cost, OCFA can withdraw the actual amount invested at any time.

LAIF is included in the State Treasurer's Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA) for investment purposes. The PMIA market valuation at February 28, 2014 is included on the following page.

State of California
Pooled Money Investment Account
Market Valuation
2/28/2014

Description	Carrying Cost Plus Accrued Interest Purch.	Fair Value	Accrued Interest
United States Treasury:			
Bills	\$ 14,034,219,340.29	\$ 14,044,878,500.00	NA
Notes	\$ 17,663,525,722.15	\$ 17,684,438,000.00	\$ 16,379,447.50
Federal Agency:			
SBA	\$ 556,936,495.80	\$ 552,938,274.41	\$ 524,140.43
MBS-REMICs	\$ 135,585,812.27	\$ 146,375,575.58	\$ 646,962.57
Debentures	\$ 1,370,954,402.35	\$ 1,369,203,980.00	\$ 6,183,415.34
Debentures FR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Discount Notes	\$ 1,298,933,000.02	\$ 1,299,866,000.00	NA
GNMA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supranational Debentures	\$ 149,896,019.16	\$ 149,932,500.00	\$ 99,306.00
CDs and YCDs FR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Notes	\$ 300,000,000.00	\$ 299,896,583.11	\$ 29,666.67
CDs and YCDs	\$ 7,925,137,793.33	\$ 7,922,543,739.03	\$ 4,021,618.03
Commercial Paper	\$ 5,173,320,965.28	\$ 5,173,163,930.53	NA
Corporate:			
Bonds FR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Repurchase Agreements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reverse Repurchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Time Deposits	\$ 4,572,640,000.00	\$ 4,572,640,000.00	NA
AB 55 & GF Loans	\$ 2,388,928,682.49	\$ 2,388,928,682.49	NA
TOTAL	\$ 55,570,078,233.14	\$ 55,604,805,765.15	\$ 27,884,556.54

Fair Value Including Accrued Interest \$ 55,632,690,321.69

Repurchase Agreements, Time Deposits, AB 55 & General Fund loans, and
Reverse Repurchase agreements are carried at portfolio book value (carrying cost).



Orange County Fire Authority
Preliminary Investment Report
March 21, 2014



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Portfolio Management
Portfolio Summary
March 21, 2014

Orange County Fire Authority
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 Irvine, Irvine, CA 92602
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(See Note 1 on page 18) (See Note 2 on page 18)

Investments	Par Value	Market Value	Book Value	% of Portfolio	Term	Days to Maturity	YTM/C 360 Equiv.	YTM/C 365 Equiv.
Money Mkt Mutual Funds/Cash	15,181,391.77	15,181,391.77	15,181,391.77	11.72	1	1	0.001	0.001
Commercial Paper Disc. -Amortizing	8,000,000.00	7,996,560.00	7,998,142.22	6.18	92	76	0.110	0.112
Federal Agency Coupon Securities	29,333,333.33	29,098,256.66	29,338,944.37	22.65	1,455	622	0.679	0.688
Federal Agency Disc. -Amortizing	27,000,000.00	26,999,280.00	26,998,755.00	20.85	94	29	0.068	0.069
Local Agency Investment Funds	50,000,000.00	50,014,381.00	50,000,000.00	38.60	1	1	0.233	0.236
Investments	129,514,725.10	129,289,869.43	129,517,233.36	100.00%	355	152	0.265	0.268
Cash								
Passbook/Checking (not included in yield calculations)	1,062,651.91	1,062,651.91	1,062,651.91		1	1	0.000	0.000
Total Cash and Investments	130,577,377.01	130,352,521.34	130,579,885.27		355	152	0.265	0.268

Total Earnings	March 21 Month Ending	Fiscal Year To Date
Current Year	23,226.38	308,162.97
Average Daily Balance	127,285,547.22	131,816,522.77
Effective Rate of Return	0.32%	0.32%

"I certify that this investment report accurately reflects all pooled investments and is in compliance with the investment policy adopted by the Board of Directors to be effective on January 1, 2014. A copy of this policy is available from the Clerk of the Authority. Sufficient investment liquidity and anticipated revenues are available to meet budgeted expenditure requirements for the next thirty days and the next six months.

 3/28/14
 Patricia Jakubak, Treasurer

Cash and Investments with GASB 31 Adjustment:

Book Value of Cash & Investments before GASB 31 (Above)	\$ 130,579,885.27
GASB 31 Adjustment to Books (See Note 3 on page 18)	\$ (480,699.41)
Total	\$ 130,099,185.86

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(See Note 1 on page 18) (See Note 2 on page 18)

CUSIP	Investment #	Issuer	Average Balance	Purchase Date	Par Value	Market Value	Book Value	Stated Rate	YTM/C 365	Days to Maturity	Maturity Date
Money Mkt Mutual Funds/Cash											
SYS528	528	High Mark 100% US Treasury MMF			15,181,391.77	15,181,391.77	15,181,391.77	0.001	0.001	1	
Subtotal and Average			8,394,649.03		15,181,391.77	15,181,391.77	15,181,391.77		0.001	1	
Commercial Paper Disc. -Amortizing											
36959JF65	818	GEN ELEC CAP CRP		03/06/2014	8,000,000.00	7,996,560.00	7,998,142.22	0.110	0.112	76	06/06/2014
Subtotal and Average			6,093,682.96		8,000,000.00	7,996,560.00	7,998,142.22		0.112	76	
Federal Agency Coupon Securities											
3133ECM76	809	Federal Farm Credit Bank (Callable anytime)		04/25/2013	9,000,000.00	8,975,610.00	8,995,612.81	0.400	0.424	762	04/22/2016
3133804V6	787	Fed Home Loan Bank (Callable anytime)		08/09/2012	6,000,000.00	5,949,180.00	6,000,000.00	1.000	0.981	1,236	08/09/2017
3133813R4	800	Fed Home Loan Bank (Callable 4-9-14)		12/20/2012	9,000,000.00	8,843,780.00	9,010,699.72	1.000	0.883	18	11/09/2017
313382DC4	803	Fed Home Loan Bank (Callable anytime)		03/15/2013	5,333,333.33	5,329,706.66	5,332,631.84	0.470	0.477	716	03/07/2016
Subtotal and Average			36,655,612.37		29,333,333.33	29,098,256.66	29,338,944.37		0.688	622	
Federal Agency Disc. -Amortizing											
313385UV6	816	Fed Home Loan Bank		12/19/2013	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	8,999,880.00	0.080	0.082	6	03/28/2014
313385VK9	817	Fed Home Loan Bank		12/19/2013	9,000,000.00	8,999,910.00	8,999,650.00	0.070	0.072	20	04/11/2014
313385XD3	819	Fed Home Loan Bank		03/13/2014	9,000,000.00	8,999,370.00	8,999,225.00	0.050	0.051	62	05/23/2014
Subtotal and Average			27,427,317.14		27,000,000.00	26,999,280.00	26,998,755.00		0.069	29	
Local Agency Investment Funds											
SYS336	336	Local Agency Invstmnt Fund			50,000,000.00	50,014,381.00	50,000,000.00	0.236	0.236	1	
Subtotal and Average			48,714,285.71		50,000,000.00	50,014,381.00	50,000,000.00		0.236	1	
Total and Average			127,285,547.22		129,514,725.10	129,289,869.43	129,517,233.36		0.268	152	

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Money Mkt Mutual Funds/Cash										
SYS10104	10104	American Benefit Plan Admin		07/01/2013	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00		0.000	1
SYS10033	10033	Revolving Fund		07/01/2013	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00		0.000	1
SYS4	4	Union Bank of California		07/01/2013	777,651.91	777,651.91	777,651.91		0.000	1
SYS361	361	YORK		07/01/2013	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00		0.000	1
		Average Balance	0.00							1
Total Cash and Investments			127,285,547.22		130,577,377.01	130,352,521.34	130,579,885.27		0.268	152

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 Irvine, CA 92602
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				Maturity Par Value	Percent of Portfolio	Current Book Value	Current Market Value	
Aging Interval:	0 days	(03/22/2014 - 03/22/2014)	6 Maturities	0 Payments	66,244,043.68	50.73%	66,244,043.68	66,258,424.68
Aging Interval:	1 - 30 days	(03/23/2014 - 04/21/2014)	2 Maturities	0 Payments	18,000,000.00	13.78%	17,999,530.00	17,999,910.00
Aging Interval:	31 - 60 days	(04/22/2014 - 05/21/2014)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Aging Interval:	61 - 91 days	(05/22/2014 - 06/21/2014)	2 Maturities	0 Payments	17,000,000.00	13.02%	16,997,367.22	16,995,930.00
Aging Interval:	92 - 121 days	(06/22/2014 - 07/21/2014)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Aging Interval:	122 - 152 days	(07/22/2014 - 08/21/2014)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Aging Interval:	153 - 183 days	(08/22/2014 - 09/21/2014)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Aging Interval:	184 - 274 days	(09/22/2014 - 12/21/2014)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Aging Interval:	275 - 365 days	(12/22/2014 - 03/22/2015)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Aging Interval:	366 - 1095 days	(03/23/2015 - 03/21/2017)	2 Maturities	0 Payments	14,333,333.33	10.97%	14,328,244.65	14,305,316.66
Aging Interval:	1096 - 1825 days	(03/22/2017 - 03/21/2019)	2 Maturities	0 Payments	15,000,000.00	11.50%	15,010,699.72	14,792,940.00
Aging Interval:	1826 days and after	(03/22/2019 -)	0 Maturities	0 Payments	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Total for			14 Investments	0 Payments		100.00	130,579,885.27	130,352,521.34



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DISCUSSION CALENDAR - AGENDA ITEM NO. 3
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 24, 2013

TO: Executive Committee, Orange County Fire Authority

FROM: Brian Stephens, Assistant Chief
Support Services Department

SUBJECT: **April Legislative Reports**

Summary:

This item is submitted to provide an update on Federal & State legislative actions affecting OCFA and for approval and adoption of recommended legislative positions.

Recommended Action:

Approve recommended legislative positions.

Background:

The OCFA has supported efforts of our member cities to communicate their concerns related to 9-1-1 Ambulance Transport to the State Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). Our State lobbyists, Jim Gross and John Moffat, have advised us and our OCFA City Managers on strategy for reaching out to EMSA to support the request for an extension of time. This request was formally directed to county staff at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on April 8, 2014 by a vote of 4-1 with Supervisor Moorlach opposed. Our lobbyists are coordinating with others firms that represent Orange County cities to support that request from the County.

On April 23, 2014, Directors Al Murray, Elizabeth Swift, Gene Hernandez and OCFA staff will be traveling to Sacramento. The purpose of this trip is to meet with members of the Orange County delegation on legislative issues and to maintain ongoing communication with their offices. This includes communicating OCFA's support for State funding of firework disposal and an update on the status of the 9-1-1 Ambulance Transport issue.

The following is a list of Legislative Bills with staff's proposed positions for the Executive Committee's consideration and adoption:

AB 1561 (Rodriguez)

Subject: Taxpayer contributions- Firefighter and Peace Officer Memorial Funds

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: This bill extends the sunset dates for the California Firefighter's Memorial Fund and California Peace Officer's Memorial Foundation to January 1, 2021. The extension of this date allows each fund to remain as a check off for individuals to make donations on their personal income tax returns. According to an analysis by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations the fund for firefighters received \$126,158 in 2013. This bill is being sponsored by the California Professional Firefighters and supported by California Fire Chiefs Association.

AB 2162 (Fox)

Subject: Residential Care Facilities- Sprinklers

Recommended Position: Support- Suggested Amendments

Summary: This bill requires all existing residential care facilities for the elderly to install sprinklers by January 1, 2019. Any facility newly licensed after January 1, 2018, would also be required to install sprinklers.

This bill has been attempted in prior years, both in 2004 and 2007, reaching the Governor but vetoed by then Governor Schwarzenegger. A similar bill, AB 462 (Stone) was introduced in 2013 but failed to pass its first committee hearing. The OCFA supported these prior bills and this bill is consistent with OCFA's goal to support increased community safety but we recognize there is an impact to owners and operators of these facilities. We believe the bill provides a reasonable amount of time for implementation for current facilities but there is an argument from providers that more time and assistance with costs is needed. Even with additional time to install, the lack of financing or other direct or indirect assistance will likely continue opposition from owners and operators.

Staff is presenting to Directors the option of "Support-Suggested Amendments." Specifically, we believe that the bill could be made prospective to impact only future licensed facilities. Second, to address the need for current facilities there must be a discussion by all parties on funding or financing assistance for installation costs. The OCFA recognizes this is not an easy discussion but no progress will be made until some provisions are made to assist those facilities that truly do not have the means to invest or capitalize this new cost. This is also a discussion that needs to include patients/residents, their families, facility owners and State agencies that oversee or regulate licensure. Staff recommends sending a letter of "Support- Suggested Amendments" that highlights these issues along with reaffirming OCFA's support of increased community safety.

SB 1367 (Anderson)

Subject: Sales Tax Exemption- First Responder Vehicles

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: This bill exempts government public safety first responders from paying state and local sales tax on emergency vehicles and related emergency equipment. The author, Senator Joel Anderson, requested OCFA's support so that agencies such as OCFA may use limited tax dollars on true emergency response costs. Staff agrees and recommends support as this bill would save hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars for OCFA. As the author has stated in their fact sheet, these vehicles can cost in excess of \$600,000, meaning that \$50,000 in state local sales taxes are typically assessed. As a large agency, OCFA purchases a number of vehicles and other large equipment items on an annual basis.

Fireworks Budget Change Proposal (*Possible Legislation*)

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: The Governor’s Budget includes funding for the disposal of illegal fireworks from the Toxic Substances Control Act fund. These funds are used across the State to respond to releases of hazardous materials and are funded by taxes on business and industries that use, generate, or store hazardous materials or that use products manufactured with those materials. However, these funds may not be used on a long term or ongoing basis for annual disposal costs. The Governor is therefore seeking to fund the long term disposal of illegal fireworks with a 1.5% assessment at the first point of sale (the wholesale level), where according to the Governor’s office, four wholesalers are responsible for 90% of fireworks sales statewide.

The proposal has received support from fire agencies, police agencies and conditional support from the fireworks industry. Specifically, a representative of TNT Fireworks submitted a letter requesting amendments that the assessment be levied at the retail level, collected and remitted to State by the non-profit groups that operate local sales booths. The Governor’s Office has indicated that it would be more effective and efficient in their view to collect at the first point of sale and not affecting consumers or requiring significant administration by the Board of Equalization. OCFA agrees that the Governor’s proposal will likely have less negative impact and also lead to a more efficient collection and administration process. OCFA staff recommends opposing this amendment as it will negatively impact those non-profit and local community groups and possibly lead to their opposition of any solution towards disposal.

OCFA is supporting the State’s responsibility to collect and dispose of illegal fireworks. Alternatively, lacking a long term solution, local agencies such as OCFA and the Orange County Sheriffs will continue to be burdened with storage and disposal costs. Failure of the Governor’s proposal will likely increase pressure to eliminate the State’s statutory responsibility to collect and dispose, leading to increased costs to OCFA.

Impact to Cities/County:

Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact:

There is potential for reimbursement associated with disposal, enforcement and training costs associated with fireworks. Unknown at this time pending legislative language.

Staff Contact for Further Information:

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Attachments:

1. Federal Lobbyist Report
2. State Lobbyist Report

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MEMORANDUM

April 11, 2014

To: Orange County Fire Authority

From: Lisa Barkovic
Dan Maldonado

Re: March - April 2014

This report has been prepared by Holland & Knight LLP for the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) to provide a federal update on various issues of interest to the Authority. The following is a summary and outlook on Congressional & Administration action thus far in 2014.

FY 2014 Appropriations Update

The House Appropriations Committee has started to mark-up its FY 2015 Appropriations bills and pass them out of full committee. The House Appropriations Chairman, Hal Rogers (R-KY) stated that he hopes to have all 12 bills marked up and out of committee by July 4 and passed on the floor by the August recess. The Senate Appropriations Committee has indicated that they

Holland & Knight drafted a letter for all of the California task forces to send to Senator Feinstein in support of the FY 2015 appropriations request that was submitted mid-March on behalf of OCFA.

DHS Announces Grant Guidance for FY 2014 Preparedness Grants

On March 18, DHD Secretary Jeh Johnson announced the release of FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcements for six DHS preparedness grant programs totaling over \$1.6 billion. The homeland security grants assist states, urban areas, tribal and territorial governments and nonprofit organizations as well as the private sector to strengthen our nation's ability to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies in support of the National Preparedness Goal and the National Preparedness System. For FY 2014, the Department shifted away from identifying program-specific priorities and instead directs grantees to prioritize grant funds to increase a jurisdiction's capabilities based on the grantees' capability targets set through the annual Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and capability gaps identified through the annual State Preparedness Report.

The funding for the Santa Ana/Anaheim UASI region increased from \$3 million to \$5.5 million. We expect that OCFA, as partners with the UASI will see funding from the allocation.

House Passes FY 2015 Republican Budget Proposal

On April 10, the House approved Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan's (R-Wis.) budget proposal for fiscal year 2015 by a vote of 219 to 205. All Democrats opposed the resolution due to its deep cuts to domestic programs. Several Republicans also voted against the measure, claiming it did not cut enough.

Overall, Chairman Ryan's plan would balance the budget within 10 years by cutting \$5.1 trillion in spending. It includes drastic reductions to entitlement programs such as food stamps and Medicaid; full repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA); a restructuring of Medicare; and an overhaul of the tax code.

Ultimately, however, the Ryan plan is little more than an outline of conservative priorities in an election year. The resolution passed by the House does not have the force of law and will not be matched with a Senate counterpart, since Senate Budget Committee Chairwoman Patty Murray (D-WA) has said that her committee will not draft a resolution but instead rely for guidance on the two-year budget deal passed in late 2013.



TO: Jay Barkman
Orange County Fire Authority

FROM: Jim Gross and John Moffatt

DATE: April 14, 2014

RE: Legislative Activity Report

Since our last report, legislators introduced over 2,000 bills to be considered during the 2014 legislative year. Nielsen Merksamer has reviewed all introduced bills and attached is a list of bills that could be of interest to OCFA this session (includes bills introduced in 2013 that are still “alive”).

Bills upon which OCFA has already established a position and bills and issues of special significance are outlined below.

Bills

SB 661 (Hill) – Limousine Safety – OCFA’s letter of support has been delivered to the author and the Orange County delegation. Although it was Senator Hill’s intent to move the bill quickly upon the legislature’s return in January, the bill has yet to be heard in the Assembly Transportation Committee.

SB 1367 (Anderson) - Sales Tax Exemption- First Responder Vehicles - Exempts government public safety first responders from paying state and local sales tax on emergency vehicles and related emergency equipment. SB 1367 is set to be heard in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on May 7, 2014.

AB 1561 (Rodriguez) - Taxpayer contributions- Firefighter and Peace Officer Memorial Funds - This bill extends the sunset dates for the California Firefighters Memorial Fund and California Peace Officers’ Memorial Foundation to January 1, 2021. The bill has already passed the Assembly committees on Revenue and Taxation and Appropriations and is set to be taken up on the Assembly Floor upon the Legislature’s return from Spring Break.

AB 2151 (Wagner) - Counties: search and rescue: costs – This OCFA co-sponsored bill has been referred to the Assembly Local Government Committee for hearing. Nielsen Merksamer has been in contact with the author’s office and the lobbyists for Orange County to lend our assistance when necessary.

AB 2162 (Fox) - Residential Care Facilities- Sprinklers - Requires all existing residential care facilities for the elderly to have installed sprinklers by January 1, 2019. Also requires new facilities licensed after January 1, 2018 to install sprinklers. The bill been referred to the Assembly Committee on Human Services. A hearing date has not been set.

Illegal Fireworks Disposal Budget Proposal

Governor Brown's January budget proposal includes both a short term and long term proposal to fund the disposal of illegal fireworks by the State Fire Marshal. This is an issue OCFA, Orange County and the state have been struggling with the past several years.

Nielsen Merksamer accompanied personnel from OCFA and the Orange County Sheriff's Department in visiting with members of the Orange County delegation in support of this proposal. Additionally, we assisted in OCFA's testimony to the Senate Budget Subcommittee Number Two on Resources when this issue was heard before the committee. We also testified in support of the proposal in the Assembly Budget Subcommittee the following week.

Subsequent to the Budget Subcommittee hearings, Nielsen Merksamer was contacted by and met with Cal Fire and the Governor's office to discuss the Administration's proposal. We continue to work with OCFA staff and the Administration to develop a strategy for the success of this proposal in the state budget process, which concludes June 15.

Orange County Ambulance Services RFP

Recognizing the significance of the role the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) on this issue, in mid-March, OCFA staff asked Nielsen Merksamer to assist on this issue. Working with OCFA staff, we continue to outline strategies and lobbying efforts with impacted cities in Orange County to encourage the EMSA to grant Orange County a one-year extension of the Exclusive Operating Areas currently in effect in Orange County.

AB 1523

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Atkins (D)

Title: Residential Care Facilities: Elderly

Fiscal Committee: yes

Urgency Clause: no

Introduced: 01/17/2014

Last Amend: 04/01/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Requires all residential care facilities for the elderly to maintain either liability insurance that covers a specified amount per occurrence and a specified amount in the annual aggregate or a bond in a specified amount in the aggregate to cover injury to residents or guests caused by negligent acts or omissions to act of, or neglect by the licensee or its employees.

Status: 04/08/2014 From ASSEMBLY Committee on HUMAN SERVICES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (6-0)

AB 1554

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Skinner (D)

Title: Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly

Introduced: 01/27/2014

Last 03/25/2014

Amend:**Disposition:** Pending**Committee:** Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee**Hearing:** 04/22/2014 2:00 pm, State Capitol, Room 127**Summary:** Relates to the compliant procedure of a residential care facility for the elderly. Prohibits the Department of Social Services from giving a licensee advance notice of an investigation regarding a complaint. Requires the Department to make an onsite inspection regarding the complaint. Authorizes an appeal of the complaint response. Exempts personal information from public disclosure. Ensures licensee does not retaliate against a resident or employee. Prohibits interfering or obstructing an investigation.**Status:** From ASSEMBLY Committee on HUMAN SERVICES: Do pass as 04/08/2014 amended to Committee on AGING AND LONG-TERM CARE. (6-0)**AB 1571**

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Eggman (D)**Title:** Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly:Licensing**Introduced:** 01/30/2014**Disposition:** Pending**Committee:** Assembly Human Services Committee**Hearing:** 04/29/2014 1:30 pm, State Capitol Room 437**Summary:** Requires an applicant for the licensure of residential care facilities for the elderly to provide information including the applicant's history of substantial compliance with the requirements imposed under specified facility licenses, applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and requirements governing the operators of those facilities, and the applicant's prior history of operating a specified facility in another state.**Status:** 03/17/2014 To ASSEMBLY Committee on HUMAN SERVICES.

AB 1598

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Rodriguez (D)

Title: Emergency Response Services: Active Shooter Incidents

Fiscal Committee: yes

Urgency Clause: no

Introduced: 02/04/2014

Last Amend: 03/28/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Relates to emergency response and active shooter incidents. Provides for development of terrorism awareness course curricula and response training for the coordination and integration of all state agencies concerning emergency medical services. Requires training standards to include criteria for coordinating between different responding entities. Includes training for SWAT teams. Relates to tactical casualty care and coordination with emergency medical services providers. Relates to first responders.

Status: From ASSEMBLY Committee on GOVERNMENTAL
04/09/2014 ORGANIZATION: Do pass to Committee on PUBLIC
SAFETY. (19-0)

AB 1620

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Rodriguez (D)

Title: Emergency Management - Disaster Preparedness Commission

Introduced: 02/06/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Establishes the State Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Commission as a statewide executive-level commission to assess and improve the condition of the state's emergency preparedness, management, and disaster recovery capabilities. Requires the commission to review and make recommendations on the availability of adequate equipment, fuel, food, water and other emergency supplies.

Status: From ASSEMBLY Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION: Do pass as amended to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (13-3)

AB 1621

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Lowenthal B (D)

Title: Emergency Medical Services: Data and Information System

Introduced: 02/06/2014

Disposition: Pending

Committee: Assembly Health Committee

Hearing: 04/22/2014 1:30 pm, State Capitol, Room 4202

Committee: Assembly Health Committee

Hearing: 04/29/2014 1:30 pm, State Capitol, Room 4202

Summary: Requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop and adopt minimum standards for maintaining and implementing a State Emergency Medical Services Data and Information System which would include data and information relating to prehospital care and specialty care, for purposes of determining and monitoring the quality and effectiveness of the statewide emergency medical system.

Status: 03/25/2014 In ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH: Not heard.

AB 2046

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Gomez (D)

Title: Joint Exercise of Powers: Financing

Introduced: 02/20/2014

Last Amend: 03/24/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Authorizes a joint powers authority to issue or cause to be issued bonds and enter into a loan agreement for the financing or refinancing of a project that is situated in another state, including working capital related to that project, if the project and its financing meets certain conditions.

Status: 04/09/2014 From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass. (6-0)

AB 2048

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Dahle (R)

Title: Fire Prevention Fees: State Responsibility Areas

Introduced: 02/20/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Requires a fee to be levied upon the owner of a habitable structure identified by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection as located with the state responsibility area if that person owns the habitable structure on July 1 of the year for which the fee is due. Authorizes the board to exempt from the fire prevention fee any habitable structure that is subsequently deemed uninhabitable as a result of a natural disaster during the year the fee is due if certain conditions are met.

Status: 04/07/2014 From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (9-0)

AB 2151

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Wagner (R)

Title: Counties: Search and Rescue: Costs

Introduced: 02/20/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Provides that whenever a county or city and county is billed by another county or city and county for a search or rescue of one of its residents who is 16 years of age or older, the county of city and county may in turn seek reimbursement for the actual costs incurred from that resident, for the search and rescue necessitated the use of extraordinary methods and specified acts or omissions were a contributing factor to the need for the search and rescue.

Status: 03/06/2014 To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

AB 2170

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Mullin (D)

Title: Joint powers Authorities: Common Powers

Introduced: 02/20/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Provides that parties involved in a joint powers authority agreement may exercise any power common to the contracting parties, including, but not

limited to, the authority to levy a fee or tax.

Status: 04/07/2014 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.

AB 2217

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Melendez (R)

Title: Pupil and Personnel Health

Introduced: 02/20/2014

Disposition: Pending

Committee: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Hearing: 04/29/2014 8:00 am, State Capitol, Room 4202

Summary: States the intent of the Legislature to encourage all public schools to acquire and maintain at least one automatic external defibrillator. Authorizes a public school to solicit and receive nonstate funds to acquire and maintain an AED. Provides that the school district and employees of the school district are not liable for civil damages resulting from certain uses, attempted uses or non-uses of an AED.

Status: 04/09/2014 From ASSEMBLY Committee on EDUCATION: Do pass to Committee on JUDICIARY. (7-0)

AB 2360

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Perez J (D)

Title: Workers' Compensation: Firefighters and Peace Officers

Introduced: 02/21/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that specifies the time period within which various proceedings may be commenced under provisions of law relating to workers' compensation for firefighters and peace officers.

Status: 02/21/2014 INTRODUCED.

AB 2406

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Rodriguez (D)

Title: Emergency Medical Services Authority: Misuse

Introduced: 02/21/2014

Last Amend: 04/03/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Relates to planning and implementation guidelines for emergency medical services systems. Requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority to report to the Legislature identifying programs that have been implemented by local EMS agencies to address the misuse and abuse of emergency medical services. Requires a summary on approaches applied to serve those frequent EMS user transports and to address the misuse and abuse of emergency medical services.

Status: 04/09/2014 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.

AB 2588

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Hernandez R (D)

Title: Emergency Medical Services: Local EMS Agencies

Introduced: 02/21/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act that authorizes each county to develop an emergency medical services program.

Status: 02/21/2014 INTRODUCED.

ACR 94

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Rodriguez (D)

Title: Emergency Services: Active Shooter Incidents

Introduced: 02/11/2014

Last Amend: 03/28/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Recognizes that active shooter incidents are increasing and would encourage local fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services agencies in coordination with the Office of Emergency Services to develop standard operating procedures and coordinated training programs in an effort to more efficiently respond to active shooter incidents in the State.

Status: 04/03/2014 Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on RULES.
04/03/2014 In SENATE. Ordered to third reading.

SB 573

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

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Author: Lieu (D)

Title: Vehicles: Emergency Vehicles

Fiscal Committee: yes

Urgency Clause: no

Introduced: 02/22/2013

Last Amend: 01/15/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Authorizes the Commissioner of the State Highway Patrol to issue of an emergency vehicle permit to a vehicle owned and operated by a hospital designated by a specified entity as a disaster resource center hospital, if the vehicle is used exclusively to transport mass casualty decontamination apparatus medical supplies, lifesaving equipment, or personnel to the scene of an emergency. Requires the hospital to provide operator training, maintain training records, and to maintain vehicle insurance.

Status: 01/23/2014 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY. (33-0)

SB 611

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Hill (D)

Title: Charter-Party Carriers: Limousines: Fire Extinguishers

Fiscal Committee: yes

Urgency Clause: no

Introduced: 02/22/2013

Last Amend: 01/07/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Amends the Passenger Charter-Party Carriers' Act. Requires a defined limousines that has been extended for increasing vehicle length to be quipped with two readily accessible and fully charged fire extinguishers. Requires one extinguisher to be securely mounted in the driver's compartment and at least one to be accessible to the passengers. Requires the driver or operator to notify passengers of extinguisher locations. Requires a safety inspection program by such carriers. Requires safety compliance.

Status: 01/09/2014 Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.

SB 911

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Block (D)

Title: Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly

Introduced: 01/23/2014

Last Amend: 03/27/2014

Disposition: Pending

Committee: Senate Appropriations Committee

Hearing: 04/28/2014 10:00 am, John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)

Summary: Requires an applicant for a residential care facilities license to complete a certification program approved by the State Department of Social Services which includes instruction in a uniform code of knowledge and passing a test. Changes the minimum hours of instruction. Relates to home health or hospice services. Relates to training for staff members. Prohibits certain action against persons for calling 911. Requires providing adequate medical care for resident with certain health conditions.

Status: 04/08/2014 From SENATE Committee on HUMAN SERVICES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (3-2)

SB 1019

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Leno (D)

Title: Upholstered Furniture: Flame Retardant Chemicals

Introduced: 02/14/2014

Last Amend: 03/24/2014

Disposition: Pending

Committee: Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee

Hearing: 04/21/2014, Room 3191

Summary: Requires an upholstered-furniture manufacturer of covered products, as defined, to indicate whether or not the product contains added flame retardant chemicals, as defined, by including a specified statement on that label. Provides point-of-sale signs containing the aforementioned statement to the upholstered-furniture retailer for each product shipped into the state.

Status: 04/10/2014 Re-referred to SENATE Committee on BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

SB 1112

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Hueso (D)

Title: Fire Protection: School Inspection: Fire Alarm Systems

Introduced: 02/19/2014

Last Amend: 03/25/2014

Disposition: Pending

Committee: Senate Education Committee

Hearing: 04/30/2014 9:00 am, John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)

Summary: Requires a public or private school to submit a copy of the record of maintenance, inspection, and testing of the fire alarm system to specified city or county fire officials. Requires those fire officials to review the record of maintenance, inspection, and testing of fire alarm system within a reasonable time.

Status: 04/03/2014 Re-referred to SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.

SB 1367

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Anderson (R)

Title: Sales and Use Taxes: Exemption: Public Safety

Introduced: 02/21/2014

Disposition: Pending

Committee: Senate Governance and Finance Committee

Hearing: 05/07/2014 9:30 am, Room 112

Summary: Exempts from sales taxes the gross receipts from the sale in this state of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, any public safety first responder vehicle and any equipment required on those vehicles purchased by a local public agency.

Status: 03/13/2014 To SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.

SB 1374

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Hernandez E (D)

Title: Medi-Cal: Ambulance Services

Introduced: 02/21/2014

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to ensure the continued viability of emergency medical systems throughout the state by establishing payment definitions and policies for the Medi-Cal program, as related to ambulance services that meet nationally recognized standards.

Status: 03/13/2014 To SENATE Committee on RULES.

SB 1413

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Wyland (R)

Title: State Responsibility Areas: Fire Prevention Fees

Introduced: 02/21/2014

Last Amend: 04/10/2014

Disposition: Pending

Committee: Senate Governance and Finance Committee

Hearing: 04/24/2014, Room 112

Summary: Extends the time when the fire prevention fee is due and payable from 30 to 60 days from the date of assessment by the State Board of Equalization.

Status: 04/10/2014 From SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE with author's amendments.

04/10/2014 In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.

SB 1417

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Jackson (D)

Title: Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Introduced: 02/21/2014

Disposition: Pending

Committee: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

Hearing: 04/22/2014 9:30 am, John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)

Summary: Makes the Emergency Management Assistance Compact inoperative and repeals in on specified dates.

Status: 03/13/2014 To SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.

SB 1465

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Senate Health Committee

Title: Health

Fiscal Committee: yes

Urgency Clause: yes

Introduced: 03/20/2014

Disposition: Pending

Committee: Senate Health Committee

Hearing: 04/24/2014 1:30 pm, John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)

Summary: Requires each county to submit its report on the implementation and status of the Emergency Medical Services Fund to the Emergency Medical

Services Authority. Requires the authority to compile and forward a summary of each county's report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature. Relates to bridge plans under the Health Benefit Exchange. Relates to the Medi-Cal provider application process. Defines the term fund in regards to the Hospital Quality Assurance Fund. Relates to State hospitals.

Status: 03/26/2014 To SENATE Committee on HEALTH.

SCA 11

Introduced	Passed 1st Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed 2nd Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Enacted

Author: Hancock (D)

Title: Local Government: Special Taxes: Voter Approval

Fiscal Committee: no

Urgency Clause: no

Introduced: 01/25/2013

Last Amend: 05/21/2013

Disposition: Pending

Summary: Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters voting on the proposition, if the proposition proposing the tax contains specified requirements.

Status: 06/27/2013 Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR – AGENDA ITEM NO. 4
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 24, 2014

TO: Executive Committee, Orange County Fire Authority

FROM: Keith Richter, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: **Public Relations Consulting Services – Clarification of Scope of Work**

Summary:

This agenda item is submitted to seek clarification of the scope of work that was previously approved by the Executive Committee through a contract for Public Relations Consulting Services with Communications LAB.

Recommended Action:

Discuss and confirm the scope of work previously approved in the Professional Services Agreement for Public Relations Consulting Services with Communications LAB.

Background:

In our efforts to improve communications with a variety of audiences and consistent with the Fire Chief's Action Plan, staff recently issued an RFP seeking proposals from Public Relations consulting firms. The Scope of Work defined in the RFP included:

1. Assist OCFA in developing communication strategies and messages for key issues, proposals, policies and programs.
2. Work closely with the Fire Chief and OCFA staff to develop and implement outreach plans, targeted for various audiences, to achieve goals associated with key issues.
3. Communicate with and inform elected officials and other local stakeholder groups to gain public support for key issues, upcoming proposals, and ongoing programs that support and benefit OCFA's mission to provide fire and emergency response services to residents of Orange County.
4. As requested by the Fire Chief or his designee, attend OCFA Board of Directors meetings, City Council meetings, and other meetings as necessary in support of the key issues and current proposals that may be underway, throughout the year.

We received four responses to our RFP, and based on proposal evaluations, two of the four firms were interviewed by a committee consisting of Directors Weinberg, Murray, and Hernandez. The interview committee unanimously recommended award of contract to Communications LAB. The committee's recommendation was forwarded to the OCFA's Executive Committee on March 27, 2014, and the Executive Committee approved a contract with Communications LAB for an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000, billed at hourly rates as defined in the contract.

Communications LAB offers a diverse team of communications and public relations experts, and they demonstrated depth in the amount of research they performed of current OCFA issues. Following contract approval on March 27, 2014, representatives of Communications LAB have already begun working with the Executive Management team, and making contact with Board Members to assist OCFA with improved communication protocols at all levels, including communication and delivery of quality information from OCFA staff to the OCFA Board and subcommittees.

As Communications LAB has been making contact with Board Members, questions have been raised about the intended scope of work. Therefore, staff is requesting the Executive Committee to review the documented scope outlined above and reconfirm its approval, or alternatively, provide direction to staff and Communications LAB, if a change in scope is desired. This item has also been included on the agenda for the Board of Directors, so that the Executive Committee can provide a verbal update to the Board regarding the discussion about scope of work.

Impact to Cities/County:

None

Fiscal Impact:

As previously approved, the total cost associated with this contract and scope of work is not-to-exceed \$100,000 for a one-year term, to be billed at hourly rates as services are provided. If no changes are made to the scope, there will be no additional fiscal impact.

Staff Contact for Further Information:

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Attachment:

Scope of Work from RFP for Public Relations Consulting Services

SECTION II: SCOPE OF WORK

The OCFA is seeking proposals from qualified full service public relations firms to serve as an extension of the OCFA's existing Corporate Communications Section. The selected firm will work directly with the OCFA to develop outreach plans for specific issues, targeted for various audiences, and will work side by side with the OCFA to implement plans. The selected firm will communicate with elected officials to support specified proposals, policies and programs that support and benefit OCFA's mission to provide fire and emergency response services to residents of Orange County.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Consultant shall possess the proven ability to initiate, develop, and carry out effective communication strategies to influence support for specified proposals, policies, and programs and the ability to effectively communicate on behalf of the OCFA.
2. Consultant will have had successful local agency contract similar in nature with at least one (1) public agency in Orange County within the past two years.
3. Consultant's other clients should not pose conflict of interest issues for OCFA, nor should their interest be in direct conflict with the OCFA's mission to provide fire and emergency response services to residents of Orange County.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS – GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direction of the OCFA Fire Chief, or his designee, the Consultant will provide the following services:

1. Assist OCFA in developing communication strategies and messages for key issues, proposals, policies, and programs.
2. Work closely with the Fire Chief and OCFA staff to develop and implement outreach plans, targeted for various audiences, to achieve goals associated with key issues.
3. Communicate with and inform elected officials and other local stakeholder groups to gain public support for key issues, upcoming proposals, and ongoing programs that support and benefit OCFA's mission to provide fire and emergency response services to residents of Orange County.
4. As requested by the Fire Chief or his designee, attend OCFA Board of Directors meetings, City Council meetings, and other meetings as necessary in support of the key issues and current proposals that may be underway, throughout the year.

INITIAL KEY AREAS OF IMPORTANCE

1. STANDARDS OF COVERAGE AND DEPLOYMENT STUDY

The Fire Chief is seeking the Board's approval to adopt response time goals recommended through an updated Standards of Coverage and Deployment Plan (SOC) study. An SOC is intended to assist OCFA in ensuring a safe and effective response force for fire suppression, emergency medical services, and specialty response situations, in addition to homeland security issues. An SOC should provide policy-makers, the organization, and the community with a body of information that will assist in making service delivery and risk mitigation decisions.

In recommending these response time goals, the Fire Chief has initiated discussion with the Board of Directors regarding new and innovative methods for future delivery of fire services. The OCFA firefighters'

union is opposed to the new concepts, and has prepared a report outlining the methods they propose for delivery of future fire services. A Board workshop is scheduled for April 17, 2014 to continue the discussions about response time goals and future deployment models.

This initial key area will require the successful consultant to immediately engage in strategic communication, marketing, and presentation planning with the Fire Chief, under an extremely tight timeline. We estimate that the Consultant will only have two weeks from award of contract to the date of the Fire Chief's presentation at the April 17th Board workshop.

Following the April 17th workshop, we anticipate that ongoing communication and marketing strategies will be necessary to gain support for new service deployment models from our member agencies and the public.

2. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

The OCFA's represented employees are organized into three separate labor groups, as follows:

- Firefighters – Orange County Professional Firefighters Association (OCPFA)
- Fire Management – Orange County Chief Officers Association (COA)
- General and Supervisory Employees – Orange County Employees Association (OCEA)

The OCFA's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the OCPFA is set to expire on June 30, 2014. Negotiations with the OCPFA are beginning, and the OCFA has engaged an independent professional negotiator to assist with the process. As the negotiation process moves forward, it will be important to have key messages developed and ready, in advance of public or media interest.

3. EQUITY STUDY. AMENDED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT. VALIDATION ACTION

The OCFA recently completed deliberations with its member agencies regarding the equity of financing for fire services within OCFA. As a result of the deliberations, an amendment to the OCFA's Joint Powers Agreement was approved to address the equity concerns. In approving the Amendment, the OCFA Board also authorized General Counsel to file a Complaint in the Orange County Superior Court to seek validation of the Amendment. A judicial declaration is desired to confirm that the JPA Amendment is valid and enforceable, so that OCFA and its member agencies may properly plan and budget for the future provision of fire services.

On December 19, 2013, OCFA and the City of Irvine jointly filed a Complaint in the Orange County Superior Court to seek validation of the JPA Amendment. On January 28, 2014, the Orange County Board of Supervisors voted 4-to-1, with Supervisor Spitzer opposed, to file a formal response in opposition to the OCFA's validation action.

The validation action is underway, pending future briefing dates to be scheduled by the Court. As the action moves forward, it will be important to have key messages developed and ready, in advance of public or media interest.