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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Steven Lederer, Director of Public Works
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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Napa County Agreement No. 180269B with REACH Air Medical Services, LLC

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 180269B with REACH Air Medical Services, LLC at no cost to the County to facilitate the installation of an automatic backup generator at 1950 Airport Road in order to provide essential medical services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Amendment No. 1 to Napa County Agreement No. 180269B authorizes REACH Air Medical Services, LLC., (REACH) to install an automatic backup generator at 1950 Airport Road where they base aircraft and personnel in order provide essential medical services. The generator will provide electrical power to the facility when normal electrical service is lost, allowing REACH's operations to continue uninterrupted. All costs associated with the purchase, permitting, installation, maintenance, and use of the generator will be paid by REACH.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	No
Where is it budgeted?	All costs associated with the permitting, installation, maintenance, and use of the generator will be borne by REACH.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Tenant Improvement desired by Lessee at no cost to the County.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	None
Consequences if not approved:	REACH will continue to use smaller manual generators that are unable to power the entire facility which can result in impacts to REACH's normal operations.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Effective and Open Government; Collaborative and Engaged

Community

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Consideration and possible adoption of a Categorical Exemption Class 3: It has been determined that this type of project does not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern, has no cumulative impact, there is no reasonable possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, will not result in damage to scenic resources, is not located on a list of hazardous waste sites, cause substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource or extract groundwater in excess of the Phase 1 groundwater extraction standards as set by the Department of Public Works. [See Class 3 (“New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures”) which may be found in the guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act at 14 CCR §15303; see also Napa County’s Local Procedures for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, Appendix B.]

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In February 2018, the County entered into Agreement No. 180269B with REACH Air Medical Services, LLC., (REACH) to lease the hangar and office facility located at 1950 Airport Road. This 17,000 square foot facility consists of hangar space, maintenance shop, crew rest areas, and administrative offices for helicopter crews. Since leasing and establishing the Napa REACH 3 Helicopter Base at the Napa County Airport, REACH has made substantial improvements to the facility in order to accommodate and improve their operations.

Amendment No.1 to Agreement No. 180269B will allow REACH to install an automatic backup generator to provide electrical backup power to the facility. All costs associated with the generator, including permitting, installation, maintenance, and use will be paid by REACH.

The REACH 3 air operations unit specializes in neonatal care and is vital to the local hospitals, being one of the few emergency evacuation vehicles for critical patients. Uninterrupted power is critical to REACH’s mission, thus the installation of the proposed generator is essential given the propensity of power failures, including PG&E’s planned Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPSs). Without backup generator power, it is difficult for REACH to maintain their normal operations.

Aside from the requested amendment to allow for the placement of a backup generator at 1950 Airport Road, all other terms and conditions of Agreement No. 180269B remain in full force and effect.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS