

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

D. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

- k. Authorization to Purchase a Trakka Systems TrakkaBeam Searchlight for Eagle 7 in the Total Amount of \$85,000
(Haga/Chevez/Ciaburro)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager and the Board Operations Committee recommend that the Board of Directors authorize Public Safety to purchase a helicopter searchlight for Eagle 7, at a total cost of \$85,000.

REVENUE/COST

Budgeted funds are available for this purchase. A request for “ASU major equipment replacement” in the amount of \$100,000 was approved during the 2022 budget process. These funds were originally intended to be used to replace the main and tail rotor gear boxes on Eagle 7. Because the gearboxes cannot be installed at this time and must be deferred until early 2023, these funds are now available. A renewed request to replace the gear boxes was included in the 2023 budget process. As Manufacturer and Distributor of its own product, Trakka Systems provided the least expensive competitive bid of 3 vendors. The cost for the purchase of the TrakkaBeam Searchlight is \$85,000.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Appropriation from approved 2022 Budget Request (101-8230-000-5311) \$100,000

BACKGROUND

The Air Support Unit provides police and fire services to the East Bay Regional Park District's (Park District) extensive areas of responsibility with its two Airbus helicopters. A TrakkaBeam Searchlight allows for safe nighttime operations with illumination of crime scenes for officer safety, visibility in low-light remote areas, and clarity in range of view for aircrew flight safety.

A Trakka Systems TrakkaBeam Searchlight is currently installed on the Air Support Unit's Eagle 8 helicopter; funds are requested for similar equipment and mission capability in the Eagle 7 helicopter.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board of Directors could choose not to approve this purchase. This would result in dissimilar aircraft capability, limited asset employment and availability, and riskier operations at Night. This alternative is not recommended.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2022 - 11 -

November 15, 2022

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A TRAKKABEAM SEARCHLIGHT FOR EAGLE
7 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$85,000

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is responsible for the safety and security of park users and resources throughout its parklands in Alameda and Contra Costa counties; and

WHEREAS, the Park District maintains a staff of Public Safety and Fire Department personnel trained and equipped to provide police, fire, and emergency medical services in recreation areas, backcountry, and urban settings; and

WHEREAS, the Park District has, for 49 years, used helicopters as the most cost-effective means of supporting these functions over a large territory; and

WHEREAS, the Park District has reviewed the Air Support Program and finds that providing enhanced helicopter night visibility capability would allow for maximum effectiveness and safety in night operations; and

WHEREAS, the TrakkaBeam Searchlight will provide the Park District with its helicopter mission needs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes purchase of equipment to be allocated from established budget funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorizes the expenditure of up to \$85,000 for this purchase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director _____, seconded by
Director, and adopted this November 15, 2022, by the following vote:

FOR:
AGAINST:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

