


6. Authorization to Amend the Contract with Advanced Helicopter Services to Increase the Amount to \$140,000 and Extend the Term Through December 31, 2025



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	February 4, 2025
TITLE	Authorization to Amend the Contract with Advanced Helicopter Services to Increase the Amount to \$140,000 and Extend the Term Through December 31, 2025.
DIVISION	Public Safety
FROM	Fred Greer, Chief Pilot/Police Sergeant Roberto Filice, Assistant General Manager of Public Safety
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manger 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize amending the Advanced Helicopter Services (AHS) contract to increase the total amount to \$140,000 and extend the term through December 31, 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Air Support Unit (ASU) provides the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) with police, search and rescue and fire suppression services using two Airbus helicopters. Both helicopters fly consistently to provide these services.

Aircraft parts are life-limited or require periodic overhaul because of natural material properties, design, and construction along with wear and tear. Beyond an "expiration date", a part becomes uncertain, unreliable, and unsafe: failure in flight could be catastrophic to life and property. AHS has provided maintenance and care for Park District helicopters for 15+ years and is most familiar with Eagle 7 and 8's history and configurations. Additionally, AHS is the only local certified Flight Maintenance Service Center/Repair Station within 400 miles capable of providing these repairs in a timely and cost-effective manner: familiarity provides reduced equipment and supply costs, and proximity reduces aircraft downtime.

As ASU adds needed pilot staffing in 2025, availability and flight hours will increase, which will require more frequent maintenance. Service to be provided at both the AHS facility in Woodland, CA and on-site at the Park District's hangar in Livermore, CA.

ANALYSIS

An analysis of needed and forecasted maintenance for both helicopters in 2025 includes the following:

- Major component charge for services rendered
- 750 hour/24 month inspections (Due 6/25)
- Cargo swing connection repairs and upgrade
- Airframe hardpoint inspections and improvements

- Funds for unexpected/unforeseen /on-demand services, parts, and repairs at AHS Facility
- Services at AHS Location and on-site maintenance services at Livermore location (when District mechanic is unavailable due to scheduled and unscheduled time off)

ALTERNATIVES	
Alternative #1	Corporate Helicopters, San Diego CA.
Pros	Qualified
Cons	Distance and associated high aircraft ferry and travel costs ASU down time due to travel Not preferred provider, no established previous maintenance history Higher prices, increased overall costs
Reason for not recommending	Advanced Helicopter Services is in the local region and highly responsive, known quality and established relationship with the Park District. Switching to Corporate would include longer down times for any service, along with higher costs.

ALTERNATIVES	
Alternative #2	Rotorcraft Support Inc., Filmore CA.
Pros	Qualified
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance and associated high aircraft ferry and travel costs • ASU down time due to travel • Not preferred provider, no established previous maintenance history • Increased costs
Reason for not recommending	As of this date no response. Advanced Helicopter Services, in local region and highly responsive, known quality and established relationship with the Park District. Switching to Rotorcraft Support would include longer down times for any service, increasing overall costs.

FISCAL IMPACT

The 2025 Public Safety Air Support Unit's operating budget has over \$140,000 in Supplies and Services available to fund the contract with AHS.

ATTACHMENTS

None



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 02
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED
HELICOPTER SERVICES TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT TO \$140,000 AND
EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Air Support Unit provides the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) with police, search and rescue and fire suppression services using two Airbus helicopters. Both helicopters fly consistently to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, aircraft parts are life-limited or require periodic overhaul and maintenance because of natural material properties, design, and construction along with wear and tear; and

WHEREAS, Advanced Helicopter Services (AHS) has provided maintenance and care for Park District helicopters for 15+ years and is most familiar with Eagle 7 and 8's history and configurations. Additionally, AHS is the only local certified Flight Maintenance Service Center/Repair Station within 400 miles capable of providing these repairs in a timely and cost-effective manner; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby authorize amendment of the contract with AHS for up to \$140,000 for ongoing maintenance on Park District helicopters through December 31, 2025, as presented to the Board on February 4, 2025; 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 to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and
adopted February 4, 2025, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: