



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
May 5, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

**Title: Agreement: Use of Training Facilities with Western Area Power
Administration (WAPA)**

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Letter of Agreement with WAPA for an initial term of 1 year and up to 4 additional 1 year extensions, for a possible total term of 5 years.

Contact: Ed Vasques, Assistant Chief, 264-7522

Presenters: N/A

Department: Fire

Division: Special Operations

Organization No: 12001431

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Sacramento Fire Department has utilized the training facilities at WAPA for the past two years. The use of the facilities is primarily for extensive, ascending (climbing) training scenarios that are involved with the safe access to, and ascension of, high voltage electrical transmission towers. This type of training is necessary to meet the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) mandates, as well as develops the knowledge, skills & abilities of the Sacramento Fire Department personnel to operate in these high risk, low frequency events. The equipment at the WAPA training facilities not only allows for the training of rescue personnel, but also permits the subsequent evaluation of these personnel in as close to a controlled environment as possible.

The previous Letter of Agreement, City Contract No. 2008-0027, expired in January of this year. This report recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution, which authorizes the City Manager, or authorized designee, to execute the new Letter of Agreement for an initial term of 1 year and up to 4 additional 1 year extensions, for a possible total term of 5 years.

Policy Considerations: This recommendation is consistent with the Mayor and City Council's mission to protect, preserve, and enhances the quality of life for present and future generations by providing training facilities available for our Fire personnel to utilize prior to facing real-life emergency situations.

The utilization of the training facilities will also help complete training events that are necessary to meet the OSHA mandates.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This report concerns administrative activities that do not constitute a "project" as defined by section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and is otherwise exempt pursuant to sections 15061(b) (3); 15378(b) (2).

Sustainability Considerations: There are no sustainability considerations as listed in the Sustainability Master Plan applicable to approving the proposed Resolution.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The Sacramento Fire Department currently does not have site specific facilities, or equipment, to simulate the same extensive, ascending (climbing) training scenarios that are involved with the safe access to, and ascension of, high voltage electrical transmission towers. WAPA has equipment and facilities needed for safe training that meets OSHA mandates. The costs to develop and build this type of specific transmission tower training facilities are prohibitive.

Financial Considerations: There are no costs associated with approving and processing the Letter of Agreement. Additionally, WAPA, has not, and will not charge the City for using their training facilities.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): There are no goods or services being purchased as a result of the proposed Resolution.

Respectfully Submitted by: Ed Vasques
Ed Vasques
Assistant Chief

Approved by: 
Ray S. Jones
Fire Chief

Recommendation Approved:

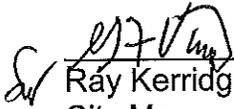

Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**AGREEMENT: USE OF TRAINING FACILITIES WITH WESTERN AREA POWER
ADMINISTRATION (WAPA)**

BACKGROUND

- A. The City of Sacramento has utilized the training facilities at WAPA for the past two years.
- B. The previous Letter of Agreement, City Contract No. 2008-0027, expired in January 2009.
- C. The use of the training facilities at WAPA is primarily for extensive, ascending (climbing) training scenarios that are involved with the safe access to, and ascension of, high voltage electrical transmission towers. This type of training is necessary to meet the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) mandates, as well as develops the knowledge, skills & abilities of the Sacramento Fire Department personnel to operate in these high risk, low frequency events.
- D. WAPA, has not, and will not charge the City of Sacramento for the use of their training facilities.
- E. The proposed Letter of Agreement provides for an initial term of 1 year, and at the end of this term, it may be extended if both parties mutually agree.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the Letter of Agreement with WAPA for an initial term of 1 year and up to 4 additional 1 year extensions, for a possible total term of 5 years.

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Exhibit A – Listing of document available for review on the City of Sacramento's website and on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Listing of document available for review on the City's website and on file with the City Clerk's Office:

- Letter of Agreement with Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) for the use of their training facilities.