



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Office of Emergency Services - Agreement for Temporary Transfer of Vehicular Equipment

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Enter into an Agreement for Temporary Transfer of an Urban Search & Rescue Trailer and Associated Equipment Cache between the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Merced Fire Department.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion authorizing the signing of the "Agreement for Temporary Transfer of Vehicular Equipment" between the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (State) and the Merced Fire Department (Assignee).

### ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Provide direction on specific revision to Agreement; or,
3. Request additional information; or,
4. Continue the matter to a certain date; or,
5. Decline to take action.

### AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section - Powers.  
Charter of the City of Merced Section 501. - City Manager - Powers and Duties.  
Charter of the City of Merced Title 8 - Health and Safety.

### CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Public Safety, as provided for in the 2017-18 Adopted Budget.

### DISCUSSION

The City of Merced Fire Department has received the authorization for the assignment of an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Type II trailer and associated Equipment Cache. The vehicle will be provided to the City on a temporary transfer of equipment agreement. The agreement specifies that the City agrees to staff the trailer when requested by the State of California Office of Emergency Services to any location in the state. In turn, the City will benefit from the USAR trailer by having a Type II USAR trailer with the rescue equipment assigned to the City that can be used by the City at any time. The value of this resource is estimated at \$109,366.86. We will be required to provide

minor maintenance of the trailer and equipment and/or replace any item damaged while being used solely in the city for emergency incidents or training. The City of Merced Fire Department has trained personnel that meet or exceed the level of training required to operate the equipment in the type II USAR trailer.

The Type II rescue program was created to augment Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) capabilities statewide. The program assigns 20-Type II Rescue Cache Trailers equipped with the Specialized Equipment utilized by a Medium Rescue Company with a local government organization who provides six (6) staff members to make up a Medium or Type II Rescue Company. When one of these rescue caches is assigned with five Cal OES Type I engines, the result is a response equal to that of a USAR regional Task Force. This capability provides an enhanced response to collapses in wood frame and light masonry buildings and greatly enhances the State Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System.

After the agreement is executed by the City, a Certificate of Insurance will be obtained and forwarded to the State of California.

**Background:**

The City of Merced has previously entered into an Agreement for Temporary Transfers of Vehicular Equipment with the State, when it received its first fire engine (OES 279) in 1989.

**IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

None. The trailer is being provided to the city at no cost. Maintenance is anticipated to be minor and can be accommodated through the existing budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Agreement for Temporary Transfer of Vehicular Equipment
2. Certificate of insurance