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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: December 5, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide public safety dispatch services.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide public safety dispatch services in an amount not to exceed \$200,415.

Background: The existing contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) dispatch center (SURCOM) expired July 31, 2018. SURCOM is the only entity that can provide dispatch services using our existing radio system. The use of SURCOM dispatch also facilitates coordination with DPR and National Park Service peace officers, improving interoperability and efficiencies within our joint areas of responsibility.

A draft of the agreement is not yet available. It is expected that the fee will be similar to the previous contract for 2016-2018. In previous contracts the fee structure has been consistent with all other public agency user groups. The term will be August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2020. Although the term of the previous agreement has concluded, DPR has continued to provide service.

Consideration: Although a draft agreement is not yet available, staff's understanding is that DPR will not be pursuing an increase over the previous contract amount of \$190,868. The proposed authorization amount, \$200,415. is 5% more than the previous contract to allow for contingency.

Fiscal Impact: The proposed contract was anticipated in the adopted budget for fiscal year 2018-19. The expense is paid by the general fund.