



To: Board of Directors
From: Steve Simons, Fire Chief
Date: June 19, 2019
Subject: Consider Approving a Multi-Year Contract with BCM One for Internet Services

Background:

Meeks Bay Fire currently uses AT&T for internet connectivity. The district budget for this service is \$5,700 for FY 2019/2020. Although the district has never received an invoice for this service, it should be costing us approximately \$475 each month. Office Manager Crawford is still attempting to obtain invoices.

North Tahoe Fire Administrative and IT staff have worked over the past year researching combined internet connectivity, phone lines and voice over internet protocol (VOIP) hardware and software, to improve their overall service and increase their bandwidth.

Because Meeks Bay Fire is a separate agency, we would not be able to take advantage of increased service for phone lines and VOIP at this time. However, we can take part in the improved service related to internet connectivity. There may be an opportunity in the future to add VOIP with Netfortis/Fonality.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a multi-year contract for internet services with BCM One for internet connectivity and, if feasible, Netfortis/Fonality for VOIP, not to exceed \$5700.