CONSENT CALENDAR
April 24, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: David Brannigan, Fire Chief

Subject: Purchase Order: L.N. Curtis for Wildland Fire Personal Protective Equipment (Clothing)

RECOMMENDATION
Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order with L.N. Curtis & Sons in an amount not to exceed $70,000 for the purchase of wildland fire personal protective equipment (PPE) and accessories. L.N. Curtis & Sons is an authorized distributor of wildland PPE.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION
The purchase price of the wildland fire PPE and accessories will not exceed $70,000. This total includes state and local sales taxes. $70,000 will be appropriated in the General Fund (010-6402-420-5540 and 010-6402-420-5570) as part of the Second Amendment to the FY2018 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS
The new wildland PPE will enable the Department to improve firefighter safety by providing modern thermal protective equipment that meets the California Emergency Management Agency (EMA) PPE Section 4 and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1977 standards. This purchase piggybacks off a publicly solicited cooperative contract (# 00000170) awarded to L.N. Curtis & Sons. The contract is established through a formal competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process conducted by Public Procurement Authority. The RFP was issued on October 26, 2016 and awarded on April 27, 2017. Piggybacking off a cooperative contract is an effort to streamline the procurement process, reducing administrative costs and delays associated with a RFP.

BACKGROUND
Some of the current stock of wildland PPE have exceeded their 10-year service life and are due for replacement. New standards for various components of the wildland PPE along with new regulations, require replacement of the old models to meet industry standards.
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
There are no identifiable environmental effects associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION
Some of the current wildland PPE have exceeded their service life. Additionally, they are not in compliance with the new NFPA standards.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED
There are no viable alternative actions identified.

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Attachments:
1: Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. ###,###-N.S.

PURCHASE ORDER: L.N. CURTIS FOR WILDLAND FIRE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

WHEREAS, wildland fire personal protective equipment (PPE) is needed by the Fire Department for its fire suppression of wildland fires. Some of the existing wildland PPE are non-compliant with industry standards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has a history of wildland/urban Interface fires; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley City Charter Article XI, Public Works and Supplies, Section 67.2 allows for the use of competitively bid pricing from a public agency; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2016, the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) issued a Request for Proposal solicitation No. 1605 for fire equipment. The RFP was published in USA Today on November 2, 2016 and posted on the following websites: www.nppgov.com, www.ppa-or.gov, and www.findrfp.com. The RFP was closed on December 12, 2016. PPA received six proposals. Proposals were evaluated by PPA based on the criteria contained in the RFP. L.N. Curtis & Sons was a successful bidder and awarded Contract No. 00000170 for firefighting equipment, and

WHEREAS, L.N. Curtis & Sons is a local vendor based in Oakland, California; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to replace the existing substandard wildland PPE; and

WHEREAS, $70,000 will be appropriated in the General Fund (010-6402-420-7041 and 010-6402-420-5570) as part of the Second Amendment to the FY 2018 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized under City Charter Article XI, Section 67.2 to execute a purchase order with L.N. Curtis & Sons to purchase wildland PPE and accessories in an amount not to exceed $70,000.