



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** JANUARY 14, 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** SALINAS FIRE DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** SAMUEL P. KLEMEK, FIRE CHIEF

**TITLE:** SURPLUS AND DONATION OF BALLISTIC PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution authorizing the surplus and donation of ballistic personal protective equipment to South Bay Regional Training Consortium.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Salinas Fire Department recommends donating surplus expired but functional Aardvark Project 7 TRV vests and helmet systems to the South Bay Regional Training Consortium. While no longer suitable for emergency response, the equipment remains safe for training purposes and will support the preparation of law enforcement and fire academy recruits. The City Council has the authority to take such action pursuant to Salinas Municipal Code section 12-16.

### BACKGROUND:

The equipment to be surplus and donated includes 38 Aardvark Project 7 TRV vests and 40 helmets, originally purchased in 2019 to provide personnel with body armor for hostile incidents and training exercises. The gear was selected based on its high level of protection, comfort, durability, and value. It has served on front-line apparatus for its full five-year service lifespan, ensuring the safety of firefighters during rescue and aid missions.

The Salinas Fire Department now seeks authorization to declare this equipment as surplus and donate it to the South Bay Regional Training Consortium. While no longer suitable for emergency response, the equipment will significantly enhance the Consortium's training capabilities, providing recruits with essential protection during realistic scenario-based exercises. The South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium relies heavily on donations of equipment from fire and law enforcement agencies throughout the tri-county area to maintain high level of training to recruits. The South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium has trained hundreds of law enforcement recruits, many of whom serve in the City of Salinas.

### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

No.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The surplus and donation of this equipment supports the Council's Strategic Initiative of *Public Safety*.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

No departmental coordination needed.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Approval of this item does not have a direct fiscal impact to the general fund.

Fund	Appropriation	Appropriation Name	Total Appropriation	Amount for recommendation	FY 24-25 Operating Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Resolution)
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution