

**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
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**To:** Office of the City Administrator  
**Attn:** Deborah Edgerly  
**From:** Police Department  
**Date:** January 16, 2007

**Re: A Report and Resolution Amending Resolution No. 79930 CMS, which Authorized the Purchase of a Schweizer 300 CBI Training Helicopter for \$230,000, to Increase the Purchase Price by Twenty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$20,125) to Cover the Purchase Tax, for a Total Purchase Price Not to Exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$250,125)**

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**SUMMARY**

On May 30, 2006 City Council passed Resolution No. 79930 C.M.S., authorizing the City Administrator to purchase a Schweizer 300 CBI Training Helicopter for a purchase price not to exceed \$230,000, which is the base price of the helicopter. Staff is requesting authorization for the City Administrator to amend Resolution No. 79930 C.M.S. to include an additional \$20,125 (the cost of sales tax), making the purchase price not to exceed \$250,125.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The \$130,000 generated from the sale of the Department's 1977 Enstrom Training Helicopter has been deposited into the Helicopter Unit (Fund: 1010, Organization: 105660, Account: 57714, Special Operations Program PS13, and in Project P291810). Additional funds required to make the purchase in the amount of \$30,000 will be drawn from the existing Air Support Unit's general appropriations (Fund: 1010, Organization: 105660, Account: 57714, Project: 0000000, Program: PS13), \$70,000 will be drawn from the Department's Drug Asset Forfeiture Account (Fund: 2912, Organization: 105660, Account: 57714, Project: H76010, Program: PS13) and \$20,125 will be drawn from the DEA Oakland Area Violent Drug Task Force (Fund: 2112, Organization: 102330, Account: 57611, Project: G272610, Program: PS03).

The newer model Schweizer 300 CBI Training Helicopter will be purchased directly from the seller by the Department. As noted in the May 2006 Report, Big Valley Aviation Inc. has agreed to broker both the sale and purchase of the aircrafts, and will provide a complete inspection of the new aircraft for a flat fee of \$1000, plus travel expenses. The Finance and Management Agency's Purchasing Section approved this process, given the unique nature of the equipment being sold and purchased.

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## **BACKGROUND**

Big Valley Aviation Inc. is currently under contract with the City and provides service and performs maintenance on the Department's three helicopters (two McDonnell Douglas [MD] 500Es and one Enstrom). Since 1987, Big Valley Aviation, Inc. has met all maintenance requirements and has provided satisfactory service to the Department's Air Support Unit.

## **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

Due to a collective administrative error, the omission of funds to cover applicable taxes was not caught prior to the adoption of Resolution No. 79930 C.M.S. The proposed resolution will correct that oversight and permit the department to complete the purchase of the helicopter. The purchase of the Schweizer Training Helicopter will reduce the overall maintenance budget of the Air Support Unit, as it is a newer model. Additionally, a newer helicopter, properly maintained and stored inside, should serve the Air Support Unit for approximately 15-20 years.

It is crucial that the Department have a reliable training helicopter for the continued success of the Air Support Unit. The purchase of the new Schweizer helicopter will allow the Department to meet FAA flight instruction and continuing training requirements which include normal and emergency procedures.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Members of the Air Support Unit respond to many in-progress crimes and assist in scene management and suspect apprehension, as well as provide support to the Fire Department and Oakland citizens in various situations. By providing a flight crews broader perspective, ground resources are used more efficiently.

The training received by the Air Support Unit pilots will ensure their availability to conduct such critical operations as assisting in searches for missing persons, traffic enforcement, surveillance, special events, and photo assignments; and is an invaluable tool during vehicular pursuits. Accidents caused during vehicle pursuits are greatly reduced because pilots overhead can advise ground units of potential hazards, which allow the patrol officer to concentrate on driving at a speed and distance sufficient to keep the fleeing vehicle from additional reckless and unsafe acts that may endanger pedestrians and other vehicles.

## **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Economic** - A study conducted in 1975 by the Kansas City Police Department, shows that a police helicopter can perform the same level of observation and tactical support as 12 ground patrol officers; this is known as a *Force Multiplier*. The benefit of a *Force Multiplier* is more ground-based officer availability, a significant reduction of potential injury or risk of death to officers and citizens, and increased productivity and reduction of liability claims against the City.

Helicopters are capable of moving tactical teams, first responders, medical and rescue personnel, and incident commanders to locations that are otherwise inaccessible, such as rooftops or areas where roads and bridges are closed.

Environmental - Helicopter crews can quickly identify fires, and report directly to the Oakland Fire Department. Because of the rapid identification and response, fires can be extinguished more quickly and with less damage to property; therefore decreasing the release of harmful air pollutants. Additionally, the newer Schweizer 300 CBI burns fuel more efficiently.

Social Equity - The purchase of a more efficient helicopter will enhance violence prevention and facilitate future economic growth in Oakland.


### **DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

There are no Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or senior citizen access issues contained in this report.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends acceptance of this report and proposed amended resolution authorizing the City Administrator to purchase a Schweizer model 300 CBI Training Helicopter for a purchase price not to exceed \$250,125.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Airport Security Section  
Bureau of Field Operations

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO  
THE CITY COUNCIL:

  
Office of the City Administrator

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*Rocio V. Gierro*  
City Attorney

# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 79930 CMS, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE PURCHASE OF A SCHWEIZER 300 CBI TRAINING HELICOPTER FOR \$230,000, TO INCREASE THE PURCHASE PRICE BY TWENTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$20,125) TO COVER THE PURCHASE TAX, FOR A TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$250,125)**

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Police Department (hereinafter "OPD") has long used helicopters as an air support platform to improve police services the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of a police helicopter speeds police services to remote areas of the City, improves officer safety, and improves both fire and crime prevention and response efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department's current training helicopter has exceeded its useful life and has become increasingly expensive to operate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department effectively uses its helicopter resources to address serious narcotic offenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department seeks to replace the existing 1977 Enstrom Training Helicopter with a newer model Schweizer 300 CBI Training Helicopter at a purchase price not to exceed \$250,125, by using funds from the sale of the existing training helicopter combined with funds held in the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund (2912), and, existing Air Support Unit's General Appropriations; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator, or her designee, to purchase a newer Schweizer 300 CBI Training Helicopter on the open market, in an amount not to exceed \$250,125; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to modify, extend, or amend said agreement, provided that no additional funds shall be allocated without prior Council approval.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
LaTonda Simmons  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council,  
City of Oakland, California