

City of Piedmont
Council Agenda Report

DATE: January 18, 2005

FROM: John C. Speakman – Fire Chief

SUBJECT: **Mutual Aid Agreement** – THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION AND THE PIEDMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, accept the attached mutual aid agreement between the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) and the Piedmont Fire Department.

BACKGROUND:

The Piedmont Fire Department has participated in the statewide mutual aid program for many years. This program is voluntary and we have responded whenever staffing permits. The City of Piedmont has benefited from this program in the past and most recently in 2000 when a fire, which started in Oakland, spread into the area behind our corporation yard threatened homes on Moraga Avenue.

This agreement states that neither party shall be required to reduce its own fire protection resources, personnel, services and facilities to the detriment of its normal fire protection capability.

The enclosed agreement states that each party will aid the other with Fire Protection, and that each party will be responsible for its own loss, damages incurred and liability. There will be no reimbursement or assumption of liability for the other.

One of the benefits of this agreement is the ability of the Piedmont Fire Department to make cost saving purchases with this Agreement, through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.