



Tracy Rural County Fire Protection District

Agenda Item 4.3

STAFF REPORT

Meeting: Regular Meeting
Date: September 8, 2026
To: Board of Directors
Prepared by: Raychel Jackson, Board Clerk
Approved by: Craig Miller, Chairperson

Re: Election to Participate in the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA)

RECOMMENDATION

☒ **Action Item** ☐ Non-Action Item

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2026-16 electing the Tracy Rural County Fire Protection District to become subject to the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22030.

BACKGROUND

The California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA), Public Contract Code Sections 22000 et seq., provides public agencies with a streamlined process for completing and contracting for public works projects.

The District is currently evaluating several improvements at Station 94, including plumbing improvements, removal of the existing ceiling, installation of LED lighting, remodeling of two bathrooms, replacement of hallway carpet with new flooring, interior painting, and landscaping improvements.

The Board has expressed an interest in addressing the Station 94 improvements as individual projects based on priority, available funding, operational needs, and project scope rather than completing one comprehensive station renovation.

Participation in CUPCCAA would provide the District with additional flexibility and a more efficient procurement process for qualifying Station 94 improvements as well as future District public works projects. This will include all stations and all public works projects.



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DISCUSSION

CUPCCAA establishes different procurement procedures based on the estimated cost of a public project.

Under the current thresholds:

- Public projects of \$75,000 or less may generally be performed by District employees, negotiated contract, or purchase order;
- Public projects of \$220,000 or less may be awarded through informal bidding procedures; and
- Public projects over \$220,000 generally require formal competitive bidding.

Participation in CUPCCAA would allow the District to use a procurement process appropriate to the size and complexity of each project rather than utilizing a full formal bidding process for every qualifying public works project.

Benefits to the District include reduced staff time, faster procurement of smaller projects, reduced administrative and advertising costs, and greater flexibility in obtaining competitive pricing from qualified contractors.

CUPCCAA does not eliminate prevailing wage, Department of Industrial Relations requirements, contractor licensing, insurance, bonding, or other applicable public works requirements. It also does not permit a public agency to divide a single project into smaller projects for the purpose of avoiding competitive bidding requirements. CUPCCAA also does not interfere with grants or other funding.

FISCAL IMPACTS

There is no fee to elect to participate in CUPCCAA or to file the District's election with the California State Controller's Office.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 2026-16– Election to Become Subject to the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act



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Resolution No. 2026-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRACY RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CALIFORNIA UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT (CUPCAA)

WHEREAS, the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act, Public Contract Code Section 22000 et seq., establishes uniform cost accounting standards and alternative bidding procedures for public projects performed or contracted by public agencies; and

WHEREAS, Public Contract Code Section 22000 et seq. authorizes a public agency, by resolution of its governing body, to elect to become subject to the uniform construction cost accounting procedures established under the Act; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Act provides public agencies with streamlined procedures for qualifying public works projects while maintaining applicable competitive bidding and public accounting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the District anticipates undertaking facility repairs, improvements, and other public works projects and desires to establish an efficient and cost-effective process for procuring such work; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds that participating in the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act is in the best interest of the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of Tracy Rural County Fire Protection District that:

The District hereby elects to become subject to the uniform public construction cost accounting procedures established by the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act and policies and procedures adopted by the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission.

The District hereby authorizes the General Manager, or designee to administer the necessary implementations to participate in the Act.

Motion passed.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 8th day of September, 2026.

Craig Miller, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Raychel Jackson, Clerk of the Board