

**STAFF REPORT**

**SUBJECT:** Call Box Cellular Service Contract

**MEETING DATE:** May 15, 2003

**AGENDA ITEM:** 7B

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Chair to execute an amendment to the existing agreement with AT&T Wireless Services to extend the contract term to June 30, 2004 at a cost not to exceed \$36,000.

**DISCUSSION:**

SBCAG, as the Santa Barbara Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) is responsible for operating and maintaining the roadside emergency call boxes throughout the County. For several years, cellular telephone service for SBCAG's call boxes has been provided under an agreement with AT&T Wireless Services. The agreement covers a one-year period with annual renewal options available. Under the existing agreement, AT&T provides cellular service at a basic rate of \$7.50 per month per call box. This rate is consistent with rates being charged by AT&T to other SAFEs it serves. SBCAG is also responsible for the costs of taxes and other surcharges on the cellular service.

It is recommended that the board authorize an amendment to the agreement to extend the term until June 30, 2004. No budget action is needed at this time. Sufficient funds for this contract will be included in the proposed SBCAG FY 2003-04 budget scheduled for adoption in June. The terms of this contract may be changed or terminated at any time throughout the year with 30 days notice to the service provider.

**COMMITTEE REVIEW:** None

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