



AGENDA ITEM: 26-16  
DATE OF MEETING: May 13, 2026  
ACTION:   
INFORMATION:

**APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO FIVE DROWNING PREVENTION CONTRACTS  
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027  
[AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$2,901,980 - PROP 10 FUNDS]**

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST**

Approve amendments to five (5) drowning prevention contracts (Attachments 1–5) to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$880,425 (from \$2,021,555 to \$2,901,980) for the term through June 30, 2027. These amendments provide continued and expanded swim instruction, drowning prevention education, and related services for children 0-5, with an estimated 4,341 additional children to be served in Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

**BACKGROUND**

Five (5) partner agencies—Family Young Men’s Christian Association of the Desert (Family YMCA of the Desert), Desert Recreation District, SoCal Water Babies, Inc., Corona-Norco Family Young Men’s Christian Association, and Lifesaver Aquatics, LLC (Attachments 1–5) have demonstrated capacity and effectiveness in delivering drowning prevention swim lessons and related services on behalf of the Commission. These amendments reflect increased demand and utilization across providers. Approval to extend contracts through FY 2026/2027 will ensure continuity of these critical services while the Commission develops a new Strategic Plan. This continued investment aligns with the Commission's Strategic Plan priorities focused on prevention, early intervention, and equitable access.

The total recommended funding allocation for these five contracts is an additional \$880,425 distributed as follows:

- Family YMCA of the Desert (CF25108): \$125,000
- Desert Recreation District (CF23118): \$100,000
- SoCal Water Babies, Inc. (CF24101): \$241,025
- Corona-Norco Family YMCA (CF24104): \$280,000
- Lifesaver Aquatics LLC (CF25132): \$134,400

Funding levels are based on provider performance, demonstrated capacity, and projected service delivery, including prior utilization trends and community demand. Collectively, these providers will serve approximately 4,341 additional children ages 0-5 through direct swim instruction, drowning prevention programs, and instructor training in District 5 during Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

These programs reduce drowning risk by providing age-appropriate swim instruction, self-rescue skills, and caregiver-focused water safety education. Continued investment is supported by strong infrastructure, certified instructors, and consistent delivery in high-need communities. Priority is given to children at highest risk, with standardized referral and reporting through Apricot ensuring timely access and measurable outcomes.

Approval to extend these (5) contracts will sustain and expand a coordinated, countywide drowning prevention network, maximize the Commission's investment, and continue advancing community-wide safety outcomes. By leveraging experienced providers and evidence-informed program models, this effort strengthens protective factors for young children and supports First 5 Riverside County's long-term goal of reducing preventable childhood injuries and fatalities.

Prior Commission Actions:

May 10, 2023 (Action Item 23-24): The Riverside County Children & Families Commission authorized the Executive Director to fund drowning prevention swim lessons through multiple provider contracts for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026.

July 17, 2023 (Action Item 23-41): The Riverside County Children & Families Commission authorized the Executive Director to approve the acceptance of Community Improvement Designation (CID) funds to expand access to infant survival swim lessons and increase provider capacity through instructor training.

May 14, 2025 (Action Item 25-19): The Riverside County Children & Families Commission authorized the Executive Director to increase an existing provider contract to address increased demand for swim lessons and expand service capacity in high-need communities.

Additionally, prior contracts executed under the Executive Director's authority supported the implementation and expansion of drowning prevention services countywide, contributing to increased access, provider capacity, and participation among high-risk populations.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

That the Commission:

1. Approve amendments of five (5) contracts noted in Attachments 1-5, to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$880,425, for a revised total amount not-to-exceed \$2,901,980 for the term through June 30, 2027; and authorize the Executive

Director to sign the Amendment on behalf of the Commission, subject to County Counsel approval as to form; and

2. Authorize the Executive Director, based on the availability of fiscal funding, to sign amendments that exercise the options of the five (5) contracts executed on behalf of the Commission, including modifications of the statement of work that stay within the intent of said contract without requiring further action from the Commission.

## **BUDGET IMPACT**

Adequate appropriation has been included in the proposed FY 2026/2027 budget. (527980-25800-938001-92945)

## **STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE**

Goal Area 2 - Comprehensive Health & Development (92945)

## **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None known.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Family YMCA of the Desert (CF25108)
2. Desert Recreation District (CF23118)
3. SoCal Water Babies, Inc. (CF24101)
4. Corona-Norco Family YMCA (CF24104)
5. Lifesaver Aquatics LLC (CF25132)