



AGENDA ITEM: 26-09  
DATE OF MEETING: March 11, 2026  
ACTION:   
INFORMATION:

**APPROVE TWO AMENDMENTS WITH  
FAMILY YMCA OF THE DESERT (CONTRACT NO. CF25108) AND  
SOCAL WATER BABIES, INC. (CONTRACT NO. CF24101) FOR  
DROWNING PREVENTION  
[\$104,705 - PROP 10 FUNDS]**

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST**

Approve two (2) amendments (Attachment 1 – Table 1) to increase the not-to-exceed amounts for (1) Family YMCA of the Desert (Contract No. 25108) and (2) SoCal Water Babies, Inc (Contract No. CF24101) by a combined total of \$104,705 in Proposition 10 fund, consistent with the Commission’s 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

Family YMCA of the Desert and SoCal Water Babies, Inc., (Attachment 1 – Table 1) provide drowning prevention swim lessons funded by the Commission. The proposed amendments increase capacity to meet seasonal demand and maintain continuity of services through June 30, 2026. The Commission’s FY 2025/26 drowning prevention investment is delivered through ten provider agreements countywide; this item recommends amendments to two agreements to expand capacity and maintain continuity of services through June 30, 2026.

Family YMCA of the Desert (CF25108) has fully expended allocated funds and requests an additional \$64,375 to continue services through June 30, 2026. This increase is expected to support approximately 515 additional children receiving swim instruction and water safety skills. Families in these underserved areas face practical barriers to swim instruction (cost, transportation, limited local providers). This investment reduces those access barriers in the county’s highest-risk communities and directly supports the drowning prevention strategy by expanding swim lesson availability where need is greatest.

Additionally, due to increased provider capacity and demand, SoCal Water Babies, Inc. (CF24101) requests an additional \$40,330 to support expanded swim lessons and related program costs (including registration fees, insurance, and staffing) through June 30, 2026. This increase is expected to serve approximately 72 additional children.

Together, these amendments are anticipated to serve approximately 587 additional children and reduce projected unspent drowning prevention funds for FY 2025/26. The Commission approved a countywide FY 2025/26 drowning prevention investment of \$1,000,000. This action increases planned expenditures from \$800,234.41 to \$904,939.41. While expenditures vary by district based on provider capacity and enrollment demand, this amendment advances the Commission's intent to maximize the approved investment and improve safety outcomes countywide.

On May 14, 2025 (Action Item 25-19): The Commission approved the first amendment to Contract No. CF25108 with Family YMCA of the Desert, increasing the contract amount from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for the period of November 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, to meet the growing demand for water safety skills.

November 18, 2024, Contract No. CF25108 with Family YMCA of the Desert was executed under the Executive Director's spending authority for \$50,000, with a contract term of November 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, to provide swim lessons.

November 6, 2023, Contract No. CF24137 with SoCal Water Babies, Inc was executed for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 in CID funds for the period of July 17, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This investment increased county capacity by training four additional instructors in the Infant Rescue Swim method. As a result, newly trained providers were able to become First 5 contractors and deliver additional swim lessons, increasing the number of specialized Infant Rescue Swim providers available in Riverside County and supporting higher participation and utilization.

On July 17, 2023 (Action Item 23-41): The Commission approved the acceptance of Community Improvement Designation (CID) funds allocation in the amount of \$60,000 for the funding of infant survival swim lesson scholarship and training of three instructors.

On May 10, 2023 (Action Item 23-24): The Commission approved Contract No. CF24101 with SoCal Water Babies, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$450,000, for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, to provide drowning prevention swim lessons.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

That the Commission:

1. Approve the funding for two (2) amendments (Attachment 1 – Table 1) in an amount not to exceed \$104,705 and authorize the Executive Director to execute the amendments 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 execute non-material amendments to Contracts CF25108 and CF24101 that exercise the options of the executed Contract No. CF25108 A2 and CF24101 A1, 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 is included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 (527980-25800-938001-92945).

## **STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE**

Goal Area 2 – Comprehensive Health and Development (92945)

## **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Drowning Prevention Partner Agencies – Table 1
2. CF25108 A2 – Family YMCA of the Desert
3. CF24101 A1 – SoCal Water Babies, Inc.