

# TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

**Board Meeting Date: March 2, 2021** 

**DATE:** February 9, 2021

**TO:** Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve of an amendment to "Section 3 – Compensation,

Lease and In-Kind Services" to the Cooperative Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for Provision of Emergency Response to the Wadsworth Area, originally dated

June 1, 2018. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

## **SUMMARY**

Discussion and possible approval of an amendment to "Section 3 – Compensation, Lease and In-Kind Services" of the Cooperative Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for Provision of Emergency Response to the Wadsworth Area, originally dated June 1, 2018.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

February 10, 2015, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved a Cooperative Agreement between the District and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for Provision of Emergency Response to the Wadsworth Area.

May 22, 2018, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved a Cooperative Agreement between the District and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for Provision of Emergency Response to the Wadsworth Area.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Pyramid Paiute Tribe operates a Volunteer Fire Department and has several volunteers who reside in the Wadsworth area. For a fire in the tribal areas of Wadsworth, Pyramid Paiute Tribe volunteers must respond to Nixon for equipment, and then respond back to Wadsworth. TMFPD responds from Hidden Valley for fires in its Wadsworth service areas.

In the interest of providing a faster response for both the Tribe and District residents, this Agreement will continue to provide the Pyramid Paiute Tribe the ability to assist the District with emergency response to fire and emergency medical calls to District areas of Wadsworth in

exchange for use of a portion of the Wadsworth fire station. The tribe currently only uses one of the two apparatus bays at the station. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has expressed an interest in occupying the second apparatus bay during fire season. Modifying the existing Cooperative Agreement with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe will allow for a separate use agreement to be considered with BLM, which will come to the Board at a later date.

Acceptance of the Cooperative agreement will continue the practice of sharing critical resources in a timely and cost efficient manner and provide our citizens with the high level of service they have come to expect from the District.

# **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no cost associated with the Amendment of this Interlocal Agreement.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Fire Commissioners approve an amendment to "Section 3 – Compensation, Lease and In-Kind Services" of the Cooperative Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for Provision of Emergency Response to the Wadsworth Area, originally dated June 1, 2018.

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board of Fire Commissioners agree with the staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

"I move to approve an amendment to "Section 3 – Compensation, Lease and In-Kind Services" of the Cooperative Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for Provision of Emergency Response to the Wadsworth Area, originally dated June 1, 2018."