



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: April 6, 2021

DATE: March 18, 2021
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to authorize staff to execute release of claim documents, after review by the District Attorney, related to District response to motor vehicle accidents in order to collect fees authorized pursuant to NRS 474.550. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item is discussion and possible approval authorize staff to execute release of claim documents, after review by the District Attorney, related to District response to motor vehicle accidents in order to collect fees authorized pursuant to NRS 474.550.

PREVIOUS ACTION

April 28, 2020, the Board approved a Motor Vehicle Accident Response Rate Schedule to allow the District to recover expenses for responding to a motor vehicle accident in its jurisdiction that constitutes an emergency that threatens human life that is willfully or negligently caused by the person to be billed.

BACKGROUND

Legal Authority - NRS 474.550 authorizes a fire district to collect expenses associated with the willful or negligent conduct that causes a fire or other emergency that threatens human life.

On April 28, 2020, the Board approved a Motor Vehicle Accident Response Rate Schedule to allow the District to recover expenses for responding to a motor vehicle accident in its jurisdiction that constitutes an emergency that threatens human life that is willfully or negligently caused by the person to be billed.

On December 20, 2020, the District received a "release of claims" from Progressive Insurance addressed to the District for an accident it responded to on June 8, 2021. In order to collect the \$900 authorized under NRS 474.550, Progressive requested an executed "release of claims." This release was reviewed by the District Attorney who determined it would be appropriate to

execute the document. In this case, the only claim the District has against Progressive is for the \$900 for response to a motor vehicle collision.

It is expected the District will receive these type of release documents periodically. It is requested that staff be authorized now and, in the future, to execute release of claim documents, after review by the District Attorney, related to District response to motor vehicle accidents in order to collect fees authorized pursuant to NRS 474.550.

FISCAL IMPACT

Any receipts received will be deposited into the District's General Fund and used for Emergency Medical Services.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board authorize staff to execute release of claim documents, after review by the District Attorney, related to District response to motor vehicle accidents in order to collect fees authorized pursuant to NRS 474.550.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation a possible motion could be:

"I move to authorize staff to execute release of claim documents, after review by the District Attorney, related to District response to motor vehicle accidents in order to collect fees authorized pursuant to NRS 474.550."