



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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DATE: July 12, 2021
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a revised month-to-month Interlocal Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Washoe County for and on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for dispatch services in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 per month, starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This staff report asks that the Board approve a revised month-to-month Interlocal Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) and Washoe County for and on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) for dispatch services in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 per month, starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

PREVIOUS ACTION

March 25, 2014 – TMFPD Board of Fire Commissioners and Washoe County Board of Commissioners approved a similar Interlocal Agreement for Dispatch Services for Fiscal Years 2014/15-2015/16.

April 19, 2016 & June 28, 2016 - TMFPD Board of Fire Commissioners & Washoe County Commissioners approved the two-year Interlocal Agreement between TMFPD and Washoe County for and on behalf of the WCSO for dispatch services in an amount not to exceed \$675,000 for Fiscal Year 2016/17 and \$825,000 for Fiscal Year 2017/18.

May 28, 2019 – TMFPD Board of Fire Commissioners & Washoe County Commissioners approved the two-year Interlocal Agreement between TMFPD and Washoe County for and on behalf of the WCSO for dispatch services in an amount not to exceed \$875,000 annually for Fiscal Year 2020/21 and Fiscal Year 2021/22 (that also included an automatic one-year extension for Fiscal Year 2022/23 if there was no default or notice of termination).

June 1, 2021, TMFPD Board of Fire Commissioners approved a month-to-month Interlocal Agreement between TMFPD and Washoe County for and on behalf of the WCSO for dispatch services in an amount not to exceed \$109,374.41 per month, starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

BACKGROUND

The WCSO has been providing dispatch services for TMFPD since July 1, 2012. Both the Board of County Commissioners and the TMFPD Board of Fire Commissioners have approved previous Interlocal Agreements to provide dispatch services.

On March 23, 2021, WCSO sent a letter to TMFPD advising that the annual rate will be adjusted to reflect actual costs for services rendered and WCSO was exercising its termination option within the agreement to capture the increased rates. The newly proposed rates if TMFPD chose to continue with the agreement were \$1,312,492/year or \$109,374/month.

In an effort to seek out a more efficient and cost-effective solution for dispatch alternatives, the TMFPD Board of Fire Commissioners gave staff direction to seek out alternative dispatch services. On June 1, 2021, the TMFPD Board of Fire Commissioners accepted a proposal from REMSA to assume dispatching services for TMFPD no later than January 1, 2022.

On June 1, 2021, the Board also agreed to a month-to-month contract between the TMFPD and WCSO for \$109,374.41 per month until dispatch services were transitioned to REMSA. Following that meeting, WCSO presented revised dispatching costs of \$706,066/year or \$58,839/month.

Based on the revised proposal and costs presented by WCSO, staff asked for a revised interim month to month agreement to reflect those costs. WCSO has now revised that proposal to \$75,000/month. Under this revised agreement, the monthly payments went from \$109,374.41 to \$75,000 a month.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the of the Dispatch Agreement has been included in the TMFPD budget. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office will receive \$75,000 per month starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, unless the agreement is terminated prior to the contract end date.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the TMFPD Board of Fire Commissioners approve a revised month-to-month Interlocal Agreement between TMFPD and Washoe County for and on behalf of the WCSO for dispatch services in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 per month, starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

POSSIBLE MOTION

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

"I Move to approve a revised month-to-month Interlocal Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Washoe County for and on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for dispatch services in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 per month, starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022."