

Staff Report
Board Meeting Date: June 25, 2026

DATE: June 15, 2026
TO: District Board of Health
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SUBJECT: Review, discussion, and direction to staff regarding the provisions of the Interlocal Agreement entered into by the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County for the creation of the Health District. Take action to accept the Interlocal Agreement in its current form or direct staff to forward any additional recommendations for possible amendments to the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County.

SUMMARY

Section 7(c) of the Interlocal Agreement requires annual review of the Agreement by the Board and that recommendations for possible amendments may be made to the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County.

District Health Strategic Priority supported by this item:

4. Impactful Partnerships: Extend our impact by leveraging partnerships to make meaningful progress on health issues.

BACKGROUND

On November 27, 1972, the governing bodies of the Cities of Reno and Sparks and the County of Washoe formed the Washoe County Health District by adopting an Interlocal Agreement in conformance with the provisions of NRS Chapter 439.

The Interlocal Agreement was amended in August of 1986 to delegate to the Health District the powers granted to the Cities and County to displace or limit competition in the grant of any franchise for ambulance services.

The Interlocal Agreement was further amended in August of 1993 after a legislative revision to the composition of the Board of Health pursuant to NRS 439.390. The revision required the seventh member of the board, the member appointed by the other six, to be a physician.

On May 26, 2022, the District Board of Health discussed a potential name change for the Health District and recommended that the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County amend the Interlocal Agreement to change the name to “Northern Nevada Public Health,” with a tag line of “Serving Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.”

The Interlocal Agreement was further amended on July 22, 2022 to change the name of the Health District to “Northern Nevada Public Health,” with a tag line of “Serving Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.”

There have been no further amendments to the Interlocal Agreement.

The Interlocal Agreement will be calendared for review annually.

The Interlocal Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Cities and County not later than 90 days before its annual renewal date of January 1, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts for the Board’s review of the Interlocal Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the District Board of Health review, discuss, and provide direction to staff regarding the provisions of the Interlocal Agreement entered into by the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County for the creation of the Health District. Staff further recommends the Board take action to accept the Interlocal Agreement in its current form *or* direct staff to forward any additional recommendations as discussed for possible amendments to the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be “Move to accept the Interlocal Agreement in its current form *or* direct staff to forward any additional recommendations as discussed for possible amendments to the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County.”