



**TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

Board Meeting Date: June 23, 2026

DATE: May 8, 2026
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve an Amended and Restated Agreement for Emergency Medical and Emergency Fire Dispatch Services between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (“TMFPD”) and the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (“REMSA”), which extends the term of the existing agreement for an additional one-year commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; updates the annual fee schedule for dispatch services from \$632,303.32 to \$777,652.00; and modernizes various provisions. (All Commission Districts).
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item recommends approval of an Amended and Restated Agreement for Emergency Medical and Emergency Fire Dispatch Services between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and REMSA, which replaces the existing agreement to extend the term of the agreement for an additional one-year, commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; which increases the annual fees paid to REMSA from \$632,303.32 to \$777,652.00; and which modernizes various provisions.

PREVIOUS ACTION

July 27, 2021, The Board of Fire Commissioner (Board) approved an agreement between TMFPD and REMSA, for REMSA to provide dispatch services to TMFPD, in an annual amount of \$607,750 in the first year, with a 3% annual increase that would rise to a total cost of \$632,303.32 per year, if extended through the proposed 3-year duration.

BACKGROUND

Statutory Authority: NRS 474.460 allows the District to contract with other entities as part of its mission of fire prevention and emergency medical services.

The approval of this amended and restated agreement will extend REMSA’s provision of

emergency dispatch services to TMFPD for an additional year. The agreement provides that REMSA's personnel will staff a minimum of one dispatch channel for TMFPD at all times, with the ability to staff additional command channels as necessary, within their capabilities. TMFPD will continue to operate within REMSA's CAD system and interfaces, while radio communications will remain on TMFPD's existing 800MHz & VHF radio systems and channels. Staff continues to work with REMSA staff and other regional Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") representatives to establish connections and/or policies for sharing communications and resources. Under this agreement, TMFPD will continue to retain ownership of the dispatch equipment it purchases and will have the ability to direct fire dispatch policies and procedures as necessary for the District's operations.

At the Board meeting on June 1, 2021, the Board gave clear direction that it desired numerous "off-ramps" within the agreement to assure that TMFPD's interests would be protected. This provision still exists within the original agreement. The original agreement was structured for a 3-year term with an automatic renewal if neither party requested termination. REMSA & TMFPD have also committed to migrate to the new regional CAD system, even if that system becomes operational prior to the term of this agreement ending.

Additional contract termination clauses exist, including the ability to exit the arrangement without cause by giving 180 days notice. This protects the District's interests so that if REMSA chooses to terminate the agreement, there is ample time to establish alternative dispatch services. In the event that either agency defaults on its obligations, there is a "for-cause" termination provision that requires a 30-day opportunity to resolve the deficiency and an additional 60-day period before the effective termination (90 days total).

This agreement also includes provisions for TMFPD's guaranteed access to its radio equipment and other dispatching resources for the purposes of ensuring the continuity of operations during unforeseen circumstances or a failure on REMSA's part.

FISCAL IMPACT

The 1-year extension of this Agreement for Emergency Medical and Emergency Fire Dispatch Services with REMSA will cost \$777,652.00. Total costs for dispatch are expected to remain within the approved Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve an Amended and Restated Agreement for Emergency Medical and Emergency Fire Dispatch Services between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and REMSA, which extends the term of the existing agreement for an additional one-year commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; updates the annual fee schedule for dispatch services from \$632,303.32 to \$777,652.00; and modernizes various provisions.

POSSIBLE MOTION

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

"I move to approve an Amended and Restated Agreement for Emergency Medical and Emergency Fire Dispatch Services between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and REMSA, which extends the term of the existing agreement for an additional one-year commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; updates the annual fee schedule for dispatch services from \$632,303.32 to \$777,652.00; and modernizes various provisions."