



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**
FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: FIRE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC AND MUTUAL AID
WITH CITY OF CORONA FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND
OTHER EMERGENCIES

ISSUE:

Approve the Fire Cooperative Agreement for automatic and mutual aid with the City of Corona Fire Department for fire protection and other emergencies within the respective jurisdictions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council;

1. Approve the Fire Cooperative Agreement for automatic and mutual aid with the City of Corona Fire Department for fire protection and other emergencies within the respective jurisdictions; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City and all other documents necessary to effectuate the agreement including the ability to make minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Riverside Fire Department participates in the California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System Plan, which is designed to provide a systematic mobilization, organization and operation of necessary fire and rescue resources in mitigating the effects of natural and man-made disasters throughout the state. California is continually faced with wildfires, floods, mudslides, water rescues and many other types of emergencies that require the activation of the system. One of the subcomponents of the plan identifies the ability for local agencies to establish local mutual aid agreements for fire protection and emergency services.

DISCUSSION:

On August 10, 2006, the Riverside Fire Department and the Corona Fire Department entered into a Cooperative Agreement for the Provision of Mutual Aid Fire Protection and Emergency Services that covers emergency response activities along State Route 91 between McKinley Avenue in

Corona and Magnolia Avenue in Riverside. This agreement has served both agencies well for many years in providing services to the community.

In early 2019, staff from both departments analyzed fire station locations and response time calculations to assess the current agreement. The results showed that the residents and businesses of both cities would benefit by expanding the agreement to include fire resource responses of the closest fire stations into fringe areas of both cities, regardless of jurisdiction. The agreement also allows for a faster response of additional Mutual Aid resources between both cities during times of emergencies by pre-defining and agreeing on the amount of resources to be dispatched. Exhibit A of the agreement identifies the Operating Plan and Exhibit B identifies the Fire Emergency Response Areas.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of the Agreement for Automatic and Mutual Aid with the City of Corona Fire Department. Local mutual aid would be provided at the discretion of the Riverside Fire Department for day-to-day emergency incidents and would not incur overtime or other additional costs. Likewise, there would be no additional costs associated with aid received from the City of Corona for day-to-day emergency incidents. Sufficient funds are included within the Departments approved two-year budget for FY 2018-2020.

In the event of a major or catastrophic incident, which exceeds 12 hours or is otherwise requested by the Fire Chief, or the request of Specialized Services/Specialty Apparatus, the Department would likely seek cost recovery through the State Mutual Aid system, Assistance by Hire, or another qualifying resource.

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Approved by: Lea Deesing, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachment: Fire Cooperative Agreement for Automatic and Mutual Aid with the City of Corona Fire Department.