



CITY OF CLEARLAKE

City Council

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Discussion and Consideration of a Partnership with Lake County Fire Protection District and CalFire Regarding a Local Government Wildland Agreement

MEETING DATE:

July 16, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Alan D. Flora, City Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT: ☐ Information only ☒ Discussion ☒ Action Item

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD:

The City Council is to discuss a possible partnership with the Lake County Fire Protection District and CalFire regarding a Local Government Wildland Agreement.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Recently the Lake County Fire Protection District approached the City in order to determine interest in a partnership around a Wildland Local Government Agreement.

A Local Government Wildland agreement is a cooperative agreement authorized under Public Resources Code 4142, that allows CalFire to provide wildland fire protection services within a local agency's Local Responsibility Area (LRA). Currently any land within the City boundary is considered LRA. The agreement would apply only to wildland fire protection. The local agency (Lake County Fire) retains full responsibility for structural fire protection.

CalFire typically considers LG-W agreements to be appropriate when:

1. The LRA contains wildland fuels and wildfire risk similar to State Responsibility Area (SRA).
2. The area is adjacent to or operationally aligned with existing CalFire protection areas.
3. The arrangement does not negatively impact CalFire's ability to protect SRA lands.
4. The agency participates on a full-cost recovery basis using the statewide per-acre wildland rate.

Under an annual agreement between the Lake County Fire Protection District and CalFire, a specific portion of LRA area will be treated as SRA for the purposes of wildland fire protection. The benefit to the District is related to responsibility of costs for firefighting. In the City's case the responsibility for damage assessment, which is not handled by the City, would shift to CalFire.

Lake County Fire District staff will provide a more detailed presentation to the Council.

OPTIONS:

1. Authorize City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Lake County Fire Protection District Regarding a Local Government Wildland Agreement.
2. Other Direction to Staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

☐ None ☒ \$ Budgeted Item? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Budget Adjustment Needed? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): ☒ General Fund ☐ Measure P Fund ☐ Measure V Fund ☐ Other:

Comments:

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

- ☐ Goal #1: Economic Development
- ☒ Goal #2: Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- ☐ Goal #3: Celebrate Clearlake
- ☐ Goal #4: Clean
- ☐ Goal #5: Fiscal Sustainability
- ☒ Goal #6: Safe

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

Authorize City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Lake County Fire Protection District Regarding a Local Government Wildland Agreement

- ☒ **Attachments:**
1. LG-W Overview
 2. LG-W Map