



STAFF REPORT
5/26/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Bonifacio De La Cruz, Battalion Chief

SUBJECT: Renewal of the Cooperative Agreement for continued Fire Services between the City of Coachella and the County of Riverside.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council renew its existing Cooperative Fire Services Agreement with the County of Riverside and shared cost Ladder Truck agreement for continued Fire Services for three additional years.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Coachella has received “All-Risk” fire services through a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Riverside since October 1990. The City has also participated in a shared cost Ladder Truck agreement with Riverside County, City of Indio, and City of La Quinta since 2006.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

With the approval of this contract, the City of Coachella will continue to maintain fire services by way of a three-year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Riverside, effective July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024.

The renewal of the Ladder Truck agreement will extend the shared cost agreement with Riverside County, City of Indio, and City of La Quinta for an additional three years. The cost split is 12.5% Coachella, 12.5 % LaQuinta, Indio 50%, and County 25%. The 3-year duration is in alignment with what the cooperating agencies have approved.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of Coachella pays for “actual” costs for these services, which are billed quarterly. The net “estimated” cost to the City for FY 2021/22 is \$3,108,456, as indicated on the Exhibit “A” document for all risk fire protection.

The shared cost Ladder Truck Agreement for FY 2021/22 is estimated to be \$1,837,415. The City of Coachella is responsible for 12.5% of the total cost. The estimated cost for the City of \$229,677 for FY 2021/22 and is a component in the estimated \$3,108,456 cost indicated above.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):

With this being a necessary and vital service for the City, staff has no other recommendations or alternatives.