



STAFF REPORT
9/9/2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Bonifacio De La Cruz, Battalion Chief
SUBJECT: Recommendation to Co-fund Purchase of Replacement Ladder Truck

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the City Council approves and authorizes to fund its share of a replacement Ladder Truck (Truck 86).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Coachella has received fire department “all-risk” services through a Cooperative Agreement with the Riverside County Fire Department since October 1990. Another component is a joint agreement in 2006 between the City of Indio, City of La Quinta and the City of Coachella at the inception of the Ladder Truck (Truck 86) program. After ten (10) years and by way of an MOU agreement, these entities will have set aside funds for a replacement Ladder Truck.

BACKGROUND:

Truck 86 provides critical services to the City of Coachella as part of the regional fire protection model provided by the Riverside County Fire Department. Such services include responses to residential and commercial structure fires, use of aerial master streams, technical rope rescues, flood rescues, traffic collisions with entrapments, hazardous materials plus other specialized emergencies.

While the personnel and maintenance costs are shared by the City of Indio (50%), County of Riverside (25%), City of La Quinta (12.5%) and the City of Coachella (12.5%), the replacement of Truck 86 is shared only by the three Cities; which upon approval the new Ladder Truck will be purchased then built per an existing Tractor Drawn Aerial Apparatus specification developed by the Riverside County Fire Department. Construction of the new Ladder Truck is expected to take 12 to 18 months from the time of the order placement.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Due to normal wear and tear accrued on a full-time running Ladder Truck, the replacement cycle of such an apparatus becomes due at the ten (10) year mark. The original Truck 86 is still running

as a front-line apparatus for fourteen (14) years now as there has not yet been a replacement purchased. Truck 86 is showing its age and has been out-of-service for many weeks at a time while waiting for custom made electrical harnesses and other repair components to be fabricated.

The purchase price of a new Ladder Truck is estimated at \$1.4 million dollars. Per terms of the agreement (MOU), City of Indio's share is 50% or \$700,000, City of La Quinta at 25% is \$350,000 and the City of Coachella at 25% is \$350,000. Upon delivery and acceptance of the new Ladder Truck, the County of Riverside will invoice each partnering City for their share, which is estimated to be early Spring 2022.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of Coachella's share is 25% of the costs, estimated to be \$350,000.00. This amount may be split between FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22. Council approves appropriations for this amount from the City's general fund (101) in the fiscal year of payment under the above referenced agreement.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):

With this being a vital component of the Cooperative Fire Service's Agreement, staff concludes no other recommendations or alternatives.