



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	9/9/2025
AGENDA SECTION:	New Business
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11460– A Resolution Approving the Formation of the Fire Services Exploratory Committee and Appointing Two Members of the City Council to Serve on the Committee
FROM:	City Manager's Office

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 11460 - A Resolution Approving the Formation of the Fire Services Exploratory Committee and Appointing Two Members of the City Council to Serve on the Committee

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The City of Folsom currently operates its own Fire Department, providing essential fire protection, emergency medical response, and related public safety services to the community. As the region continues to grow and evolve, there may be opportunities to enhance service delivery, improve operational efficiency, and ensure long-term fiscal sustainability through strategic partnerships with regional agencies.

On August 8, 2025, SacMetro Fire Chief Adam House and Folsom City Manager Bryan Whitemyer met in order to have preliminary discussions regarding the potential for increased collaboration. It was determined that the appropriate next step would be to ask the Folsom City Council and the SacMetro Fire Board if they would be amenable to forming a joint exploratory committee. The purpose of this committee would allow both agencies to engage in a structured, transparent, and productive review of possible partnership models, including but not limited to shared services, operational integration, or contractual arrangements.

POLICY / RULE

Pursuant to Folsom Municipal Code Section 2.04(G), ad hoc committees shall be established by the Mayor subject to the approval of the City Council. No such committee shall exist for more than 1 year.

DISCUSSION

The proposed **Fire Services Exploratory Committee** would include the following composition:

- Two members from the Folsom City Council
- Two members from the SacMetro Fire Board of Directors

The committee will meet periodically over the coming months to:

- Assess existing fire service delivery models in both agencies
- Identify opportunities for collaboration or integration
- Review fiscal, operational, and governance implications of potential partnership models
- Provide periodic updates to the full City Council and SacMetro Fire Board

This committee will serve **in an advisory and exploratory capacity only**, with no authority to make binding decisions. Any future recommendations would be brought back for full consideration by the respective governing bodies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct financial impact associated with forming the committee. Should any partnership proposals emerge from the committee's work, detailed fiscal analysis will be conducted at that time.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action is exempt from environmental review under Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines because the proposed action has no potential to cause significant effects on the environment.

ATTACHMENT

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Submitted,

Bryan Whitemyer, City Manager