



TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: KIMBERLY BULLEN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

DATE: AUGUST 16, 2022

AGENDA TEXT: RESOLUTION 2022-21 – SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MESA COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS.

BACKGROUND

The City of Fruita at various times has been in need of variable message signs to communicate to the citizens of Fruita and the traveling public of major construction projects, alternate travel routes, general public safety messages, emergency events and special events. Most recently during the Hwy. 6 Sewer Replacement project, the city was required by CDOT to have in place two variable message signs informing motorists of construction and alternate routes. Fortunately, the city was able to borrow these signs from a neighboring jurisdiction for a majority of the project and had this option not been available it would have impacted the project budget considerably.

The City of Fruita also pushes the limits of the wildfire urban interface area and based on the Mesa County Hazard Mitigation Plan has several flood hazard areas identified. Variable message signs are a valuable tool to quickly inform citizens and visitors during emergency events such as flash flooding, road closures, evacuation routes, and burn bans.

FISCAL IMPACT

Requesting a mini grant which will cover the total cost of (2) variable message signs. The Public Works Department will provide for ongoing maintenance of the equipment.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The City of Fruita is dedicated to providing core services that help improve the Quality of Place. Ensuring the city can communicate to its' citizens and visitors during construction season, emergency events and special events is directly related to our core services.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

- Approve the resolution supporting the grant application to the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District.
- Disapprove the resolution supporting the grant application to the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Council by motion:

**ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-21 SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE MESA COUNTY
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MESSAGE SIGNS.**