



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Approval of Automatic Aid Agreement between The Rough and Ready Fire Department, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and Grass Valley Fire Department.

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the Automatic Aid Agreement between The Rough and Ready Fire Department, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and Grass Valley Fire Department. 2) approve the Fire Chief to enter into the agreement upon legal review.

Prepared by: Mark Buttron- Fire Chief

Council Meeting Date: 10/11/2021

Date Prepared: 10/4/2022

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: The Fire Service has a long history of mutual assistance, no one agency can provide exclusive service without assistance. When large scale or multiple incidents are occurring our partner agencies in western Nevada County may require assistance. The Rough and Ready Fire District is currently closing the Rough and Ready Fire Station for one shift (48 hours) due to fiscal pressures. Grass Valley Fire Department and Penn Valley Fire Department are the closest resources to assist the community daily and through the closures. A preexisting Auto Aid agreement between Rough and Ready and Nevada County Consolidated allowing for Rough and Ready to provide primary response into Nevada County Consolidated Fire District service area is currently in place as is a boundary drop with the Grass Valley Fire Department to provide services to areas of Nevada County Consolidated Fire District. Nevada County Consolidated Fire District is unable to service its response area in these locations due to lack of facilities and resources thus requiring the agreements. Nevada County Consolidated will provide a cover engine to the City upon response of a City resource into the Rough and Ready Fire District or the area of the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District in which Rough and Ready provides primary services. This is designed to maintain service levels to the city while our resources provide services to Nevada County Consolidated Fire District or Rough and Ready Fire District. The Fire Chiefs will review the agreement every 90 days to ensure operational efficiency and mutual benefit while the Penn Valley Fire District and Rough and Ready Fire District are exploring consolidation into one agency. Through automatic aid the agencies will provide one (1) closest resource fire engine to the emergency.

Additional resources from the City may be requested by the Incident Commander subject to the discretion of the City Battalion Chief on duty at the time of request.

Council Goals/Objectives: Exceptional Public Safety consistent with the City of Grass Valley Strategic Plan

Fiscal Impact: Nevada County Consolidated will be supplying a cover engine if Grass Valley Fire Department engine goes out, minimizing all fiscal impacts to the City. Staff will be monitoring this agreement.

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: N/A

Attachments: Automatic Aid Agreement