



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Aimee R. New, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Resolution 02-06-2023B, Approval to submit application for exemption to Executive Officer of the Tuolumne County Local Area Formation Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of resolution 02-06-2023B to submit an application to the Executive Officer of the Tuolumne County Local Area Formation Commission for exemption under Government Code Section 56134 for out-of-area fire contract services.

BACKGROUND

California Government Code Section 56133-34 provides a district or city may provide new or extended fire protection and emergency services by contract or agreement only if it first requests and receives written approval by the local agency formation commission in the affected county.

Government Code Section 56134 provides for an exemption from Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) consideration of an out-of-agency service agreement where the new or extended services to be added does not transfer the responsibility for providing services in more than 25-percent of the area within the jurisdictional boundaries of any public agency affected by the contract agreement, and where it does not change the employment status of more than 25-percent of the employees of any public agency affected by the contract or agreement

DISCUSSION

The proposed extended fire services outside of the City of Sonora's current jurisdictional boundaries to the Chicken Ranch Tribe of Me-Wuk Indians meets the exemptions provided in Government Code Section 56134.

The proposed service area is approximately 51 acres of Tribal Trust lands, not governed by LAFCO.

Any agreement for response outside of the Tribal Trust lands would be a separate agreement with all fire agencies in Tuolumne County through an automatic aid agreement, which is not governed by LAFCO.

FISCAL IMPACT

No effect to the General Fund.