



Agenda Item: 8.E
Date of Meeting: June 8, 2026
Department: Administration

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Pam Foster
Subject: **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Ladder Truck Purchase**
Prepared On: June 1, 2026
Attachments: Bishop Ladder Truck MOU

Background/History:

The proposed MOU establishes a partnership between the City of Bishop, the Bishop Fire Protection District, and the Bishop Paiute Tribe to jointly fund the purchase of a ladder truck that will enhance fire protection and emergency response capabilities throughout the Bishop area.

The total purchase price of the ladder truck is \$1,732,745. Funding for the project consists of a federal reimbursement component and equal local contributions from each participating agency.

The MOU identifies the City as the lead agency responsible for procurement, project administration, financial tracking, reimbursement requests, and accounting oversight.

Analysis/Discussion:

The ladder truck will provide critical firefighting and emergency response capabilities that benefit the City, surrounding service areas, and tribal lands. The cooperative funding approach ensures that the cost of the apparatus is shared equally among the three local partners while maximizing available federal funding.

The proposed accounting structure was designed to maintain a single audit-ready project fund, provide clear documentation of all transactions, and ensure proper tracking of federal reimbursement and partner contributions. This approach simplifies project administration and supports compliance with federal and local financial reporting requirements.

Approval of the MOU will allow the City to proceed with the purchase and reimbursement process while formalizing the financial responsibilities of each participating agency.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

This purchase in this manner meets Objective 2.4 - Collaborate with regional partners and 5.2 Develop plans for improved public safety facilities of the Strategic Plan.

Budget Impacts:

The funding plan is structured as follows:

Funding Source	Amount
Federal Reimbursement	\$1,214,366
City of Bishop Contribution	\$172,793
Bishop Rural Fire Protection District Contribution	\$172,793
Bishop Paiute Tribe Contribution	\$172,793
Total Project Funding	\$1,732,745

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this MOU and finds no legal issues.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Bishop, Bishop Fire Protection District, and the Bishop Paiute Tribe for the purchase of a ladder truck and authorize the Commission Chair to execute the agreement.

Approved By: Pam Foster 6/1/2026

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