



Agenda Item: 16.D
Date of Meeting: July 28, 2025
Department: Administration

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Deston Dishion
Subject: **Discussion for Possible Contract with the Bishop Rural Fire Protection District to Provide Fire Services in the District.**
Prepared On: July 22, 2025
Attachments: Bishop Rural and City of Bishop JPA

Background/History:

For many decades the City of Bishop and the Bishop Rural Fire Protection District (BRFPD) have partnered to provide fire services to the City and the greater Bishop area. At face value the partnership served both parties well, but left issues that still arise today. These issues were multifaceted and complex. Both parties were adopting budgets without consulting each other, equipment was being purchased without approval from both parties and in some cases equipment was being purchased in whole or partially by the Volunteer Firefighter Association. Probably the most glaring issue was that the Fire Chief was working under the direction of 2 separate boards. In 2019 the City of Bishop and the BRFPD entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). The hopes of the agreement were to alleviate the before mentioned issues. There have been parts of the JPA that have suited both parties well, but the fundamental issues within the structure still continue.

Analysis/Discussion:

Over the past year there has been discussion amongst the City and the BRFPD to move to a Contract for Services which could allow for the City solely operate the Fire Department and the BRFPD would contract with the City for services. The BRFPD board would stay tact and would serve a roll as an avenue for residents of the District to voice concerns. The Board would also be taxed with how to bring in additional revenue to fund a fire department with growing needs. At this time the City serves as Human Resources, Finance, Payroll and Administration for the Fire Department per the JPA. The change to a Contract for Services would not change any of the City's responsibilities nor provide any additional workload on City Staff. If Council so chooses to move in this direction Staff would be tasked with developing a contract that would come to both the Council and the BRFPD Board sometime in the future.

Economic Impacts:

None at this time.

Budget Impacts:

None at this time.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and has determined it complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Provide direction to staff.

Approved By: Deston Dishion 7/23/25

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