



Agenda Item: 9.D
Date of Meeting: April 13, 2026
Department: Community Services

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Dan McElroy
Subject: **Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bishop and Friends of the Eastern Sierra Community Gardens**
Attachments: MOU - Friends of the Eastern Sierra Community Garden 2026

Background/History:

On August 20th, 2023, the City of Bishop entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Eastern Sierra Gardens. This MOU has the United Methodist Social Services as the 501(c)(3) of record. The Friends of the Eastern Sierra Gardens has made a request to update the current MOU. This request includes the removal of the United Methodist Social Services as 501(c)(3) to be replaced with Sierra Forever as the nonprofit associated with the Community Garden. This also allows for the update of the current City Mayor, City Administrator, and Garden President.

Analysis/Discussion:

The City of Bishop Community Services Department has worked with the Friends of the Eastern Sierra Gardens to help create a space at the City Park which welcomes all visitors. This relationship with the Gardens has enhanced the City Park and has a link to the community by providing education and gardening opportunities for community members without space for growing vegetables. By entering into this MOU, the update will account for current Mayor, City Administrator, Friends of the Eastern Sierra Gardens President, and Sierra Forever as the 501(c)(3).

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

None

Budget Impacts:

None

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Council consideration to enter into a revised Memorandum of Understanding between the City

of Bishop and the Friends of the Eastern Sierra Gardens.

Approved By: Ethan Aukee 4/8/2026

Approved By: Robin Picken 4/8/2026

Approved By: Dean Pucci 4/8/2026

Approved By: Pam Foster 4/8/2026