



Agenda Item: 18.A
Date of Meeting: July 27, 2026
Department: Administration

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Pam Foster
Subject: **Consideration and Approval of Joint Powers Agreement with Bishop Fire Protection District**
Attachments: Joint Powers Agreement - City and BFPD
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Background/History:

The Bishop Fire Protection District and the City of Bishop have had a long standing agreement to work together to provide fire services for the Greater Bishop Area. This agreement was most recently in the form of a Joint Powers Agreement dated July 1, 2019. This newly drafted agreement will replace the 2019 and outlines a system inline with how the departments currently function.

There were some comments raised by the Bishop Fire Protection District that were raised after reviewing the previous draft. This draft of the agreement addresses those comments and is recommended for approval.

This agreement was reviewed and conceptually approved by the Bishop Fire Protection District at their meeting on July 9, 2026.

Analysis/Discussion:

Fire Chief Russell, Finance Director Aukee, and City Administrator Foster have worked with legal counsel from both agencies to draft a new agreement that better describes the relationship that exists between the District and the City. We believe that this structure maintains the intent of previous agreements, while addressing operational and fiscal realities of each agency.

Additionally, this agreement allows for more flexibility in operating while further evaluation and analysis related to the District's options for expanded service areas or the ability to charge for services.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

This agreement takes steps toward Strategic Plan Objective 5.1 - Develop a Fire Department strategic plan with the Bishop RFPD. And fulfills Strategic Plan Objective 5.5 - Form a Joint Powers Authority with the Bishop RFPD - although it has been determined that a Joint Powers Authority is not the recommended model.

Budget Impacts:

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There are no budgetary impacts associated with approving this agreement.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this agreement and deems it appropriate.

Recommended Action:

Review and Approve the Agreement for Shared Management of Fire Services with the Bishop Fire Protection District.

Approved By: Pam Foster 7/21/2026

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