

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 06/16/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.D. CSD - IGA with Arizona Game and Fish Commission Relating to Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife Management
DATE PREPARED: 06/11/26	DISTRICT NO.: All
STAFF LIAISON: Robert Wisener, Interim Director of Community Services, rwisener@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6621	
DEPARTMENT: Community Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action on Resolution No. 62-26 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Buckeye and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission relating to outdoor recreation and wildlife management; and authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute and deliver said Intergovernmental Agreement on behalf of the City of Buckeye.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:

A Safe and Sustainable Quality of Life

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

In May 2021, Buckeye City Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Game and Fish Commission to establish a partnership focused on expanding outdoor recreation opportunities and supporting wildlife management. In 2022, Amendment No. 1 added Sundance Park lake to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission's Community Fishing program, allowing the lake to be regularly stocked for fishing. Since implementation of the program, Game and Fish has stocked Sundance Park lake approximately every two weeks with rainbow trout, channel catfish, sunfish, largemouth bass, and other fish species based on seasonal conditions. In addition to stocking activities, Arizona Game and Fish monitors water quality and biological conditions to ensure the lake remains suitable for fish stocking.

Under the agreement, the City provides ongoing lake maintenance and pays an annual partnership fee to Arizona Game and Fish Commission to defray expenses associated with the program. This IGA continues the partnership with the Commission for an additional three-year term through June 30, 2029, supporting recreational fishing, wildlife habitat management, and outdoor education.

BENEFITS:

The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission continues Buckeye's participation in the highly successful Community Fishing program, which currently includes approximately 30 urban lakes throughout the Valley. Participation in this program enhances Buckeye's recreational opportunities and provides residents with convenient access to quality outdoor fishing close to home.

The program promotes outdoor recreation, environmental appreciation, and family-oriented activities by creating opportunities for residents of all ages to enjoy fishing. In addition, the partnership provides the City with a cost-effective and professionally managed fisheries program that includes ongoing fish stocking, water quality monitoring, educational resources, and technical expertise from Arizona Game and Fish.

FUTURE ACTION:

Arizona Game and Fish Commission will continue to administer the Community Fishing program at Sundance Park lake in accordance with the terms of the IGA. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Commission will submit an annual invoice to the City based on the fee amounts outlined in the IGA. The Commission will restock the lake approximately every two weeks and staff will continue to coordinate with the Commission regarding scheduling, lake conditions, and other needs to support the program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The agreement under Section 1.6 requires the City to pay partnership fees associated with the Community Fishing program to stock the lake at Sundance Park, which is budgeted in CSD's operating budget on an annual basis over the term of the IGA. The total three-year financial impact is \$50,333. The annual amount of approximately \$16,300 has been included as a part of the FY2027 budget.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

The cost for FY2027 is \$16,284 and is included as a part of the budget.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

27

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

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Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution No. 62-26.pdf](#)

[IGA Buckeye 2026-2029 Final.pdf](#)

[Amendment No. 1 to IGA with AZ Game and Fish- signed 2022.pdf](#)

[2021 IGA D-7-16 Arizona Game and Fish Commission.pdf](#)