



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Fire Station Design Services Agreement - First Amendment

Date: May 13, 2025

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Department: City Manager's Office

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the First Amendment to the Agreement Between the City of Rocklin and COAR Design Group for the Architectural and Engineering Designs for the Fourth Fire Station and Training Site.

Background:

At the December 12, 2023 City Council Meeting, the City Council approved a contract with COAR Design Group (COAR) for the architectural and engineer design services for the construction of a fourth fire station in the City (Resolution No. 2023-224). Since then, staff and COAR have been working together to finalize the design for the station to move the project toward a shovel ready status. As part of this process, staff have been evaluating both current and future needs of the Fire Department to ensure that this new station meets long term operations and training requirements.

Preparedness is critical to Fire operations. Staff train for a variety of scenarios to ensure their own safety while they conduct life saving operations. These efforts include breaking through doors and walls, maneuvering around furniture and appliances, rescuing people from buildings, and properly applying water to contain and extinguish fires. Fire crews may not experience these scenarios on a regular basis in live emergencies, so it is vital that they maintain their training to be ready to respond to any situation.

The Fire Department currently provides some training at fire station 24, located at 3401 Crest Drive. Training at this location is limited due to site constraints, limited props, and adjacency to residences. Rocklin lacks in house training facilities for a variety of building layouts including multistory apartment and hotel buildings that present unique challenges. As the city continues to grow, these types of buildings are becoming more common, including some that have already been entitled.

Staff recommends this amendment to the existing COAR contract to incorporate a training element at the new station site. The current design already includes a training room that can

hold up to 30 students, providing much needed space for instructional training. The site also presents a unique opportunity to add an exterior live training element, like a training tower on-site that will enhance the utility of the already included classroom training element and will bring Rocklin's training facilities more in line with industry standards.

The recommended amendment to the current contract incorporates the addition of an exterior training element into the design of the station. COAR will work with staff to identify the needed training elements and design a concept that aligns with the City's goals.

Fiscal Impact:

Funds in the amount of \$4.5 million were set aside in the General Fund to support the new 4th Fire Station project, of which \$2,378,500 has been appropriated to date for the design and the purchase of a fire truck. Staff recommends appropriating an additional \$275,000 from the General Fund committed fund balance to support the contract amendment.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Resolution Exhibit A - Amendment No. 1](#)
3. [Executed Agreement with COAR Design Group](#)