



## City Council Staff Report

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**Subject:** CAL FIRE Local Responsibility Area Wildland Protection Reimbursement Agreement

**Date:** September 9, 2025

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**Department:** Fire

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**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Cooperative Fire Programs Local Responsibility Area Wildland Protection Reimbursement Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and Related Budget Amendments.

**Background:**

Since 1997, the City of Rocklin has contracted with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for wildland fire protection of the Clover Valley Lakes area, and on an annual basis the City Council must authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement on the City's behalf with CAL FIRE. The agreement provides for annual renewals and rate adjustments for as long as CAL FIRE services are necessary or desirable. In 2004, Resolution No. 2004-105 authorized a reimbursement agreement for the developers of Clover Valley Lakes area to reimburse the City for the cost of CAL FIRE wildland fire protection services for the Clover Valley Lakes area. The agreement remains in effect for as long as CAL FIRE provides fire protection of wildlands within the annexation territory, and binds successors-in-interest to the property if the property is sold or transferred in whole or in part.

In 2020, Resolution No. 2020-126 was adopted by the City Council on July 14, 2020 for Fiscal Year 2020/21, which approved the CAL FIRE Agreement Cost Calculations for the Clover Valley Lakes area for 622.5 acres. In 2019, the developer, Massie & Company, LLC, sold approximately 95 acres to Jessup University. This transaction and change of ownership resulted in an amendment to the original agreement, as well as an evaluation of the current acreage. The amended acreage was determined and confirmed with the Placer County GIS and County Assessor's Office as 613.2 acres (including the Jessup University portion). CAL FIRE has included the Agreement Cost Calculations on page 8 of the Attachment 2 (Exhibit A to Resolution).

The agreement with CAL FIRE provides the City of Rocklin with automatic responses to wildland fires in the area. On "High Fire Dispatch" days, the City will receive two dozers, six engines, two Chief Officers, two Hand Crews, one Helicopter, one Air Attack, and two Air Tankers free of charge. See page 10 of Attachment 2 (Exhibit A to Resolution) for details pertaining to the Operating Plan.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The proposed action will have no direct fiscal impact on City funds, as the services provided by CAL FIRE will be reimbursed by the property owners.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Resolution Exhibit A - CAL FIRE Agreement](#)