



City Council Staff Report

Subject: CAL FIRE Local Responsibility Area Wildland Protection Reimbursement Agreement

Date: June 23, 2026

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Department: Fire

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 each year with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for wildland fire protection of the Clover Valley Lakes area. 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, five engines, one Chief Officer, two Hand Crews, one Helicopter, one Air Attack, and two Air Tankers. Page 18 Appendix B-1 of Exhibit B of the CAL FIRE Agreement (Attachment 2) includes details pertaining to the Operating Plan. In addition to these fire suppression resources, the City and CAL FIRE will coordinate wildfire prevention efforts, defensible space inspections, and vegetation management activities. CAL FIRE has included the Agreement Cost Calculations on page 8 of Attachment 2.

The City's costs for CAL FIRE'S wildland fire protections services to the Clover Valley Lakes Area are reimbursed to the City by the landowners. The landowners entered into an Agreement for Payment of California Department of Forestry Services for Protection of Wildlands within Clover Valley Lakes on November 25, 1997, which was required as a condition of annexing the property into the City of Rocklin (Annexation No. 91-02). Section 8 of this landowner reimbursement agreement provides that the obligations are binding on successors-in-interest. Jessup University previously purchased approximately 400 acres of the Clover Valley Lakes Area, so it is responsible for a proportional share of reimbursement costs to the City under this recorded landowner reimbursement agreement. Resolution No. 97-310 and the attached landowner reimbursement agreement are attached as Exhibit A to this Staff Report for reference.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact to the staff recommendation, as the services provided by CAL FIRE will be reimbursed by the property owners.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Resolution Exhibit A - CAL FIRE Agreement](#)
3. [Resolution No. 97-301](#)