



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

February 5, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted by: Meg McWade, Public Works Director

Subject: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Fire District to Provide Fire Fuel Reduction in the Rio Rancho Trail and Creek Area Through 2023

OVERVIEW

Recommendation – That the City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Attachment) with the Los Angeles County Fire District for proposed fire fuel reduction in the Rio Rancho Trail and Creek Area through 2023, at no additional cost to the City, and authorize the City Manager to execute all related documents.

Fiscal Impact – The City will provide for dumping fees and portable toilet costs for the clearance project which are anticipated to cost approximately \$3,000 per year. These costs will be funded within Fund 256-Phillips Ranch Assessment District Budget, Account No. 256-4073-52111-00000 (Dumping Fees) and 256-4073-52285-00000 (Controllable Contracts).

Previous Related Action – None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Previously, the Los Angeles County Fire Department responded to a brush fire adjacent to Rio Rancho Road, in a City-owned open space area. This area has a large amount of vegetation that requires removal. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Attachment) will provide fire fuel (vegetation) reduction in this area through 2023, at no additional cost to the City, helping to minimize fire exposure.

DISCUSSION

As a result of the incident noted above, the Los Angeles County Fire District agreed to provide camp crew labor to provide reduction in fire fuels in the Rio Rancho Streambed area, at no additional cost to the City's existing Fire Services Contract. This MOU will formalize the fire fuel reduction that

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will occur through 2023. As part of the project, the City obtained approval from the State of California Fish and Wildlife Department (FWD) because the clearance area includes a streambed. The areas subject to the clearance are shown in the aerial photo below. The appropriate approval from FWD has been received.

Currently, the Los Angeles County Fire Department Division of Forestry is providing the labor to perform clearance of the area within the parameters of the FWD approved work plan. The City will continue to provide the necessary dumpsters and portable toilets during active clearance. The areas subject to the clearance are numbered and shown in the following map from the FWD work plan.



Upon Council approval, the City Manager and Fire District management will execute the necessary agreement. As a note, the MOU may be terminated by either party with a thirty (30) day notice.

Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding for Hazard Fuels Reduction-Rio Rancho Trails and
Creeks Restoration Project w/Exhibit A