



## **CITY OF MENIFEE**

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SUBJECT: Fire Services Workshop

MEETING DATE: April 3, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Review and discuss the City of Meniffee's fire protection, fire prevention, rescue, and emergency medical services provided by CAL FIRE through a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Riverside.

### **DISCUSSION**

Since 1946, the County of Riverside has partnered with CAL FIRE to provide regionalized fire protection, advanced life support, technical rescue, and hazardous materials response services for our region. Since the City of Meniffee's incorporation in 2008, CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department has been its designated fire services provider. The Cooperative Agreement between the City of Meniffee and the County of Riverside, renewed in November 2021, is set to expire on June 30, 2024. This workshop will encompass a review and discussion of the fire services provided to Meniffee by CAL FIRE through Riverside County Fire, covering fire protection, fire prevention, rescue, and emergency medical services in preparation for the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement starting July 1, 2024.

Since its incorporation, the City of Meniffee has undergone significant growth in residential and commercial development. It has also become a crucial transportation corridor for countywide commuter traffic with approximately 125,500 commuters passing through daily. Derrigo Studies recently conducted a Demographic Marketing Report projecting Meniffee's population growth to reach 157,426 upon full build-out of all active residential units and 247,259 within a five-mile radius of the City. The growth will inevitably escalate the demand for fire services.

To match Meniffee's population growth, the City has made significant investments in expanding fire services, including enhancement of facilities, procurement of equipment, and recruitment of personnel to bolster fire suppression capabilities, and community fire risk reduction and prevention efforts.

These investments encompass:

- Acquisition of a new fire ladder truck – August 2021
- Addition of second medic squad at Fire Station 7 – September 2022
- Improvements to Fire Station 68 (enhancements to living areas to accommodate additional personnel) – August 2023
- Addition of an emergency medical services specialist and fire safety specialist – 2023
- Acquisition of a new medic patrol truck - May 2023
- Replacement of Fire Station 5 – scheduled completion Fall 2024
- Improvements to Fire Station 76 (enhancements to living area to accommodate additional personnel) – construction scheduled to commence June 2024

Future expansion of fire services, including facilities, equipment and personnel will be guided by development trends, shifts in population density, infrastructure enhancements, and regional fire station expansions, all considered in conjunction with the service delivery objectives outlined by CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department.

These objectives include:

- Maintaining an average emergency response time of 5 minutes or less, achieved 90% of the time.
- Proactively engaging in community risk reduction through fire prevention and risk assessment.
- Providing “zero-minute” response for life safety through community engagement programs.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE**

Safe and Vibrant Community

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. Renewal of the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Menifee and CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire will be brought forward for approval in conjunction with the FY 2024/2025 mid-cycle budget update.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Presentation
2. Cooperative Agreement to Provide Fire Services