

Olivehurst Public Utility District



Agenda Item Staff Report

Meeting Date: October 10, 2019

Item description/summary:

Consider approval of collaboration resolution and press release between Olivehurst Fire, Linda Fire, Wheatland Fire and Marysville Fire. This has been discussed in committees and Board meetings. This is the culmination of many months of work for the involved departments and represents the memorialization of years of collaboration between the departments.

Fiscal Analysis:

N/A

Employee Feedback

None

Sample Motion:

Move to approve OPUD Resolution 2348 supporting collaboration between Olivehurst Fire Department, Linda Fire Protection District, Wheatland Fire Authority and The City of Marysville (Marysville Fire Department) and the press release detailing the resolution.

Prepared by:

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OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2348

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT (the District) IN SUPPORT OF
COLABORATION OF SERVICES BETWEEN LINDA FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT, CITY OF MARYSVILLE, OLIVEHURST FIRE DEPARTMENT,
AND WHEATLAND FIRE AUTHORITY**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, collaboration could provide economy of scale for services in the combined area making fire service more efficient and economical; and

WHEREAS, collaboration could improve service levels in some areas in the combined area thereby increasing safety; and

WHEREAS, collaboration could address “pocket” areas within the combined area where one department nearly surrounds another; and,

WHEREAS, collaboration could create a stronger regional voice in legislative matters; and,

WHEREAS, collaboration could create more financially robust departments, more able to absorb swings in tax revenue and other financial burdens; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors have a desire and responsibility to provide services to their constituents in the most efficient and cost effective manner; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wish to begin working with the other departments, possibly in the areas of joint training exercises, joint purchasing when possible, fleet maintenance when feasible, fire plan review and inspection, operational planning and shared administration when possible; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors does hereby support working toward a common long-term goal of collaboration between the departments by engaging in joint training exercises, joint purchasing when possible, fleet maintenance if feasible, fire plan review and inspection, operational planning and shared administration when possible; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OPUD Board and staff will work, in good faith, with the other departments, elected officials and staff towards the common goal of collaboration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this, 10th of October 2019

OLIVEHURST PUBIC UTILITY DISTRICT

President, Board of Directors
Olivehurst Public Utility District

ATTEST:

District Clerk & ex-officio Secretary

APPROVE AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY

Legal Counsel

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the Olivehurst Public Utility District, Yuba County, California, at a meeting thereof held on the 10th day of October 2019, by the following vote:

AYES, AND IN FAVOR THEREOF:

NOES :

ABSTAIN :

ABSENT :

District Clerk and ex-officio Secretary: _____

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Olivehurst, Linda, Marysville and Wheatland seek opportunities to collaborate and partner on shared fire service delivery

October 11, 2019 (Yuba County)—The governing boards of the Olivehurst Public Utility District (OPUD), Linda Fire Protection District (LFPD), Wheatland Fire Authority (WFA) and the City of Marysville (MFD) passed a concurrent resolution yesterday seeking opportunities to collaborate and increase efficiencies and cost effective service delivery across all district and municipality jurisdictions.

“It’s simply the right thing to do and makes good dollars and cents. It’s all about providing high quality public safety to our residents and businesses,” commented OPUD Board Chair Mary Jane Griego.

Collaboration and regional partnership will provide opportunities to make fire services more efficient and economical, improve levels of service in the combined areas thereby increasing public safety, as well as help provide better services to more isolated areas in the joint region.

“The fact that a conversation has been initiated about collaboration and partnership between the Yuba County floor fire departments is a phenomenal start! There are great fire departments in Yuba County that are steeped in tradition and a long history. This effort is not designed to take anything away from those departments, but to share and possibly consolidate services that are needed by all fire departments, which in turn should save money that could be redirected towards better equipment and staffing,” stated Marysville City Councilmember and former Fire Captain Brad Hudson.

The four authorities agree to work toward a common long-term goal of collaboration that may include such efforts as joint training exercises, purchasing, fleet maintenance, fire plan review and inspection, operational planning and shared administration.

“The ability to offer a better and more efficient service to our constituents is always what we are striving for, and having additional resources at our fingertips through this collaboration with other agencies should provide that for them,” commented Wheatland Mayor and Fire Authority Board Member Joe Henderson.

This partnership also has the opportunity to create a stronger regional voice when addressing legislative matters that might impact fire and emergency medical services. It could also financially bolster all of the jurisdictions enabling them to better absorb swings in the economy and other financial burdens.

Fire Chief Rich Webb of the Linda Fire Protection District added: “By adopting the resolution, the Linda Fire Protection District is memorializing our long-standing commitment to our neighboring fire agencies and our pledge to look for additional opportunities where we can collaborate.

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