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Date: November 6, 2024

Originator: Jack Rosevear, Fire Chief

Purpose: Update and Approval of USFS Temporary Occupancy Extension- Grizzly Road Fire Station.

Desired Action by the Board: Approve extension occupancy of the US Forest Service fire engine and Battalion Chief from January 1, 2025, to April 1, 2025.

Supporting Documents Included: No

1. **Description:**

At the September regular board meeting, the Fire Board terminated the occupancy/rental agreement with the US Forest Service, effective January 1, 2025. Forest Service Acting Fire Chief Marty Senter was present at the Board meeting and committed repayment for the past due months of rent (\$450 per month), which has been in the arrears for over twenty months.

The Forest Service Fire Chief position is soon to be open for recruitment. Chief Senter will be interviewed for the permanent position, among others. Interviews will occur in early 2025 with a probable selection prior to April 1, 2025. A change in leadership in this position would possibly enhance our working relationship between the District and the USFS. Regardless of what happens, Chief Senter committed to making sure the District receives all the back rent owed.

2. **Reason for Recommended Board Action :**

The presence of US Forest Service fire personnel within our District is a positive thing, provided we can work more cooperatively together. The desire is there now, both by Chief Senter and District staff. The Grizzly Fire Station is an important location for them, and they would prefer not to move. It is reasonable to delay the move-out three months to see how the PNF Fire Chief position is filled. Depending on the outcome, I will update the Board with the circumstance's with recommendations regarding our next steps. While the USFS staff would prefer not to move, they understand the District is growing and has other priorities. Good working relationships will be maintained if they move or not. It is important that the back rent is paid and the amount cannot continue at \$450 per month.

3. **Anticipated Impacts to the District (negative and/or positive):**

There are no known negative impacts to extending the move-out date to April 1, 2025. This gives us an opportunity to see the outcome of the Fire Chief position process and evaluate the next steps moving forward. Having the USFS engine staffed at the Grizzly Station between January and March 2025 has a potential positive impact on the District, if we can utilize the engine for emergencies, when necessary. Chief Senter is very cooperative regarding the use

of his engines based in the District, for mutual aid, when needed. Chief Senter and I both seek to have closer productive working relationships, for the benefit of the Community and the Forest.

4. **Impacts to the Customer:**

Positive impacts for the customer by providing better service, working closer together to provide additional emergency response within the District, when needed.

5. **Recommendation (s):**

Approve delay of USFS move-out of the Grizzly Road Fire Station until April 1, 2025.