



# City Council Report

**Date:** October 3, 2016  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Harry Beck, Fire Chief  
Tara Acuna, Deputy Director  
**Subject:** City of Mesa State Forestry Intergovernmental Agreement  
"Citywide"

## Strategic Initiatives



## Purpose and Recommendation

Council is requested to approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into an updated cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the State Forester of the Arizona State Forestry and Fire Management Department to provide wildland fire protection and suppression services. This IGA establishes the terms for allocation and reimbursement for fire suppression activities, equipment, and manpower.

The recommendation is to approve the resolution adopting the updated IGA.

## Background

Mesa Fire and Medical Department (MFMD) responds to fire suppression actions on wildland fires on State and Private lands within its service area. In addition, MFMD responds and engages in wildland fire suppression, pre-suppression, and unplanned all-risk emergencies on lands under the jurisdiction of the State Forester located outside the Mesa service area.

The existing IGA was entered into in 2001. This cooperative IGA has been updated by the State Forester's office to align with current state statute.

## Discussion

The plan is reviewed and updated as needed in accordance with state statute.

## Alternatives

No action will prevent the Mesa Fire and Medical Department from reimbursement for services, equipment, and manpower rendered for wildland fire response.

**Fiscal Impact**

Updating the IGA with the State Forester's office places the City of Mesa in a position to be reimbursed for wildland fire protection and suppression response.

**Coordinated With**

Indicate which departments, agencies, City boards or committees or citizen groups are affected by the recommendation. State whether they support or oppose the recommendations.