The County of Yuba
Administrative Services

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Administrative Services, Perminder Bains
SUBJECT: Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Yuba County and Resource Conservation District & Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council to use office space at the Government Center and authorize Chair to execute.
DATE: August 11, 2020
NUMBER: 132/2020

Recommendation:

Administrative Services staff recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Yuba County and Resource Conservation District (RCD) and Yuba Watershed and Fire Safe Council (YWFSC) and authorize Chair to execute.

Background:

As of June 13, 2019 RCD has been authorized to use Suite 134 at the Government Center. They provide services to Yuba County, City of Wheatland and City of Marysville. RCD provides technical assistance to landowners and managers on best management practices, participate in community events, promote wetlands and restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement, defensible space programs, and fuel reduction programs. They also work with YWFSC.

YWFSC is a community-based group that works with County Government, law enforcement, professional foresters, local timber framing companies and RCD. They help contribute in the prevention of wildfires, maintain forest health, mitigate detrimental effects of wildfire on wildlands and watersheds, and develop and provide information for the public to prepare and protect their lives, homes and property from wildfires. YWFSC has secured over two million dollars in grants to conduct fuel reduction projects in Yuba County.
Discussion:

RCD and YWPFSC have approached the County requesting that they share Suite 134 at the Government Center. They work closely with each other and the residents of Yuba County. The residents benefit from these agencies with the services that are provided. It would be more convenient for the residents to be able to access both agencies at one location here at the Government Center. Since RCD has been authorized to use the suite, both agencies work closely with each other, and the residents benefit from the services that are provided, staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors execute the MOU.

Committee Action:

Due to the time sensitivity, the Public Facilities Committee was bypassed and brought directly to the Board.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no impact on the General Fund.

Attachments

132-2020 RCD/YWPFSC MOU