



AGENDA NO: 6.g

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

# Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**DATE:** September 30, 2025

**FROM:** Daniel McCrain, Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Letter of Interest from LOCSD regarding shared fire protection and emergency medical services

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Authorize City staff to prepare a response to the letter of interest exploring shared fire and EMS services.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Respond to letter of interest that the City of Morro Bay chooses not to explore shared services.
2. Provide alternate direction.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Staff time to evaluate feasibility of shared services and prepare a response.

## **BACKGROUND**

Currently the Los Osos Community Services District ("LOCSD") contracts for fire protection and emergency medical services with CAL FIRE/ San Luis Obispo County Fire. Rising costs for these services has prompted the LOCSD Board to direct staff to explore alternative service delivery models that may better meet the needs of their community. The Morro Bay Fire Chief and Interim City Manager received a letter of interest from the LOCSD General Manager Ron Munds on Friday September 19, 2025. The content of this letter of interest was a request to explore the possibility of the LOCSD contracting with the City of Morro Bay for fire protection and emergency medical services. Exploratory discussions preceding the receipt of this letter suggest a partnership of shared services may be mutually beneficial for both communities. Some of the potential benefits include opportunities for service level enhancements for both agencies, improved operational efficiencies due to shared policies and procedures, greater local control over operations, and shared costs for administrative functions may result in cost savings for the City of Morro Bay.

An initial response to this request would require meeting with LOCSD Staff to define the scope of shared services, determining a process of implementation, outlining financial liabilities and identifying obstacles or barriers to this process. A future item would be brought back to the Morro Bay City Council for consideration before any action is taken to pursue entering into a contract with the LOCSD

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for the City to provide such services.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Letter of interest from Los Osos CSD