



Letter of Interest: Shared Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

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Dear Ms. Lueker and Chief McCrain,

The Los Osos Community Services District Board of Directors has been actively evaluating how best to provide high-quality fire protection and emergency medical services for our community. For over two decades, the District has contracted with County Cal Fire for these essential services. However, recent sharp increases in contracted service costs—and persistent challenges in resolving operational and fiscal issues with the County—have prompted the Board to direct staff, as of September 4th, to seek alternative service models that better meet Los Osos' needs.

One promising strategy is a partnership with a neighboring agency. The City of Morro Bay, as our closest neighbor, represents the most logical and mutually beneficial partner for a shared approach to fire protection and EMS. Exploratory discussions suggest the following potential benefits for our communities:

- Shared administrative costs and substantial cost savings to Morro Bay
- Greater local control over operations and standards
- Increased operational flexibility
- Collaborative staff scheduling to maximize coverage and efficiency
- Opportunities for service level enhancements for both agencies

Los Osos Community Services District is eager to begin a dialogue with the City of Morro Bay to examine the feasibility of a joint service arrangement and welcomes the opportunity to discuss possible models and mutual advantages in detail.

We look forward to your consideration and to a discussion about how our communities might work together to preserve and enhance fire protection and emergency medical services.

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