



**TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
SIERRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**



**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: September 21, 2015**

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**DATE:** September 14, 2015  
**TO:** Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners  
Sierra Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners  
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**SUBJECT:** Update on Automatic Aid Agreement with Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Sierra Fire Protection District, City of Sparks and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District in regards to SB 185 Compliance. (All Commission Districts)

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**SUMMARY**

This item is a presentation, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding an update on Automatic Aid Agreements with Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Sierra Fire Protection District, City of Sparks and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District in regards to SB 185 Compliance.

**Strategic Objective supported by this item:** *Safe, secure and healthy communities*

**PREVIOUS ACTION**

On June 12, 2012, the Fire Board approved a Cooperative Agreement to include Automatic Aid terms, with the City of Sparks, set to expire in June 2017.

On August 28, 2012, the Fire Board approved a Cooperative Agreement to include Automatic Aid terms, with North Lake Tahoe, set to expire in June 2017.

On March 24, 2015 the Board of Fire Commissioners heard a supplemental report of the Blue Ribbon Committee for Regional Fire Service, presented by the Blue Ribbon Committee Chair, Sarah Chvilicek. The findings of the Blue Ribbon Committee were recapped including the Committee's recommendation for automatic aid.

**BACKGROUND**

This staff reports seeks to update the Board of Fire Commissioners on compliance with SB 185 with City of Sparks and North Lake Tahoe Fire.

The Nevada State Legislature passed Senate Bill No. 185 that amends Chapter 475 of NRS. The statute requires the emergency fire-fighting vehicle located closest to a structure or brush fire to respond regardless of jurisdiction (paraphrased).

The legislation only mandates a response to structure and brush fires. However, the automatic aid agreements with the City of Sparks and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District are all risk agreements and include automatic aid responses inclusive of non-fire related incidents. Automatic aid with the City of Sparks and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District works well and is balanced with respect to providing and receiving assistance.

North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District:

Response areas with North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District were not changed. The automatic aid is area limited to the Mount Rose ski area and proximate areas. No modification to the response area was necessary in order to comply with SB 185.

City of Sparks:

The review of response zones with the City of Sparks was more intensive. The same response time tests used to predict the zones imbedded in the current agreement were run again. One small addition from Sparks to TM was added as a result of the study. The area of UNR Farms was added, however the area is limited agricultural use. It is my belief that any impact to the City of Sparks would be de minimis. This addition was the only modification to the response areas between the two jurisdictions. It is my determination that the automatic aid response agreement with TMFPD and City of Sparks is compliant with SB 185.

The corresponding adjustments in CAD programming will be completed prior to October 1.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is a potential for fiscal impact. Costs may be incurred when operational periods exceed the time threshold identified in the Annual Operating Plan. If that happens, there is sufficient budget authority within the approved 2015/16 budget. Truckee Meadows FPD and Sierra FPD have emergency fire funds available to pay these expenses.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends acceptance of the presentation that automatic aid agreements between City of Sparks and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District are in compliance with SB 185

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

A possible motion to staff could be:

*“I move to accept the presentation on Automatic Aid Agreements between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Sierra Fire Protection District, City of Sparks and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District in regards to SB 185 Compliance.”*