

Ross Valley Fire Department Board of Directors
STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of May 10, 2023

To: Ross Valley Fire Board

From: Dan Mahoney, Interim Deputy Chief

Subject: Approve Resolution 23-08 Authorizing Participation In and Approving the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement of Fire Risk Management Services (Formerly Fire Agencies Self Insurance Systems)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the RVFD Fire Board Approve Resolution 23-08 Authorizing Participation In and Approving the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement of Fire Risk Management Services (Formerly Fire Agencies Self Insurance Systems (FASIS)).

BACKGROUND

FASIS was originally formed on July 1, 1984, pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 6500 et seq. as a joint powers authority to provide a program of pooling of self-insured workers' compensation losses of its members, which members were defined as California fire protection districts formed and operating under the provisions of California Health and Safety Code Section 13800 et seq. and California community services districts providing fire suppression and emergency services formed and operating under the provisions of California Government Code Section 61000, et seq. FASIS has continued to provide this self-insurance program up to the effective date of this Agreement.

FDAC EBA was originally formed on July 1, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 6500 et seq. as a joint powers authority to provide employment benefits programs including medical, hospital surgical, disability, legal expense, dental, vision, life, and income protection insurance or benefits, whether provided on an insurance basis, self-funded basis, or some combination of insurance and self-funding, to any California public agency including special districts, cities, and joint powers authorities which were formed with the power to provide fire suppression and emergency services. FDAC EBA has continued to provide this employment benefits program up to the effective date of this Agreement.

As of the effective date of this Agreement, the Fire Agencies Self Insurance System shall be known as Fire Risk Management Services, referred to herein as FRMS. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 6506 and 6507, from its inception, FRMS has, is, and shall be a public entity separate and independent from the Members which is governed exclusively by its Board of Directors ("Board").

This Agreement is being amended and restated in part to allow members of the Fire Districts Association of California Employment Benefits Authority ("FDAC EBA") to join FRMS and

share in consolidated administration and governance of programs. Accordingly, as of the effective date of this Agreement, the membership of FRMS shall consist of the members of FASIS, as well as the members of FDAC EBA that have approved this Agreement. Future membership in FRMS is open to public agencies throughout California that meet the membership requirements specified herein and, in the Bylaws, and are approved for membership by the Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION:

The Fire Agencies Self Insurance System (FASIS) and Fire Districts Association of California Employment Benefits Association (FDAC EBA) will consolidate, effective July 1, 2023, to form Fire Risk Management Services (FRMS). FRMS is a multi-line risk pool providing workers' compensation and employee benefits coverage to eligible fire districts in California.

The Amendment and Restatement is intended to allow members of Fire Districts Association of California Employment Benefits Authority ("FDAC EBA") to join FRMS and share in consolidated administration and governance of programs by amending and restating its existing Joint Powers Agreement to this Agreement. The Agreement requires approval under Section 31: Execution in Counterparts and must be received in FRMS's office no later than June 20, 2023.

Ross Valley Fire Department is a member of FASIS and FDAC EBA. They have been, and continue to be beneficial to the department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The receipt of this staff report has no direct fiscal impact.

Encl.: JPA Approval Memo with Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement of Fire Risk Management Services – **Attachment #1**

Resolution 23-08 Approving the Amended and Restated JPA of Fire Risk Management Services (Formerly Fire Agencies Self Insurance Systems (FASIS)) – **Attachment #2**