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CITY OF CHINO HILLS COMPLETES PROPERTY TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH CHINO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY'S FOURTH FIRE STATION

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills and the Chino Valley Fire District (CVFD) completed the property transfer agreement for the future development of the City's fourth fire station. As part of the agreement, the City transferred approximately four acres of City-owned vacant land at the intersection of Soquel Canyon Parkway and Pipeline Avenue to CVFD, which the Fire District will use to construct Fire Station 68.

"We are thrilled to partner with Chino Valley Fire to provide Chino Hills with a fourth fire station that will enhance our resident's safety and help our fire district provide improved emergency response and additional fire resources," said Chino Hills Mayor Ray Marquez. "As we saw with the Blue Ridge Fire when the fire reached the exact location of where this new fire station will be constructed, every second counts during an emergency. Thank you to the dedicated individuals in our Chino Valley Fire District who keep our community protected."

"The City of Chino Hills' shared commitment to exceptional service is evident through this partnership. A fourth fire station in Chino Hills will help improve response times and provide needed resources to draw from during emergency incidents," said CVFD Board of Directors President Mike Kreeger. "We are thankful for the city's partnership in meeting the needs of our growing community."

In addition to providing the nearly four acres of City-owned property, the City will also make a payment of \$8 million to CVFD for the design and construction costs associated with the development of Fire Station 68. Of the \$8 million, \$7 million will be paid from the City's General City Facilities Fee Fund, which are fees paid to the City by developers to finance various public facilities necessary as a result of new developments. The remaining \$1 million will be paid from the City's Community Facilities District Special Tax fund that was voted on

and approved by the property owners prior to the City's development to fund the construction of public facilities such as City Hall, libraries, and fire stations.

In return, CVFD provided the City with .62 acres of CVFD owned property on Eucalyptus Avenue that formally served as a training facility. The City has no current plans for the transferred property but will publicly review potential uses in the future. In addition, CVFD will be assuming the costs and responsibilities associated with the Wildland Fire Protection agreement that the City normally contracts with CalFire to perform, saving the City an average of \$150,000 a year.

The Chino Hills City Council and CVFD Board of Directors approved Letters of Intent for the property transfer agreement in October 2020. The Chino Hills City Council voted unanimously to approve the agreement at the January 26, 2021, Council Meeting and the Chino Valley Fire District Board of Directors unanimously approved the agreement at a Special Board Meeting on January 28, 2021. CVFD is currently in the process of requesting bids for the design of Fire Station 68. Construction will begin once a design is approved by the Chino Valley Fire District Board of Directors. Construction for Fire Station 68 is estimated to be completed by the first quarter of 2024.

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