



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**FIRE CONSOLIDATION**

The Cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach and the Oceano Community Services District are pleased to announce they will be finalizing the consolidation of fire services and forming a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to be implemented by July 1, 2010.

In 2004, the City of Arroyo Grande entered into a Joint Fire Services Agreement with the City of Grover Beach. Under that Agreement, the City of Arroyo Grande provided a Fire Chief and the City of Grover Beach provided a Training Captain. The Agreement was coordinated by a Fire Oversight Committee consisting of two Council representatives, both City Managers, and the Fire Chief.

In 2007, the Joint Fire Services Agreement was modified to enhance the Training Captain position to a Battalion Chief, have both positions employed by the City of Arroyo Grande, and to share the costs based upon an agreed upon formula. Since that time, the Agreement has been expanded to share reserve firefighters, equipment, and to add the Oceano Community Services District.

The existing fire service organizational structure for Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, and the Oceano Community Services District has been extremely effective in advancing steps to better coordinate services in the Five Cities area. It has allowed individual organizations to maintain control and identity, while achieving the efficiencies of coordinated services, improved response times, sharing of equipment, sharing of staff, and standardizing training and procedures. With the formation of a JPA, there will be one employee contract, formal governance and supervisory structure, and parity in salaries, staffing, and benefits.

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