

**CITY OF TEMECULA  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** City Manager/City Council

**FROM:** John Crater, Fire Chief

**DATE:** November 18, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the California Ranch Company for Large Animal Care During Disasters

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**PREPARED BY:** Mikel Alford, Emergency Manager

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with California Ranch Company for large animal care during disasters.

**BACKGROUND:** For the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of residents, visitors, and their animals, the City of Temecula recognizes the responsibility to be prepared for an emergency or disaster event that requires an evacuation. Evacuations may necessitate that areas of the city that house livestock and large animals be relocated from an area that is threatened to an area of safe refuge creating hazardous conditions that endanger the public and disrupt the essential daily lifestyle and economy of the community in the process.

The City of Temecula has prepared this Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Temecula and the California Ranch Company (CRC) to document the relationship between the City and the CRC in the event of an emergency that requires the evacuation of large animals from within the city limits to a safe location outside of the city through a coordinated program of emergency and disaster relief that ensures the preservation of animal life (equestrian, livestock, and other large animals) and to protect the public health and welfare by providing emergency animal care.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The MOU includes a provision for reimbursement of costs not to exceed \$100,000 in the event large animal care is needed in a disaster. The City will see reimbursement from the cognizant agency (Cal OES, FEMA, etc.) responsible for emergency response reimbursements.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Memorandum of Understanding