Mammoth Lakes Town Council
Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Approve agreement with Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) to provide services related to management of Measure R and U funding for Recreation, Arts & Culture, and Mobility.

Council Meeting Date: 8/19/2026

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Recommended Motion: Approve the attached 3-year Services Agreement with Mammoth Lakes Recreation to provide professional services related to Management of Measure R and U funding for Recreation, Arts and Culture, and Mobility, retroactive to July 1st.

Summary: The Town of Mammoth Lakes ("Town") has contracted with local nonprofit Mammoth Lakes Recreation ("MLR") for many years to perform and assume responsibility for certain services pertaining to recreation, arts and culture, and mobility, required by the Town. These services include providing stewardship, implementation, communication, and management of advisory committees and funding recommendations for Measure R and U.

The Town Council considered a draft agreement with MLR at the June 17th Council meeting. The Council approved an agreement with a three-year term commencing on July 1, 2026, and expiring June 30, 2029. The motion that was approved was clear in establishing the initial compensation under the contract at $185,000, but did not include an escalator provision for years 2 and 3. It has subsequently become apparent that at least some Councilmembers intended to include a 3% annual increase for years 2 and 3 in the approval of the agreement.

The Town and MLR have not yet signed the draft agreement, pending clarification from the Town Council as to whether it includes an annual increase for years 2 and 3. If the revised version of the agreement is approved by the Town Council, the source of funding for the agreement will still be an allocation of Measure R for most of the funding, with a $10,000 annual contribution from Measure U.

MLR has also proposed to add to its scope of work support for stewardship programming, a parks and recreation amenity enhancement program, and support for tangle-free waters and adopt-a-trail programs, as well as identifying and applying for grants to support Town goals and priorities. These additional items have been added to Exhibit A, but language has been added to Section 3.1.1 of the agreement allowing the Town to direct MLR to substitute different activities in order to provide flexibility.