

Interlocal Agreement with Moab Valley Fire Protection District

*in preparation for the Community Wildfire
System (CWS) Agreement*

City Council
Discussion and possible action
June 23, 2026

Wildfire Management Timeline

2016-2020

- Governor signed S.B. 122: Wildland Fire Policy Updates established the Cooperative Wildfire System
- Moab meets CWS requirements with the Moab Valley Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan

Jun. 2024

- Rim to Rim Restoration and Moab Valley Fire Department were awarded Community Wildfire Defense Grant and launched the FireBREAK Campaign

Mar. 2025

- Governor signed H.B.48: Wildland Urban Interface Modifications act

Jan. 2026

- Moab and Grand County adopted updates to the CWPP

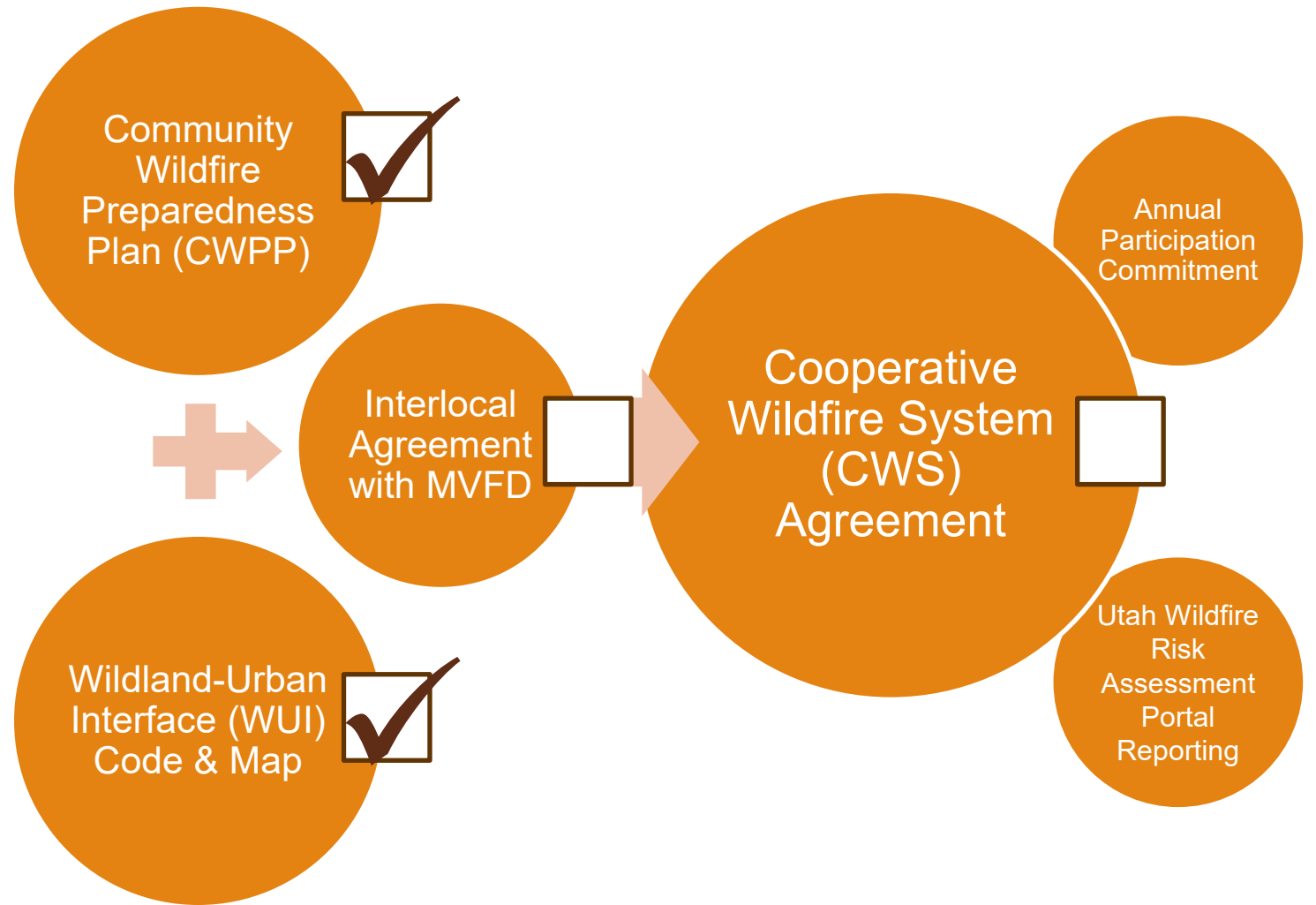
Feb. 2026

- City Council approved WUI map and code

Jun. 2026

- City Council considers ILA with MVFD
- City Council considers CWS Agreement

How are the ILA & CWS related?



Why do we want a Cooperative Wildfire System (CWS) Agreement?

Cooperative Wildfire System reduces wildfire risk and ensures the State will assist with catastrophic wildfires.

For the 5 years of the agreement—

- **Local governments agree to:**
 1. Maintain a CWPP
 2. Maintain the State WUI Code
 3. Train firefighters and maintain equipment
 4. Implement prevention, preparedness and mitigation actions funded at minimum to an annual “participation commitment” based on historic fire cost (\$4,598 for Moab in 2026).
 5. Report actions to the Utah Wildfire Assessment Risk Portal (UWRAP)
 6. Provide and pay for initial attack on wildfires
- **The state agrees to:**
 1. Pay the costs of large and extended attack on catastrophic wildland fires

Why do we need the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ILA) with MVFD?

An ILA formalizes the delegation of fire protection services to MVFD in preparation for signing the City signing the CWS agreement.

- Moab Valley Fire Protection District (MVFD) protects Moab, levies property taxes fund service, and previously signed the CWS on behalf of the City.
- This is established through state code on special service districts.
- The state requirement changed this year to municipalities being the signatory.
- An ILA allows the City to follow the State signatory requirement while designating MVFD as responsible for services in the agreement that they provide.

What does the ILA with MVFD do?

1. Designates MVFD as the City's provider
 - Fire protection services, including wildfire
 - Wildfire prevention, preparedness, and mitigation
2. Delegates training and reporting to MVFD
3. Commits the City to
 - Remain responsible for the CWPP, code, and cost recovery for wildfire
 - Reduce hazards on city property
 - Provide data required for reporting
 - Coordinate with MVFD
 - Provide public outreach
4. Is valid for 5 years, which matches the term of CWS agreement

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