

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
SUBJECT: BOARD MEETING PACKAGE
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020

Enclosed is your Board package for the Regular January Board Meeting. We have tried to include the information you will need to effectively consider and act on agenda items. The Board meeting will be held at the normal meeting venue at **FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, 990 EAST MISSION ROAD, FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA.**

Please note this month's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2020, beginning at **4:00 p.m.**

It is our goal to be prepared to respond accurately to Board questions and concerns. You can help us achieve this goal by contacting me prior to the Board meeting with your questions and concerns. This will allow time for the Staff and me to provide the appropriate information for review at the Board meeting.

To ensure a quorum is present, please call Loren in advance of the meeting if you will be unable to attend. She may be reached at (760) 723-2012.

Respectfully,



Stephen Abbott
Fire Chief/CEO



PROUDLY SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF FALLBROOK, BONSALE AND RAINBOW

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NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

AGENDA FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2020

4:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

**FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
990 EAST MISSION ROAD
FALLBROOK CALIFORNIA**

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA

We invite you to stay for the remainder of the business meeting, however, please feel free to depart at the close of the Public Activities Agenda.

CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL INVOCATION PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT — PRESIDENT LUEVANO** (pgs. 1-2)
STANDING ITEM: Members of the Public may directly address the Board of Directors on items of interest to the Public provided no action will be taken on non-agenda items. The Board President may limit comments to three minutes per speaker (Board of Directors Operations – Elections, Officers and Terms SOG § 3.2.6.3.).
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2. **CHALLENGE COIN AWARD — D/C McREYNOLDS AND CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 3-4)
Recurring Item: Present Challenge Coin and Award to Olivia Hoyt as Dispatcher and Community Partner.
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3. **EMPLOYEE BADGE PINNING - CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 5-8)
RECURRING ITEM: Badge Pinning and Oath of Office for new and promoting employee.
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ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS:

All items listed under the Consent Items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the Board action on the motion, unless members of the Board, Staff or public request specific items be removed from the Consent Agenda.

4. **APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 2019** (pgs. 9-16)
STANDING ITEM: Review and approve minutes from December 10th meeting as presented.
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5. **APPROVE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2019** (pgs. 17-20)
STANDING ITEM: Review and approve minutes from December 12th meeting as presented.
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6. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2019** (pgs. 21-30)
STANDING ITEM: Review and Accept Financial Report for December as presented.
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7. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES** (pgs. 31-32)
RECURRING ITEM: None.
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8. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT 2ND QUARTER OVERTIME TRACKING REPORT** (pgs. 33-36)
QUARTERLY REPORT: Review and accept report that indicates a decrease in annual leave, sick leave and industrial injury. Current overtime expenditures are 52.93% expended with reimbursement of mutual aid at \$105,536.11, which reduces the overtime expenses to 42.17% of the Budget.
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Note: The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that no qualified individual with a disability shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, District business. If you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the District Office 72 hours prior to the meeting at (760) 723-2012.



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9. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FOURTH QUARTER 2019 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY** (pgs. 37-46)
➤ **QUARTERLY REPORT:** Review and accept report for the Fourth Quarter 2019 as presented. This quarterly report continues to reflect customer satisfaction is in the excellent range (99%) with 81 of 300 surveys returned and 430 Service and Sympathy Card sent in the Fourth Quarter of 2019.

ACTION EVENTS:

All items listed under the Action Items Agenda will be presented and discussed prior to the Board taking action on any matter. Members of the public may comment on items at the time they are presented. Time Certain Items will commence precisely at the time announced in the Agenda.

10. **REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-01 ADOPTING A PAY SCHEDULE – CHIEF MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 47-50)
➤ **Recurring Item:** Review and approve Resolution 2020-01 adopted to reflect a single Pay Schedule document as required by California Code of Regulations §570.5 and which is being amended due to salary adjustments and job classifications.
11. **REVIEW AND APPROVE CONTRACT FOR MEDICAL STANDBYS WITHIN DISTRICT EOA AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-02 — D/C MAHR AND CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 51-66)
➤ **RECURRING ITEM:** Review and contract and Resolution 2020-02, authorizing Chief Abbott to sign agreement, which permits Mercy Medical Transport to continue to provide limited medical standby for San Luis Rey Down Training Center, located within the District's Exclusive Operating Area. Agreement has been reviewed by District Counsel.
12. **CONSIDER NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SAN DIEGO LAFCO REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER — CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 67-72)
➤ **RECURRING ITEM:** Consider nomination for open position for the San Diego LAFCO Regular Special District member.
13. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATION TO PURCHASE/REMOUNT AMBULANCE — D/C MAHR AND CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 73-80)
➤ **NEW ITEM:** CONSIDER AND APPROVE MODIFICATION OF \$36,554.00 TO FY 19/20 FINAL BUDGET DUE TO UPDATED QUOTE FOR AMBULANCE REMOUNT/PURCHASE.
14. **CONSIDER AND DETERMINE DIRECTION FOR SHARED DISPATCH FACILITY STUDY — CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 81-104)
➤ **NEW ITEM:** CONSIDER CONTINUED EXPLORATION OF SHARED FACILITY FOR DISPATCH.
15. **CONSIDER AND DETERMINE STRATEGIC DIRECTION — CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 105-108)
➤ **RECURRING ITEM:** CONSIDER AND DIRECT STAFF ON DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC PLAN; DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC PLAN TEAM.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

No action shall be undertaken on any Discussion item. The Board may: acknowledge receipt of the information or report and make comments; refer the matter to Staff for further study or report; or refer the matter to a future agenda.

16. There are no Discussion Agenda Items for the January 28, 2020 meeting. (pgs. 109-110)

STANDING DISCUSSION EVENTS:

All Events listed under the Standing Discussion Events are items presented every meeting.

- **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** (pgs. 111-14)
 - "FPPC Updates Materiality Standards ."
- **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** (pgs. 115-24)
 - BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM



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- **NEWS ARTICLES:** As attached. (pgs. 125-86)
- **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** (pgs. 187-88)
- **STAFF:**
 - Chief Abbott
 - Other Staff
- **BOARD**
- **BARGAINING GROUPS**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

CLOSED SESSION

The Board will enter closed session to discuss Events as outlined herein. As provided in the Government Code, the public will not be present during these discussions. At the end of the Closed Session, the Board shall publicly report any action taken in Closed Session (and the vote or abstention on that action of every member present) in accordance with Government Code § 54950 ET. seq.

CS-1. There are Closed Session Items for the January 28, 2020, Board Meeting. (pgs. 189-90)

ADJOURNMENT

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is: Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 4:00 p.m. at FPUD.

CERTIFICATION OF AGENDA POSTING

I certify that this Agenda was posted in accordance with the provisions of the Government Code § 54950 et. seq. The posting locations were: [1] the entrance of North County Fire Protection District Administrative Offices, [2] Fallbrook Public Utility District Administrative Offices and [3] the Roy Noon Meeting Hall. The Agenda was also available for review at the Office of the Board Secretary, located at located at 330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook (760) 723-2012. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the District after distribution of the agenda packet, are available for public inspection in the Office of the Board Secretary, located at 330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook (760) 723-2012, during normal business hours or may be found on the District website at <http://www.ncfireprotectiondistrict.org>, subject to the Staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting. The date of posting was January 22, 2020."

Board Secretary Loren Stephen-Porter:



Date: January 22, 2020



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO

DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1. Members of the Public may directly address the Board of Directors on items of interest to the Public provided no action will be taken on non-agenda items. The Board President may limit comments to three minutes per speaker (Board of Directors Operations – Elections, Officers and Terms SOG § 3.2.6.3.).*

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
TRAINING DIVISION**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: D/C MCREYNOLDS AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020
SUBJECT: CHALLENGE COIN RECOGNITION

PUBLIC AGENDA

BACKGROUND:

The next recipient of the NCFPD Challenge Coin Recognition Program is Fallbrook resident and North Comm. Dispatcher Olivia Hoyt.

SUMMARY:

Olivia has served with North Comm. as a dispatcher for thirteen years. She has served the citizens of this community and the members of our Fire Protection District in countless ways. She has been a voice of comfort and direction on the receiving end of 911 calls impacted our community and our fire family. She has been an ambassador for not only North Comm., but also this organization over the years playing instrumental roles in efforts like supporting young Parker Landis, the young Fallbrook resident who fought and ultimately succumb to a rare and aggressive brain cancer.

Recently, her keen insight and intuition was displayed when a 911 caller wanted to cancel fire units en-route to a medical aid thinking the patient she was calling for no longer needed aid. Olivia felt something wasn't right and had the units continue in. That person was ultimately suffering from a massive heart attack. By the units continuing their response at her direction they were on scene to quickly render aid when that person ultimately entered CPR status. A few months ago, she was the voice who delivered CPR instructions over the phone to the wife of one of our own members.

Olivia retired from North Comm. at the end of December. Through her career she was someone who cared with a degree of authenticity and genuine kindness rarely seen. Someone who went literally above and beyond. I would like to present Olivia with an NCFPD Community Challenge Coin and Board recognition for her selfless acts of service to this agency and this community.

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020
SUBJECT: BADGE PINNING CEREMONY

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Directors has approved a process of hiring District employees during regularly scheduled Board meetings. This practice provides a professional environment for congratulating the employees and their families for all the hard work and sacrifice.

DISCUSSION:

The following individuals will be present during the January 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Fire Chief Stephen Abbott will take this opportunity to officiate over the Badge Pinning Ceremony.

It is the distinct pleasure of the organization to present the following individuals as promoted employees and new hires:

Brian MacMillan	Battalion Chief
Jen Koester	Customer Service/Social Media Specialist
Christopher DeStefano	Single Role Paramedic
Rafael Gonzalez	Single Role Paramedic
Rae Chapman	Single Role EMT
Edgar Guzman	Single Role EMT
Tony Marchese	Single Role EMT

Brian MacMillan

Brian started his career as a Reserve Firefighter with NCFPD. From there his first full-time position was with Lakeside Fire Protection District as a Firefighter Paramedic. He spent two years with them and left to come back to North County. He spent another six years as a Firefighter Paramedic until promoting to Engineer in 2012. In 2014 he was lucky enough to promote to Captain and has spent the last six years in the firehouse as a floor captain. In July 2019 he received a position in our administrative Office as an Administrative Captain. This was a great experience and allowed for a great deal of education and mentorship. Working here at NCFPD has been an amazing experience

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and Brian thanks God every day for the chance to serve as a firefighter in the community he lives in. He would also like to thank his beautiful wife Alison and three amazing children Ava, Connor and Grace. They have always supported him and have been understanding when Dad has to cancel vacations or miss so many special holidays and events to serve at the fire station.

Jen Koester

Jen was born and raised in Fallbrook. She attended San Diego State University where she studied for six years and earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Communication. While pursuing her master's degree, Jen taught first-year college students in a public speaking course. In addition to her time spent as a Graduate Teaching Associate, Jen also served as an academic advisor for the communication department, where she worked to ensure students within the major were able to graduate on time. She is eager to learn about the District as well as fire service in general, as she spends time with North County Fire.

Chris DeStefano

Chris DeStefano is 28 years old and currently lives in vista with his wife Kelli and their two daughters Lakelyn and Preslee. She is currently pregnant with their third daughter who is expected to be born in late April. Chris was born and raised locally in Vista and graduated from Rancho Buena Vista High School in 2009. After high school he started pursuing fire classes, EMT school and graduated from Cal State San Marcos in 2014 with a Bachelor's in Communications. Following his degree, he completed the San Pasqual Reservation Fire Academy and then Palomar's 48th paramedic program. He has started his career as a paramedic for North County Fire Protection District in November of 2019 and excited to learn and grow as a paramedic and firefighter as he works towards the goal of Firefighter/Paramedic.

Rafael Gonzalez

My name is Rafael Gonzalez, I am 25 years old. I am a husband and father of 2 boys. I was born and raised in Encinitas. I graduated from La Costa Canyon High School in 2012. I have 4 brothers and a sister. I learned to be a hard worker at a young age helping my father with his landscape business during every school break and weekends. After completing High School the plan was to follow in my dads footsteps and take over his business. Looking back and realizing the struggles my family dealt with motivated me to pursue an education and establish a better future for my own kids. In 2017 I decided to pursue a career in EMS, something my family could be proud of. I came into the EMS field without guidance, but was fortunate enough to meet many great mentors who have steered me in the right path. Seeing how much support and guidance was given by peers and instructors was heartwarming. Fast forward three years, I am now employed as a Paramedic by the North County Fire Protection District , working for the same department as my then EMT instructor Chief Marovich. I am proud to have gotten

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this far knowing this is the start of a career in the field that I have grown to love and have a passion for. I feel fortunate to be representing this prestigious department as a Paramedic.

Rae Chapman

Rae Chapman is married to wife Vanessa Chapman. Rae was born and raised in Arizona with one older brother and a younger sister. In 2018 Rae moved to California. Shortly after moving to California she made a career change from the automotive industry to start to pursue a career serving the community. She attended Healthcare Academy of California where she completed her EMT certification. Rae is taking courses at Palomar College and hopes to attend Paramedic School next fall. She is currently residing in Escondido, tiny home living with her wife and two dogs. Rae enjoys staying active and being outside, her favorite hobbies are hiking, taking the dogs to the beach, and trying to complete 50-states bucket list.

Edgar Guzman

Edgar Guzman was born and lives in North County San Diego. He comes from a family of 3, his mother and younger brother. Edgar attended school within the Vista Unified School District and graduated from Rancho Buena Vista High School. He attended Mira Costa College for what he originally thought he wanted to do, Mechanical Engineering. Shortly after Edgar decided that wasn't for him and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2011, after bootcamp in San Diego he went to and graduated from Louis F Garland DOD Fire Academy in San Angelo, Texas. Edgar served as an Aircraft Rescue Firefighter/EMT being station both at Twentynine Palms and Camp Pendleton as well as 1 overseas deployment to the middle east. Edgar decided to continue his career in the Fire Service outside the Marine Corps, which was one of the hardest decisions he had to make, ultimately wanting to work for a municipal fire department close to home being the deciding factor to separate from the military. Edgar went to Palomar College where he received his Associates in Fire Technology and graduated from Palomar's 51st Fire Academy. Edgar has been working for Aircare Ambulance for the past two years while going to school and hopes to attend Palomar's next paramedic school. Edgar was hired with North County Fire in October of last year as a part time single role EMT and hopes to gain much needed experience and knowledge in order to better prepare himself for Medic School. Edgar's hobbies include outdoor activities like camping and snowboard, as well as spending lots of time with his family.

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Tony Marchese

Tony Marchese was born and raised in Escondido, CA. He graduated from Escondido Charter High School in 2015. Tony joined the North County Fire explorer post in the fall of 2014 and was an explorer for two years. During his time as an explorer, he became the department courier in the fall of 2015. In the fall of 2018 Tony went on to complete EMT school at Miramar college and transitioned from the courier position to single role EMT in November of 2019. His next goal is to go onto paramedic school as well as complete a fire academy.

1 December 10, 2019

2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**
3 **THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

4 President Luevano called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

5 **THE INVOCATION GIVEN BY DFC MAROVICH.**

6 **ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

7 **ROLL CALL:**

8 **Present:** Directors Harris, Hoffman, Luevano, Munson and Van Doorn.

9 **Absent:** None.

10 **Staff Present:** DFC Marovich, Attorney James and Board Secretary Stephen-Porter. In
11 the audience were: D/Cs Mahr and McReynolds, F/M Fieri and members of the public and
12 Association.

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14 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

15 1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Luevano addressed the audience and inquired whether
16 there were any public comments regarding items not on the Agenda. There being no
17 comments, the Public Comment Section was closed.

18 2. **CHALLENGE COIN AWARD – D/C McREYNOLDS AND DFC MAROVICH:** D/C McReynolds
19 presented Mr. Bart Harris to the Board, noting the assistance he had provided to the
20 firefighters while they were rescuing a hiker off of Monserate Mountain. Mr. Harris
21 volunteered to stay with District equipment during the rescue, which lasted for 1.5 hours.
22 Recognizing his contribution to the District, Mr. Harris was provided with an award and
23 Challenge Coin. The Board thanked him for his assistance on this difficult rescue.

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25 **ACTION AGENDA**

26 **PRIORITY ACTION ITEMS:**

27 3. **BOARD ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 2020 – DFC MAROVICH AND COUNSEL JAMES:** DFC
28 Marovich informed those present that this is the time of the year the Board is to select officers
29 for the coming year. The new officers assume office at the end of the meeting. President

30 Luevano turned the meeting over to District Counsel for the election of the officers. District
31 Counsel James called for nominations for President, with Director Munson nominating
32 Director Luevano, which was seconded by Director Hoffman. Director Luevano accepted
33 the nomination. There being no further nominations, Director Luevano was elected to
34 President for the year 2020. District Counsel asked for nominations for the election for Vice
35 President. Director Luevano nominated Director Van Doorn, which nomination was
36 accepted. Thereafter, Director Munson nominated Director Harris, which nomination was
37 declined. As there were no other nominations for Vice President, Director Van Doorn was
38 elected to Vice President for the year 2020.

39 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

- 40 4. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2019**
41 5. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2019**
42 6. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

43 President Luevano inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 4-6. There
44 was brief discussion on the new policy process. Thereafter, President Luevano asked for a
45 motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Director Harris, seconded by
46 Director Hoffman the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed
47 unanimously.

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49 **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 50 7. **CONSIDER REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO NCDJPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – DFC MAROVICH:**
51 DFC Marovich presented the option to change NCDJPA representatives from the District,
52 noting that Director Munson is the primary representative and Director Harris is the
53 secondary. Director Munson was just elected as Vice President to NCDJPA Board.
54 On a motion by Director Harris, seconded by Vice President Van Doorn, the motion to leave
55 Director Munson and Director Harris as the District representatives to NCDJPA, which
56 passed unanimously.
57 8. **SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES – D/C MAHR AND DFC MAROVICH:** D/C Mahr presented a
58 request to declare one 1997 HME Type 1, one 1990 General-Spartan Type 1 and one 2009

59 Pierce Mini-Pumper/Squad as being surplus, as they no longer serve the needs of the
60 District. As they are worth more than the \$1000.00, they would go to auction for disposal.
61 On a motion by Director Hoffman, seconded by Director Harris, the motion to declare the
62 presented vehicles as surplus and dispose of them via approved methods passed
63 unanimously.

64 9. **CONSIDER AND SELECT NOMINEES FOR SAN DIEGO LAFCO 2019 SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

65 **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS – DFC MAROVICH:** DFC Marovich presented the LAFCO
66 Special District Advisory Committee ballot to the Board for selection of eight nominees. On
67 a motion by Director Harris, seconded by Vice President Van Doorn, the Board agreed to
68 vote for Mr. Sims, Mr. Bebee, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Lau, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Thorner
69 and write-in Fred Cox with the motion passing unanimously. Direction was given to the
70 Board Secretary submit the ballot on behalf of the Board.

71 10. **SET SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO CERTIFY PROPOSITION “A” ELECTION RESULTS AND**

72 **ADOPT ORDINANCE 2019-02 AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CFD 2019-01 - DFC**

73 **MAROVICH AND B/S STEPHEN-PORTER:** Board Secretary Stephen-Porter requested the Board
74 set a Special Board meeting on December 12, 2019 to certify the results of the Proposition
75 A election. She noted that DTA had promised to have the results within sufficient time to
76 allow the District to meet the statutory deadlines for the meeting so it would not be postponed
77 again. On a motion by Director Harris, seconded by Director Hoffman, the motion to set a
78 Special meeting to certify the results of Proposition A election passed unanimously.

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80 **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

81 11. There were no Discussion Agenda Items for the December 10, 2019, Board Meeting.

82 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 83 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel James presented his report “Public Agency
84 Access to Data Does Not Make the Data Disclosable Under PRA.” Brief discussion ensued
85 regarding the complicated nature of PRA requests. This is informational only, no action
86 required.

- 88 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Brief discussion ensued regarding the items,
89 Informational only, no action required.
- 90 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM**
- 91 ● **NEWS ARTICLES:** Brief discussion ensued regarding articles. This is informational
92 only, no action required.
- 93 ● **COMMENTS:**
- 94 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES: DFC MAROVICH:** DFC Marovich informed the Board that
95 Finance had just completed a major audit, with findings expected in late January. The
96 Division is also involved another GEMT audit and appeal. He feels confident their processes
97 are financially sound.
- 98 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: D/C MAHR:** D/C Mahr notified the Board the new
99 Customer Service/Social Media Specialist has come on Board. He discussed her
100 qualifications and contributions. D/C Mahr updated the Board of the recent accident
101 involving the ambulance, noting the ambulance did well and thanks to the high-quality
102 training, the staff received light injuries and are back to work. **B/C WILSON:** B/C Wilson
103 informed the Board he was retiring and this would be his last meeting. The Board wished
104 him well.
- 105 ● **BOARD: DIRECTOR HARRIS:** Director Harris thanked B/C Wilson for his service and
106 said she was sorry to see him go. **DIRECTOR HOFFMAN:** Director Hoffman thanked everyone
107 for their hard work on Proposition A, regardless of the outcome. **DIRECTOR MUNSON:** Director
108 Munson brought forward a concern that was given to him and requested the Division
109 handling that matter meet with him.
- 110 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS: A/P LEWIS:** A/P Lewis updated the Board on the home project
111 for Stormy and other activities in his name.
- 112 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.
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CLOSED SESSION

● OPENING CLOSED SESSION:

At 4:40 p.m., President Luevano inquired whether there was a motion to adjourn to Closed Session. On a motion to adjourn to Closed Session by Director Hoffman, seconded by Director Harris, President Luevano read the items to be discussed in Closed Session and the Open Session was closed. At 4:45 p.m., and the Board entered Closed Session to hear:

CS-1. ANNOUNCEMENT — PRESIDENT LUEVANO:

An announcement regarding the items to be discussed in Closed Session will be made prior to the commencement of Closed Session.

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR — GOVERNMENT CODE

§ 54956.8 — DFC MAROVICH:

PROPERTY LOCATION: 4157 Olive Hill Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028;

PARTIES: North County Fire Protection District (Seller)

UNDER NEGOTIATION: Terms of Purchase;

DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS: DFC Marovich, District Counsel James

CS-3. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE – Government Code § 54957 – DFC

MAROVICH:

Engineer/PM Erin S. McInerney DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS: CHIEF ABBOTT, CHIEF MAROVICH

CS-4. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957 – DFC MAROVICH AND

COUNSEL JAMES:

Fire Chief/CEO DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS: DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

CS-5. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION — PRESIDENT LUEVANO:

● REOPENING OPEN SESSION:

On a motion by Director Hoffman, which was seconded by Vice President Van Doorn and which passed unanimously, the Board returned Open Session at 5:05 p.m., the following items were reported out to the public:

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR — GOVERNMENT CODE § 54956.8

— DFC MAROVICH:

PROPERTY LOCATION: 4157 Olive Hill Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028;

146 PARTIES: North County Fire Protection District (Seller)

147 UNDER NEGOTIATION: Terms of Purchase;

148 DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS: DFC Marovich, District Counsel James

149 No reportable action.

150 CS-3. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE – Government Code § 54957 – DFC

151 MAROVICH:

152 *Engineer/PM Erin S. McInerney* DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS: CHIEF ABBOTT, CHIEF MAROVICH

153 Resolution 2019-19 approved as presented approving Disability Retirement with the
154 following vote: **Ayes:** Directors: Harris, Hoffman, Luevano, Munson and Van Doorn; **Noes:**
155 None.

156 CS-4. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957 – DFC MAROVICH AND

157 COUNSEL JAMES:

158 *Fire Chief/CEO* DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS: DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

159 No reportable action.

160 12. REVIEW AND APPROVE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION FOR

161 CHIEF ABBOTT — DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES AND DFC MAROVICH: DFC Marovich and District
162 Counsel James presented the request for review and approval of Chief Abbott's employment
163 contract and Executive Compensation. Counsel James noted Chief Abbott had conveyed
164 several small changes to him, but they were not recalled. If Chief Abbott wishes to pursue
165 the changes further, he may bring them back to the Board. Otherwise, his contract would
166 renew via Section 2.0. on his anniversary date of January 1st. With regards to compensation,
167 the Board reviewed comparable compensation. On a motion by Vice President Van Doorn,
168 seconded by Director Munson, the motion to set Chief Abbott's Executive Compensation at
169 \$194,000.00/year with retroactive pay to November 1, 2019, which passed by the following
170 vote: **Ayes:** Directors: Hoffman, Luevano, Munson and Van Doorn; **Noes:** Director Harris.

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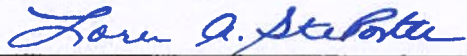
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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 5:15 p.m. by Director Harris and seconded by Director Hoffman to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on January 28, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Loren Stephen-Porter

Board Secretary

Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: January 28, 2020

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1 December 12, 2019

2 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
3 THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

4 President Luevano called the meeting to order at 4:00.

5 THE INVOCATION GIVEN BY DFC MAROVICH.

6 ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

7 ROLL CALL:

8 **Present:** Directors Harris, Hoffman, Luevano, Munson and Van Doorn.

9 **Absent:** None.

10 **Staff Present:** DFC Marovich, Attorney James and Board Secretary Stephen-Porter. In
11 the audience were: D/C McReynolds and members of the public and Association.

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13 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

14 1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Luevano addressed the audience and inquired whether
15 there were any public comments regarding items not on the Agenda. Ms. Lauren Brimmer
16 addressed the Board to discussed Prop A and her perceptions of the process. She opined
17 there were many irregularities in the process, both in the ballot, timing and the process of
18 counting. She stated she had spoken with Registrar of Voters, Michael Vu, who told her that
19 he had provided no assistance to the District regarding Prop A. At the conclusion of her
20 comments, there being no other comments, the Public Comment Section was closed.

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22 **ACTION AGENDA**

23 2. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2019-20 - DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELEC-**
24 **TION FOR NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO.**
25 **2019-02 (FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION AND CAPITAL REPLACEMENT), ON THE PROPOSITIONS**
26 **WITH RESPECT TO (I) THE ANNUAL LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES TO PAY THE COSTS OF CERTAIN**
27 **PUBLIC FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT AND (II) THE ESTA-**
28 **BLISHMENT OF AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT — DFC MAROVICH AND B/S STEPHEN-PORTER:** DFC
29 Marovich updated the Board on the process of the vote count. He noted that he had been

30 present during the majority of the counting to oversee the process, which concluded early
31 in the morning. B/S Stephen-Porter informed the Board that of the 6,055 validated votes,
32 3,383 were in favor of Proposition A, or approximately 57 percent. Therefore, the measure
33 had not passed. She noted Resolution 2019-20 would need to be approved, declaring the
34 results of the election, which would then be sent to the Board of Supervisors and Registrar
35 of Voters.

36 DFC Marovich provided a number of other statistics, noting the approximate numbers of
37 ballots that failed the verification process, voters responding when asked to re-validate their
38 votes and ballots that were not signed and could not be counted.

39 DFC Marovich noted there is no Plan B at this time. He said the District would evaluate
40 what needed to be done first and consider how the process had failed.

41 The inquired what would happen with CFD 2019-02, now that Proposition A had failed.
42 District Counsel James noted that CFD 2019-02 would continue to exist, however, it would
43 remain unfunded.

44 Members of the Board thanked Staff, the Association members and others for their efforts
45 in the work to have Proposition A approved. A/P Lewis thanked the Board for taking a
46 chance to improve facilities, living and working conditions. He opined it was not a loss;
47 instead he saw 57% of the community as supporting the District's needs.

48 On a motion by Vice President Van Doorn seconded by Director Hoffman, the motion to
49 approve Resolution 2019-20 as presented passed unanimously.

50 ● **COMMENTS:**

51 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF:** No other comments.

52 ● **BOARD:** No other comments.

53 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS:** No other comments.

54 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No other comments.

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56 **CLOSED SESSION**

57 3. There were no Closed Session Items for the December 12, 2019, Board meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 4:30 p.m. by Director Harris and seconded by Director Munson to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on January 28, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Loren Stephen-Porter

Board Secretary

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION - BUDGET & FINANCE**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DFC CHIEF STEVEN MAROVICH, HR/FS CHERIE JUUL AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020
SUBJECT: REVENUE & EXPENDITURES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 (50%)

Revenue Sources	Budgeted	Collected	Over/Under	% of Budget
Property Taxes - FBK	15,476,356.00	6,188,937.25	(9,287,418.75)	40%
Property Taxes - RNBW	285,000.00	113,703.83	(236,911.29)	40%
Ambulance and Collections	1,945,000.00	1,179,987.18	(765,012.82)	61%
GEMT-State Supplement	130,000.00	-	(130,000.00)	0%
Prevention Fees	200,000.00	104,064.07	(95,935.93)	52%
Tower Lease Agreements	103,000.00	34,684.14	(68,315.86)	34%
Other Revenue Sources	50,000.00	21,588.94	(28,411.06)	43%
Interest	70,000.00	21,635.74	(48,364.26)	31%
Cost Recovery	70,000.00	33,970.03	(36,029.97)	49%
Fallbrook Healthcare District	181,637.00	-	(181,637.00)	0%
Community Facilities District (CFD)	149,079.00	32,787.77	(116,291.23)	22%
Strike Team Reimbursements	89,000.00	67,804.00	(21,196.00)	-
Other Reimbursements	150,000.00	33,421.15	(116,578.85)	22%
Mitigation Fees & Interest - FBK	300,000.00	-	(300,000.00)	0%
Donations & Grants	288,215.00	77,195.00	(211,020.00)	27%
Annexation fees	-	-	-	-
Transfers & Loans	-	-	-	0%
Total Revenue:	19,487,287.00	7,909,779.10	(11,577,507.90)	41%
	Budgeted	Spent	Over/Under	% of Budget
TTL Expenditures YTD thru 12-31-2019	18,541,468.00	11,313,461.05	(7,228,006.95)	61%
Revenue over Expenditures		(3,403,681.95)		

North County Fire Protection District
 For the Sixth Month Ending December 31, 2019
50% of Budget

COLOR KEY	
Within/Below Budget	
Within 10% of Budget	
>10% of Budget (see notes)	

Description	December Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
TOTAL PERSONNEL*	2,765,838.95	7,610,359.48	14,868,417.00	7,258,057.52	51.2%
101 Total Board Administration	9,761.36	185,663.16	468,900.00	283,236.84	39.6%
102 Total Administration	27,702.31	413,940.23	1,090,029.00	676,088.77	38.0%
103 Total Fire Prevention	222.95	20,070.63	70,400.00	50,329.37	28.5%
104 Total Emergency Services**	1,606.05	292,298.37	353,396.00	61,097.63	82.7%
105 Total Emergency Med Svcs	14,442.75	94,244.40	205,233.00	110,988.60	45.9%
106 Total Reserves (note below)	1,104.00	5,766.83	62,995.00	57,228.17	9.2%
107 Total Communications***	1,727.16	348,513.71	686,121.00	337,607.29	50.8%
108 Total Shop/Maintenance	9,740.72	160,968.25	308,890.00	147,921.75	52.1%
109 Total Training	5,975.58	35,322.01	75,000.00	39,677.99	47.1%
120 Total General Fund Reserve	-	-	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.0%
GRAND TOTAL	2,838,121.83	9,167,147.07	18,389,381.00	9,222,233.93	49.9%
* Includes Q2 Work Comp pymt and PERS UAL payment					
** FY19-20 Facility/Vehicle insurance & Map Maintenance fees paid					
*** FY19-20 Dispatch Q2 services paid					
Note: SAFER grant will provide reimbursement					
200 Total Capital Expenditures	1,645,667.21	2,146,313.98	2,677,751.00	531,437.02	80.2%

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Tax Apportionments FY 19-20

DATE	APP #	GROSS	REFUNDS & ADJUSTMENTS	FY 19/20 NET	FY 19/20 RUNNING	FY 18/19 NET	FY 18/19 RUNNING	
08 13 2019	1	231,494.20	2,075.77	229,418.43	229,418.43	211,088.06	211,088.06	
09 10 2019	2	80,372.61	892.49	79,480.12	308,898.55	62,146.73	273,234.79	
10 8 2019	3	178,919.83	24,333.34	154,586.49	463,485.04	175,730.27	448,965.06	
11 5 2019	4	554,398.75	19,982.36	534,416.39	997,901.43	603,342.32	1,052,307.38	
12 10 2019	5	5,143,751.86	9,856.48	5,133,895.38	6,131,796.81	4,702,859.90	5,755,167.28	
01 21 2019	6			-	6,131,796.81	2,475,082.73	8,230,250.01	
02 25 2019	7			-	6,131,796.81	373,592.56	8,603,842.57	
03 1 2019				-	-	-	-	
04 7 2019	8			-	6,131,796.81	3,842,704.38	12,446,546.95	
04 28 2019	9			-	6,131,796.81	1,803,479.65	14,250,026.60	
05 26 2019	10			-	6,131,796.81	129,786.35	14,379,812.95	
06 23 2019	11			-	6,131,796.81	231,038.97	14,610,851.92	
07 21 2019	12			-	6,131,796.81	77,727.25	14,688,579.17	
TOTAL YTD		6,188,937.25	57,140.44	6,131,796.81	6,131,796.81	5,755,167.28	5,755,167.28	
							Net Rev Increase 6.54%	

RAINBOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Tax Apportionments FY 19/20

DATE	APP #	GROSS	REFUNDS & ADJUSTMENTS	FY 18/19 NET	FY 18/19 RUNNING	FY 18/19 NET	FY 18/19 RUNNING	
08 13 2019	1	4,233.48	37.97	4,195.51	4,195.51	3,880.98	3,880.98	
09 10 2019	2	1,469.81	16.34	1,453.47	5,648.98	1,142.66	5,023.64	
10 8 2019	3	3,272.00	445.03	2,826.97	8,475.95	3,230.89	8,254.53	
11 5 2019	4	10,138.58	378.41	9,760.17	18,236.12	11,081.56	19,336.09	
12 10 2019	5	94,589.96	180.33	94,409.63	112,645.75	86,192.15	105,528.24	
01 21 2020	6			-	112,645.75	46,559.31	152,087.55	
02 25 2020	7			-	112,645.75	6,832.96	158,920.51	
03 1 2020				-	112,645.75	-	158,920.51	
04 7 2020	8			-	112,645.75	70,775.54	229,696.05	
04 28 2020	9			-	112,645.75	33,900.26	263,596.31	
05 26 2020	10			-	112,645.75	2,421.64	266,017.95	
06 23 2020	11			-	112,645.75	4,226.68	270,244.63	
07 21 2020	12			-	112,645.75	1,423.06	271,667.69	
TOTAL YTD		113,703.83	1,058.08	112,645.75	112,645.75	105,528.24	105,528.24	
							Net Rev Increase 6.74%	

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
AMBULANCE REVENUE FY 2019-2020**

MONTH	BILLED	CONTRACTUAL WRITE DOWNS	TOTAL AR		BAD DEBT WRITE-OFFS	REFUNDS	ADJAR	DEPOSITS RECEIVED	BILLING FEES	FY 19-20 NET REVENUE	FY 18-19 NET REVENUE
			FY 19-20	FY 18-19							
07 31 2019	578,484.46	304,372.40	274,112.06	213,761.06	75,924.16	-	198,187.90	165,604.55	9,770.67	155,833.88	156,594.61
08 31 2019	497,985.65	282,032.34	215,953.31	196,525.85	21,969.39	-	193,983.92	192,621.04	11,364.05	181,256.99	127,795.75
09 30 2019	577,163.06	270,003.13	307,159.93	180,398.25	35,233.75	-	271,926.18	211,591.45	12,483.90	199,107.55	144,364.63
10 31 2019	540,627.08	291,737.01	248,890.07	177,845.02	21,409.31	16,805.26	210,675.50	217,089.84	11,816.20	205,273.64	173,574.04
11 30 2019	571,553.85	342,550.36	229,003.49	232,615.61	68,523.10	-	160,480.39	208,847.32	12,321.99	196,525.33	158,597.14
12 31 2019	612,471.73	280,653.83	331,817.90	227,844.63	37,854.02	-	293,963.88	191,106.86	11,164.54	179,942.32	136,934.48
01 31 2020			-	265,799.30			-			-	146,990.66
02 28 2020			-	217,930.29			-			-	155,082.20
03 31 2020			-	217,351.75			-			-	150,448.07
04 30 2020			-	212,122.36			-			-	176,106.75
05 31 2020			-	191,346.91			-			-	199,697.17
06 30 2020			-	208,945.78			-			-	139,056.24
TOTAL:	3,378,285.83	1,771,349.07	1,606,936.76	1,228,990.42	260,913.73	16,805.26	1,329,217.77	1,186,861.06	68,921.35	1,117,939.71	897,860.65
					Net AIR Change		30.75%			New Revenue Change	24.51%

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
COST RECOVERY FY 2019/2020**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>YTD % Collected</u>	<u>Billing Fees</u>	<u>Net Revenue 19/20</u>	<u>FY 18/19 Net Revenue</u>
7 31 2019	9,600.00	3,489.33	36.35%	697.87	2,791.46	9,132.00
8 30 2019	13,459.00	12,681.00	94.22%	2,536.20	10,144.80	5,129.88
9 30 2019	5,013.00	4,776.00	95.27%	955.20	3,820.80	6,630.40
10 31 2019	10,803.00	8,918.00	82.55%	1,783.60	7,134.40	6,263.39
11 30 2019	7,034.25	5,879.87	83.59%	1,175.97	4,703.90	6,981.22
12 31 2019	7,247.25	6,718.34	92.70%	1,343.67	5,374.67	4,120.80
1 31 2020			#DIV/0!	-	-	3,653.60
2 28 2020			#DIV/0!	-	-	6,160.00
3 30 2020			#DIV/0!	-	-	2,764.80
4 30 2020			#DIV/0!	-	-	2,646.80
5 31 2020			#DIV/0!	-	-	5,687.20
6 30 2020			#DIV/0!	-	-	5,743.37
TOTAL:	53,156.50	42,462.54	79.88%	8,492.51	33,970.03	38,257.69
					Net Rev Increase	-11.21%

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

December 31, 2019

FALLBROOK	BALANCE	INTEREST RATE	
County of San Diego/General Fund - FBK	1,633,123.35	0.01%	Operating
County of San Diego/General Fund - RNBW	967,928.88	0.01%	Operating
County of San Diego/Capital Reserve	394,067.12	0.01%	Capital Reserves
County of San Diego/Fire Mitigation Fund - FBK	400,511.13	0.01%	Mitigation Fees
County of San Diego/Fire Mitigation Fund - RNBW	3,992.18	0.01%	Mitigation Fees
Local Agency Investment Fund	2,106,610.39	2.10%	LAIF
Workers' Comp JPA	464,728.73	0.26%	PASIS Funds
Bank of America/PASIS	18,556.62	0.01%	
First National/Benefit Fund	155,466.80	0.70%	
First National/Payroll	202,216.81	0.70%	
First National/Accounts Payable	1,672,725.94	0.98%	
First National/Accounts Receivable	255,391.60	0.70%	
Pacific Western Bank/Accounts Receivable	672,096.20	0.00%	
TOTAL	8,947,415.76		

Document Date	Document Number	Vendor Name	Transaction Description	Document Amount
12 1 2019	STMT 12/2019	Employee Benefit Specialists, Inc.	Life/Dental/Vision 12/19	7,802.27
12 1 2019	STMT 12/2019	THE STANDARD	LTD 12/2019	577.50
12 1 2019	LTD 12/2019	Harry J. Wilson Insurance Center	LTD 12/2019	1,011.00
12 1 2019	01122019	GROSSMAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOC., INC.	(4) Psych exams	1,300.00
12 1 2019	CABINET TRIM 12/2019	GREGG HOLDRIDGE	Cabinet trim	9.03
12 1 2019	0465809-2793-0	Waste Management	Medical disposal	192.96
12 1 2019	9843233954	VERIZON WIRELESS	11/02/19-12/01/19	77.30
12 1 2019	098852450	XEROX - PASADENA	10/21/19-11/20/19	154.13
12 1 2019	098852451	XEROX - PASADENA	10/21/19-11/21/19	420.79
12 1 2019	168175	ADMINISTRATIVE SOLUTIONS	FSA Admin 12/2019	114.00
12 2 2019	FSC 3110/FSC3601	JOSEPH BRADSHAW	FSC 3110/FSC3601	1,620.00
12 2 2019	FSC3110	ROBERT DeCAMP II	FSC3110	810.00
12 2 2019	FSC3601	ROBERT DeCAMP II	FSC3601	810.00
12 2 2019	36952310029	DIRECTV	12/01/19-12/31/19	145.98
12 2 2019	0381456120219	TIME WARNER CABLE	12/02/19-01/01/20	337.93
12 2 2019	0381472120219	TIME WARNER CABLE	12/02/19-01/01/20	659.77
12 3 2019	11/05/19-12/03/19-02	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	11/05/19-12/03/19	411.21
12 3 2019	11/05/19-12/03/19-03	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	11/05/19-12/03/19	272.23
12 3 2019	51341	Uniform Plus	Parmelee/Nieto uniform	823.46
12 5 2019	LUNCH 12/19	SDCFCA	Old Timer's lunch 12/2019	84.00
12 5 2019	IT-235	Charlie Swanger	IT-235	900.00
12 5 2019	1209	RIDEOUT ELECTRIC	Sta. 1 electric	833.60
12 6 2019	PR AP 12/06/19	LINCOLN NATIONAL	LINCOLN NAT'L 12/06/19	4,368.01
12 6 2019	PR AP 12/06/19	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	FFA DUES PR 12/06/19	2,341.65
12 6 2019	PR AP 12/6/19	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	SR FFA DUES PR 12/06/19	26.91
12 6 2019	PR AP 12/06/19	FIREFIGHTERS LEG. ACTION GRP	FLAG PMT 12/06/19	86.00
12 6 2019	MEDIC RENEW 19-21	MOORE, BRUCE	Medic renew 19-21	200.00
12 7 2019	4701-6953	FALLBROOK HTG & AIR CONDITIONING, INC	Heat/AC fall service repair	1,386.00
12 7 2019	31658	LineGear	Danner lookout boots	172.95
12 8 2019	12/09/19-01/08/20	AT&T U-VERSE	12/09/19-01/08/20	146.30
12 9 2019	38060977	Arrow Pipeline Repair, Inc.	Sta 2 sewer repair	124.00
12 10 2019	1216	RIDEOUT ELECTRIC	Sta. 1 electric	3,232.96
12 10 2019	11/11/19-12/10/19	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	11/11/19-12/10/19	14.81
12 10 2019	11/11/19-12/10/19-00	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	11/11/19-12/10/19	135.24
12 10 2019	11/11/19-12/10/19-02	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	11/11/19-12/10/19	222.85
12 11 2019	SD IMAGING 12/11/19	RICHARD REES	SD Imaging - Rees	28.80
12 11 2019	0417565121119	TIME WARNER CABLE	12/11/19-01/10/20	89.98
12 12 2019	PS000872775	HAWTHORNE POWER SYSTEMS	Gaskets/O-Rings/Locknuts	1,383.55
12 15 2019	STMT 12/15/19	LEGAL SHIELD	ID Protection 12/15/19	612.10

Document Date	Document Number	Vendor Name	Transaction Description	Document Amount
12 16 2019	STA. 4 BR DRYWALL	John Corral, J	Sta. 4 bathroom repair	750.00
12 17 2019	RESCUE SYSTEMS 3	Justin Rivera	Rescue Systems 3	675.00
12 17 2019	MEDIC REIMB 2019	WILLIAM STRATTON	Medic Reimbursement	1,000.00
12 19 2019	11/27/18-12/19/18	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	11/27/18-12/19/18	736.03
12 19 2019	11/27/18-12/19/18-00	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	11/27/18-12/19/18	51.04
12 19 2019	19-112.1	dk Greene Consulting, Inc.	Survey services 550 E. Ivy	750.00
12 19 2019	019784	E.C.C.	Sta. 4 flooring	250.00
12 20 2019	PR AP 12/20/19	LINCOLN NATIONAL	PR 12/20/19	3,580.50
12 20 2019	PR 12/20/19	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	PR AP 12/20/19	2,408.25
12 20 2019	PR AP 12/20/19-SR	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	PR AP 12/20/19	29.25
12 20 2019	PR AP 12/20/19	FIREFIGHTERS LEG. ACTION GRP	PR AP 12/20/19	86.00
12 20 2019	PAYOFF 12/2019	City National Bank	Payoff Sta. 5	1,614,529.89
12 20 2019	MCINERNY 12/19 WC	North County Fire Protection District	McInerny work comp	237,330.74
12 20 2019	SHOWER REPAIR STA. 4	GREGG HOLDRIDGE	Shower repair - Sta. 4	34.93
12 22 2019	10572	State of California	Solar pymt 9 of 29	17,703.73
12 22 2019	10558	State of California	Solar pymt 7 of 40	6,287.70
12 23 2019	EMG5000	KEITH MCREYNOLDS	EMG5000	1,053.00
12 31 2019	12/31/19-12/31/20	County of San Diego DEH	Haz Mat 12/31/19-12/31/20	1,132.00
12 31 2019	FILINGS 12/19	Secretary of State	Special filings record 12/19	6.00
12 31 2019	2020 POST RENEWAL	BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA	2020 Explorer dues Post 2740	1,104.00
12 31 2019	201224	OSTARI	Computer support 12/2019	2,670.00

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: January 28, 2020
SUBJECT: STANDING ITEM: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. None.

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – BUDGET & FINANCE**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020
SUBJECT: SECOND QUARTER OVERTIME TRACKING REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND:

This report is designed to provide an overview of the overtime expenditures in comparison with the budgeted amounts and historical usage. In addition, this report documents overtime based on the leave that generates it and includes reimbursements from providing Mutual Aid.

DISCUSSION:

The attached charts provide multiple views of overtime usage and the leave that generates it. The reporting periods coincide with the month divisions and not pay periods. Therefore, there may be variations from month to month. An increase in overtime may be attributed to an additional pay period falling within that particular month or unusually high overtime due to an event or mutual aid activity. Two charts are included to give a quick visual comparison of the tracked areas:

- Leave Analysis by Type
- Five Year Overtime History
- Total Overtime and Reimbursement

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

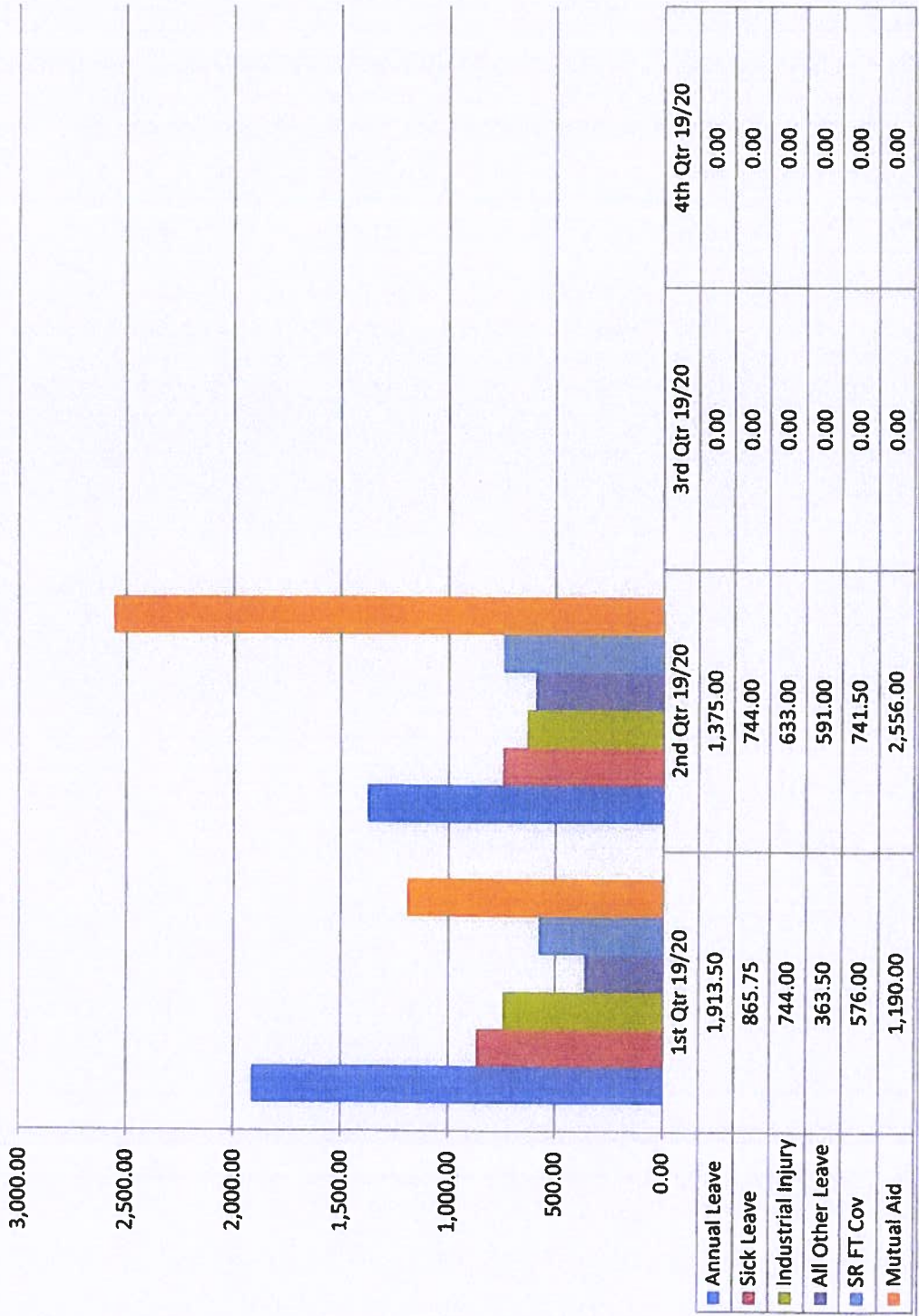
The District finished the second quarter down in annual, industrial and sick leave compared to the same quarter last year. Current overtime is 52.93% expended, but the District has outstanding reimbursements for Mutual Aid in the amount of \$105,536.11, which will reduce the overtime down to 42.17% of the Budget.

SUMMARY:

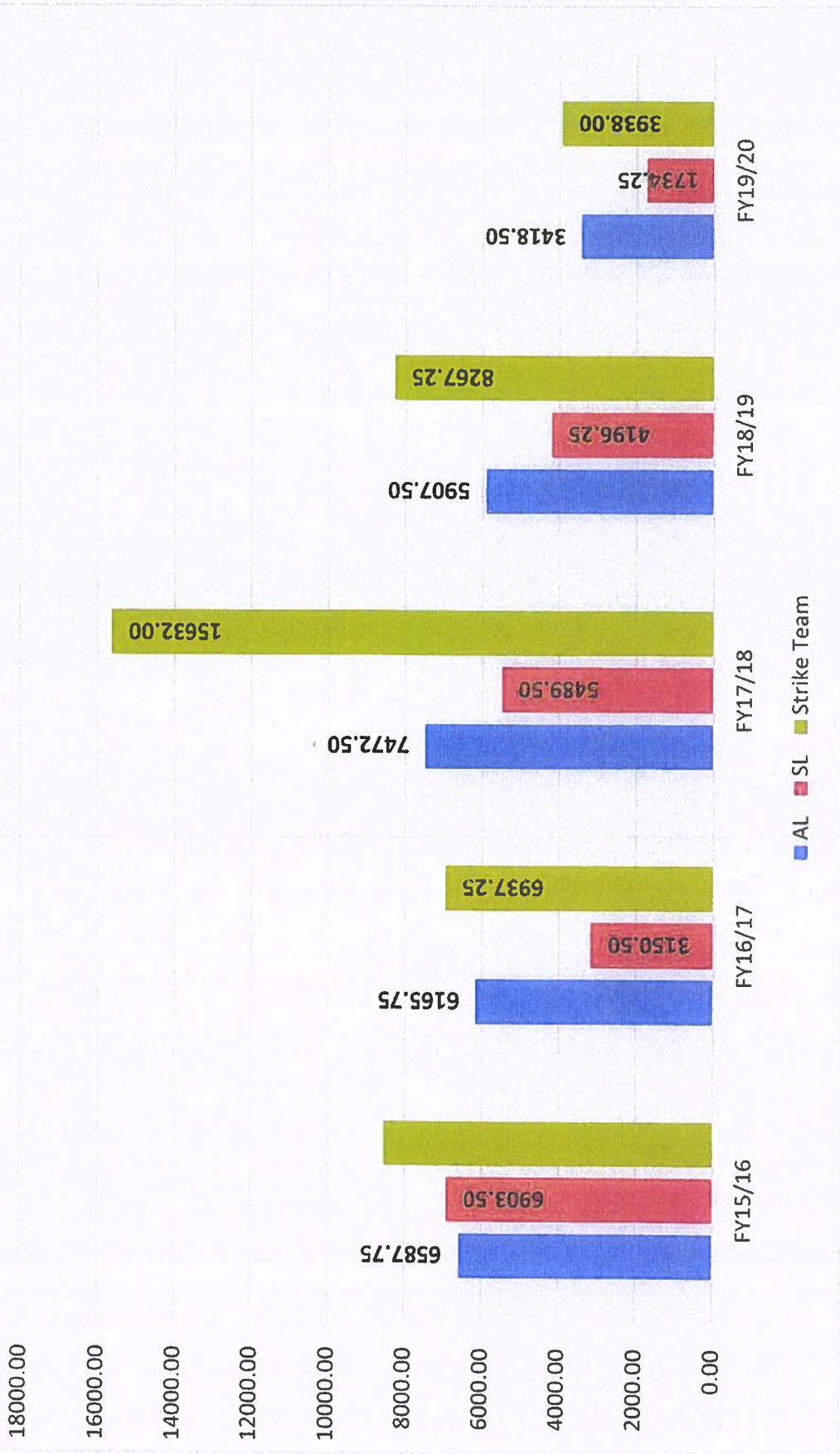
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NCFPD EMERGENCY SERVICES

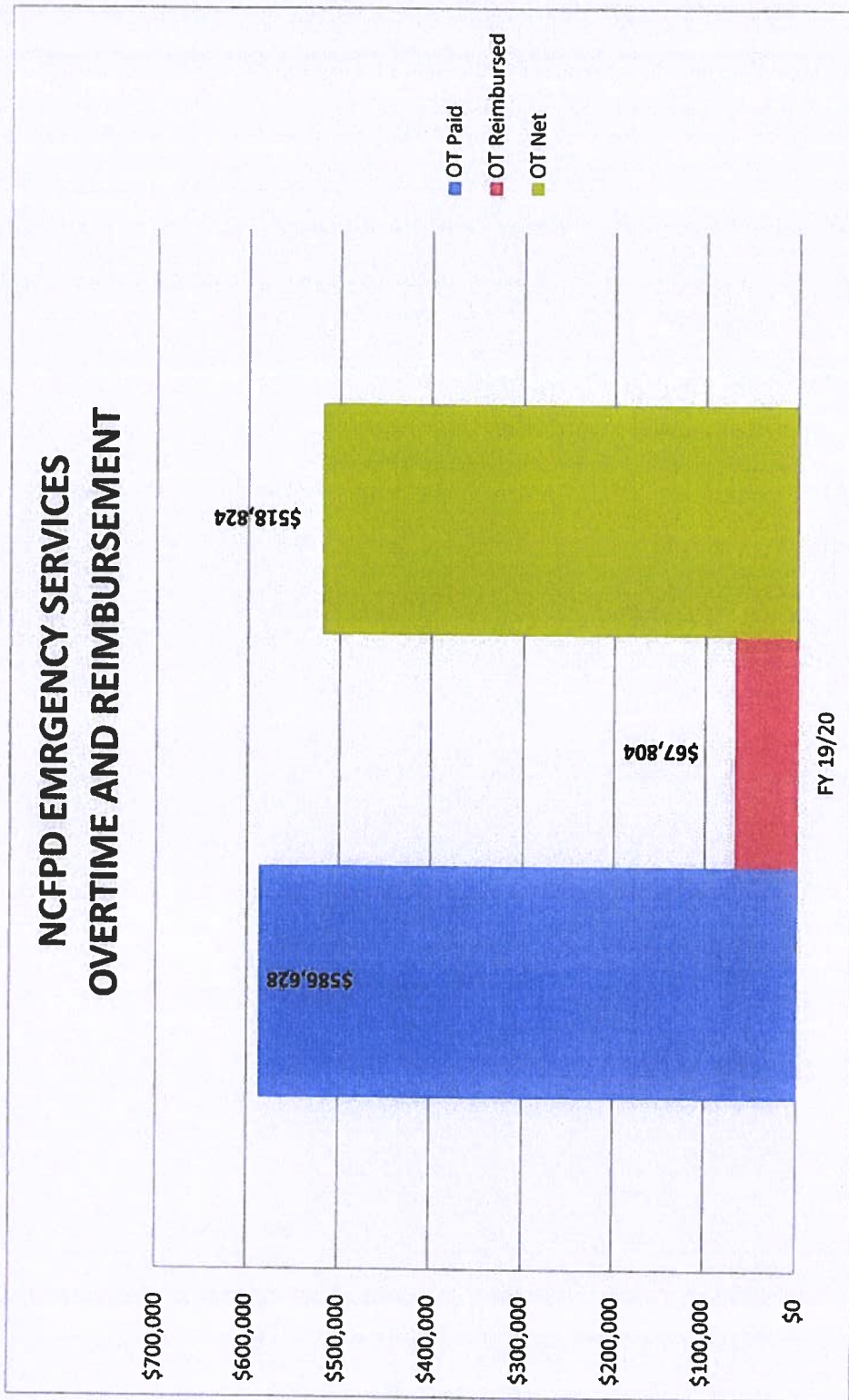
**NCFPD EMERGENCY SERVICES
NUMBER OF HOURS BY TYPE
2nd QUARTER 19/20**



5 YR HISTORY AL-SL, STCOV



NCFPD EMRGNCY SERVICES OVERTIME AND REIMBURSEMENT



FY 19/20



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
OPERATIONS/EMS DIVISION**

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Operations/EMS Division
DATE: January 28, 2020
SUBJECT: Customer Satisfaction Survey Program, 2019 – 4th Quarter Results

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the report as submitted. In looking at the overall percentage of satisfaction with our service, our customers continue to rate their level of satisfaction overwhelmingly in the “excellent” category.

BACKGROUND:

This report focuses on two areas, direct feedback based on surveys sent to patients transported by North County Fire and our Service/Sympathy card program. The distribution of the survey is based on the 2019 Payer Class percentages according to our ambulance billing company, Wittman Enterprises. This quarter's customer satisfaction results incorporate surveys received from Oct 1st, 2019 through Dec 31st, 2019. The following is a listing of the type and number of individual payer classes that are randomly mailed surveys on a monthly basis.

2019 Payer Class

Private Commercial Insurance (includes Champus/Active Duty)	26
Medi Cal	10
Medicare (includes Senior HMO)	54
Cash	10
Total	100

DISCUSSION:

The survey results are reported on quarterly intervals to all safety employees. The sharing of this information with all employees provides a heightened awareness regarding our customer's experience in the field. If a system or human deficiency trend is noted, the management staff will coordinate any measures necessary to correct the problem.

Customer Satisfaction Survey Program

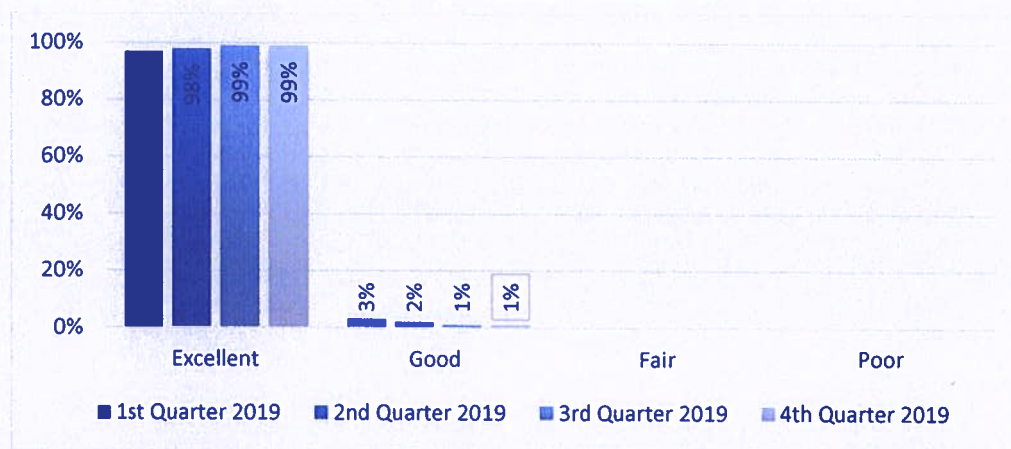
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The first section of the *Satisfaction Survey Form* evaluates the customer's overall satisfaction with our service by rating it from "Excellent" to "Poor." The second section of the form allows the customer to provide comments on their perception of the service they received. This quarter 300 surveys were mailed and 81 surveys were returned (27%).

Ninety-nine percent (99%) of the surveys returned indicated "excellent" customer satisfaction, as indicated on the chart below:

2019 Customer Satisfaction Results



The customer comment portion of the survey has proven to be most effective by allowing us to hear the customer's opinions or concerns firsthand, thus allowing us to mitigate any problems as quickly as possible. These comments are reported on *Attachment-A* of this report.

In order to maintain Continual Quality Improvement (CQI) for this program, the responses are reviewed for any unusual comments or areas of concern. When necessary, incident documents will be reviewed. If a poor rating or adverse report is noted, the EMS Chief reaches out to seek clarification and ultimately improve services. If indicated, this review may warrant further investigation or training to mitigate potential customer service issues.

SERVICE/SYMPATHY CARD PROGRAM:

The District continues to utilize a Service/Sympathy Card Program to promote excellence in our emergency delivery services. This particular program allows our firefighters to correspond with our customers by personally signing and mailing "Service Cards." This post-incident program has proven invaluable in maintaining a positive relationship with our community through personal contact between our firefighters and the customers they serve. The "Sympathy Cards" are utilized in the same way by corresponding concern with a deceased patient's family.

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The following data identifies the total number of Service and Sympathy cards completed by each crew during this report's time frame:

	"A" CREW	"B" CREW	"C" CREW	TOTAL
4th Q 2019	211	121	98	430
3rd Q 2019	96	88	100	284
2nd Q 2019	70	124	104	298
1st Q 2019	139	122	179	440

The above numbers represent 49% of total cards sent by A Shift, 28% of total cards sent by B Shift and 23% of total cards sent by C Shift.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The increased use of Service Cards has contributed to increased expenditures in both printing and postage. Annually, the Program costs approximately \$2,000.00 to operate. It is our belief that enhanced public relations and the benefits these cards represent is worth the expenditure.

SUMMARY:

The North County Fire Protection District takes seriously the demeanor and professional conduct of its employees while providing emergency services. Our Customer Survey Program provides a tool to measure and quantify this area and if necessary, implement and/or modify the emergency delivery system to ensure its ability to meet customer expectations. This program, which is now in its seventeenth year, consistently reflects a high degree of satisfaction with the services delivered by the employees of the North County Fire Protection District, beginning from the request for service up to and including final mitigation of the incident.



North County Fire Protection District
 Customer Satisfaction Survey
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 Attachment A



Intake Number	Date Received	Follow Up	Customer Comments
19-04-01	10/01/2019		The paramedics treated me with much dignity and respect. Thank you for the care.
19-04-02	10/01/2019		Excellent.
19-04-03	10/02/2019		I was so pleased with all the help they gave while working with my husband (name) and also the time to give me interpretation for myself. I can't praise them enough.
19-04-04	10/03/2019		My husband (name) became ill in CA while attending our granddaughter's wedding. We called 911 because we needed help to transport him to the nearest hospital. Your department was excellent in providing this service! Would recommend it to anyone needing assistance! (name) is on his way to recover from this unfortunate incident. Thank you!
19-04-05	10/03/2019		The NCFPD has always responded and taken care of both my husband and me a number of times. I am highly appreciative of all you do and have tried to always remember you with donations each year.
19-04-06	10/03/2019		The medical team arrived to the Fallbrook (location) on (date) after a call to 911 from the medical staff (and my visiting family) because I had difficulty breathing. The Fallbrook Fire Dept. First Aid squad responded quickly (approx. within 4 min.) and provided professional, friendly, quick service. They transported me to Temecula Valley Hospital where I received excellent care. Upon my release after treatment and tests from the emergency room at TVH, I recuperated at (location) where I reside. I appreciate the superior performance of the Fallbrook medical crew. They helped in saving my life. They are very special people.
19-04-07	10/04/2019		Excellent.
19-04-08	10/04/2019	✓	We called 911 because my husband was very ill. He was picked up in just a few minutes and taken to PH. The firemen and paramedics were wonderful. I contacted the NCFPD in August of this year regarding a neighbor that has a giant pile of dead brush near my property. They shoot off fireworks there, sometimes in the evening. I am very worried my shed may catch on fire. They say they will address it. So far, they have not cleaned up.
19-04-09	10/07/2019		Excellent.
19-04-10	10/09/2019		Excellent.
19-04-11	10/09/2019		Excellent.
19-04-12	10/09/2019		Fallbrook fire dept. has always taken good care of me. I have had to call 911 3 times in the last 2 years. I appreciate them very much.
19-04-13	10/18/2019		Very rapid response (we do live near fire station) when I had chest pain (heart attack). Extremely professional, knew exactly what they were doing. Started EKG right away and transmitted readings to Tri-City hospital. Warned me that the trauma team would be all ready for me when I got there. I was a little out of it but what I do remember made me feel very assured. By the way, all went well at hospital, surgeons put in 2 stints and I was comfortable by midnight. Thanks again to everyone!
19-04-14	10/18/2019		Excellent.



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Intake Number	Date Received	Follow Up	Customer Comments
19-04-15	10/18/2019		You do amazing work, no complaints. Thank you so much for being so good to me, you are in my prayers.
19-04-16	10/18/2019		My husband and I have had the unfortunate experience of needing 911 services for our infant daughter in both Aug. and Sept. of this year. She developed seizures and I have never been so terrified in my life. Time seemed to stand still as I held my blue, sizing infant in my arms at the end of my driveway while waiting for fire/medics to arrive. Despite having been a RN for 16 years and my husband was an EMT for 5 years, nothing will ever prepare you for the way you feel when your child is experiencing a seizure like that. Both incidents I felt like the firefighters and medics were truly angels. They were efficient, compassionate & caring. Our family cannot thank you enough for your help. Although we hope to never see you at our house again, we are so very grateful for your services. I went 40 years without riding in an ambulance and 2 transports in one month is enough excitement for my lifetime! Our daughter is doing very well and again, we absolutely cannot thank you enough for all you do for our community!
19-04-17	10/18/2019		Too excellent for words.
19-04-18	10/19/2019		Excellent.
19-04-19	10/19/2019		Excellent.
19-04-20	10/19/2019		Excellent.
19-04-21	10/19/2019		It was a very stressful time but the efficiency and timely manner with which they took care of my husband was assuring to have him in their capable hands. I am very grateful to them.
19-04-22	10/21/2019	✓	No suggestions for improvement, everyone was great and professional. However, our address apparently does not appear on the GPS until after pickup (their truck stopped at house above and called us. Patient was able to walk to truck.) Just want to be sure Fire dept. knows we are through the gates Paramedics were great! Thank you.
19-04-23	10/21/2019		Excellent.
19-04-24	10/24/2019		Helpful and caring.
19-04-25	10/24/2019		No complaints whatsoever. And a very quick response. My first visit to a hospital by ambulance and I hope my last. I'm only 90 years young. However, I'd like to say, thank you to everybody involved in my accident. What would we do without you? I broke my right arm, but its fine now. My writing is not very good I hope you can read it. I have a very impatient grandson rushing me. Again, thank you.
19-04-26	10/28/2019		The team that came that night to get me to PH were skilled professionals. I can't thank them enough.
19-04-27	10/28/2019		Excellent.
19-04-28	10/28/2019		Thank you for helping!!!
19-04-29	11/04/2019		The Fire Dept. staff acted professional and courteous in the situation of my ill husband. They did alert me to google maps had our address posted wrong on their maps, which we have notified google. They also let us know that our address sign, my son had made, helped them to find our house. Unfortunately, my husband passed away at the hospital days later.



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19-04-30	11/04/2019		My family and I are thankful for the NCFPD. The whole team from the dispatch operator to the EMT's were all very professional and respectful at all times. Having experienced this event, son seizing, was very scary, but the whole team always remained calm. On the way to the hospital the EMT's provided me with updates. Any question I had they answered to the best of their ability, and at the hospital they showed their genuine care by providing my wife and I with words of support. I have a lot of more positive things to say, but at the end of the day my family and I would like to say thank you very much, you guys are true heroes.
19-04-31	11/04/2019		Thank you for your quick response and care of my husband!
19-04-32	11/04/2019		The guys are always on time, very knowledgeable, organized, courteous, and polite! We couldn't ask for more and very much appreciate what they do!
19-04-33	11/06/2019		Chief, I myself, am with Riverside County Fire/CalFire. I take pride myself in the way we treat our citizens in Temecula. Please thank all your stations, captains, FF's, & paramedics for the amazing job they do. Your crews responded in June when my father went into cardiac arrest and was pronounced at the scene. They were amazing, then just three months later, my mother's leukemia took a turn and I had to have her transported. Your captain and crew were outstanding. We lost my mother the following week to her cancer. So, I wanted to say thank you to you, your staff, stations, and support staff. Please pass along my gratitude and appreciation to your staff.
19-04-34	11/18/2019		Excellent.
19-04-35	11/19/2019	✓	They were fabulous and due to the quick response, my mom, who coded twice in the ER is alive and doing great. She has been through a lot but we will go home soon and we are very grateful! Everyone involved did a super job and we could not ask for anymore. Thank you all so much!
19-04-36	11/19/2019		Need a softer ride.
19-04-37	11/19/2019		The four times I have had service, I would give same rating (Excellent.). Thank you.
19-04-38	11/19/2019		Response was quick and professional. Outstanding!!! Thank you.
19-04-39	11/19/2019	✓	Both of the young men with the Fire department were very nice and professional. They treated both my husband and I with respect with receiving the facts for the call. The only thing I would suggest is the need to walk me out of my house and down the steps to the transport gurney. The stairway was wide enough and only a few that they could have brought the gurney to the door or outside our home. I was able to walk but felt very much out of control and weak having had surgery just 1 day prior. Again, thanks to the young men for their respect and non-judgmental treatment.
19-04-40	11/19/2019		My husband and myself were very impressed with the 911 operator and computer fire group that assisted him to Tri City Hospital. Everyone was professional, polite and compassionate on their help service. We appreciate all of the people and would be happy to be contacted for future comment.
19-04-41	11/20/2019		If the scale was 100, they would be 100! That was the nicest medical care we have ever had. I couldn't praise them higher. PS. Not to slight the firemen during and after the fire they were also rated 100.



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19-04-42	11/20/2019		Your EMTs couldn't be better and we have used their service many times. They have always been kind and considerate of our needs.
19-04-43	11/20/2019		Excellent.
19-04-44	11/20/2019		Excellent.
19-04-45	11/20/2019		I felt very safe and well cared for by the firemen that came to my home. Very kind gentlemen.
19-04-46	11/21/2019		They were all very nice and professional!
19-04-47	11/21/2019		As home hemodialysis patients – our situation presented unique challenges for successful transport and treatment of my husband's medical emergency. We sincerely appreciated the respect we were shown. Our detailed knowledge and understanding of my husband's special needs were not only acknowledged; but welcomed. As his medically trained and certified full-time caregiver, I was allowed to stay with him to address the potential issues inherent to home hemodialysis procedures. For example, we had to be transported with two 15-gauge dialysis needles cannulated into his arm graft with an INR of 7.9. This was a dangerous situation – but we were fully supported and respected – becoming a part of the team with the special knowledge needed. Our deepest appreciation to the team of North County Fire. Thank you!
19-04-48	11/22/2019		Good.
19-04-49	11/22/2019		We called 911 many times in the last several years. No. County Fire Protection District has always impressed us with their professionalism and knowledge. We always felt safe and secure in their capable hands. Very courteous!!
19-04-50	11/22/2019		Excellent response to our family emergency. Quick response too, arrived within 5 minutes of calling. Several first responders arrived at our home to attend to my mom. Thank you for all you did
19-04-51	11/22/2019		No, they were very helpful and polite. They were here in a short time!
19-04-52	11/25/2019		No improvement needed; you guys are great. My experience was... I was coming back home from a minor surgery from Encinitas Hospital. Almost arriving home, when I started feeling weak and I was going to faint. We stopped at fire department asking for help. All the team promptly approached our car and helped me. I was taken back to Encinitas Hospital. I had an excellent help all the way to the hospital. You guys are great. God bless you.
19-04-53	11/26/2019		Very professional crew. I was particularly impressed when the ambulance crew arrived that the lead paramedic gave a very comprehensive summary of (name) medical condition to the arriving crew. They conveyed all of her long-term and recent medical issues and conditions giving me confidence they knew about her past and current issues. We were unsure if we should send her to the hospital and they made a good argument about why it made sense to send my 92-year old mother-in-law to the hospital. Thanks! To everyone!



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19-04-54	11/26/2019		The paramedics were very professional and kind. I felt safe and well cared for. They responded quickly and did everything they could to make me comfortable. I appreciated the urgency of getting me to the hospital as I was hemorrhaging and felt like I was going to pass out. Thank you for your service and all that you do! Happy holidays!
19-04-55	11/26/2019		I was very satisfied with the paramedics and their service. We are so pleased to have them working on our community.
19-04-56	12/04/2019		Excellent.
19-04-57	12/04/2019		All the members of the fire department were so helpful, kind, and caring. They were great at assessing the situation and meeting all my needs after being thrown off while horseback riding. I'm so grateful they were there to help when I needed it.
19-04-58	12/09/2019		Thank you for a sensitive team that gave me the help I needed. I did have a heart attack and was in the hospital for four days. I think the guy that attended to me was named Hayden or Ayden – he was terrific!
19-04-59	12/12/2019		The crew was quick, efficient and courteous. They stabilized my condition immediately. The highest praise for each of them. I did mention I was at Scripps HMO Plan Member. In hindsight I should have insisted that I be taken to a Scripps hospital. Palomar was also fantastic, but I was later moved to Scripps.
19-04-60	12/17/2019		Excellent.
19-04-61	12/19/2019		Excellent.
19-04-62	12/20/2019		Excellent.
19-04-63	12/20/2019		The men involved were kind and considerate as well as efficient.
19-04-64	12/20/2019		Your guys were here in 15 minutes!! Great service and prompt. We are in the boon docks, but you found us anyway. Thanks.
19-04-65	12/20/2019		I have lived in 13 homes after my marriage. I have never ever seen a fire service crew that even compared to the North County Department. The "crew" is always efficient and most of all, seem to really care that they help you in every way. I have had to call 911 three times this year. Every time they rated an A++++! Thanks for such a great team throughout your department. By the way, did Prop A pass? Merry Christmas!
19-04-66	12/20/2019		It was a tragedy I have never experienced in my life, my wife of 60 years dying in my arms. The paramedic men arrived quickly and worked on her. They could not revive her, they did all they could. I don't think they could have done more. They then took her to Palomar Hospital in Escondido. I have admiration for the paramedic men and the system. I cannot add more.
19-04-67	12/20/2019		Your paramedics were well above standard in the level of care I was given. Being retired from Orange County, I know what high quality service is. Welcome to the club and thanks for your service – retired Fire Captain.
19-04-68	12/20/2019		I was very pleased and grateful for the way my life was treated and handled very and truly professional. I thank you very much and we wish you all a very merry Christmas.



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Intake Number	Date Received	Follow Up	Customer Comments
19-04-69	12/21/2019		Was for myself, fell in street and fractured my collar bone. They were all so kind and caring we are very blessed to have them.
19-04-70	12/21/2019		Paramedics and firefighters were extremely kind and helpful. They got my husband to the hospital in a timely fashion.
19-04-71	12/21/2019		I'm sorry I am unable to spend a lot of time to discuss answers to your question, because I am on different medication, etc. I would just like to congratulate NCFP on the excellent service you all do. Your paramedics are wonderful, and we thank you all.
19-04-72	12/23/2019		We're extremely grateful for the fast, quick response time of the Fire Department to arrive. This was our first experience calling 911 and I'm still in awe of their excellent service. Thank you again for the fast arrival and help given to my husband.
19-04-73	12/23/2019		Couldn't have been better.
19-04-74	12/23/2019		They were very efficient. Took care of my needs, respectable. I had no fear at all for what was happening to me. Very calm, they were great. Safe drivers and even checked on me at the hospital after I was put in a room. Thank God for firefighters. God bless them all. P.S. My great grandson recently graduated from high school, studying to be a fire fighter. Had two brothers in the 1930s stationed in Pine Valley. I remember going there to see them. I have a picture of the whole group!
19-04-75	12/23/2019		Excellent.
19-04-76	12/24/2019		These young men FAR EXCEED excellence. They were amazing. I had a broken hip, outside, in the dark!
19-04-77	12/24/2019		Thanksgiving I understand was quite busy due to weather and such. My husband went into AFIB. North County Fire and Paramedics were quick and very efficient. I am so very grateful to you all. My husband has had many episodes of AFIB, every time we have called, we have not been disappointed. All the North County Paramedics and Fire have come through in a timely matter. We thank you for your hard work and we thank you for your service!
19-04-78	12/24/2019		You were wonderful. We thank you.
19-04-79	12/26/2019		Excellent.
19-04-80	12/28/2019		Great service. Thank you for all your help.
19-04-81	12/30/2019	✓	Very good service provided. I will just suggest allowing a close family member be able to ride along without charge as my dad was advised when he tried to be with me in case I don't make it to the hospital. That way family would know.

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PAY SCHEDULE

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the attached Resolution 2020-01, which updates the Pay Schedule for application of the salary formula.

BACKGROUND:

The California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5 requires a governing body's Board of Directors to adopt a pay schedule which delineates the range of pay for all positions and make them available to the public, without reference to another document.

DISCUSSION:

The current pay schedule does not reflect the position of Front Desk/Social Media position nor any pay rate adjustments. Accordingly, it is necessary to adopt Resolution 2020-01 and post the referenced pay schedule (Exhibit 'A') on the Department's website. As future adjustments to rates of pay will require similar action by the Board of Directors, future resolutions will occur in concert with approval of bargaining unit or individual employee contracts.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

None, procedural only.

SUMMARY:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 2020-01 as presented.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2020-01



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTIONS OF NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A PAY SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 570.5.

WHEREAS, the California Public Employees Retirement System ("CalPERS") adopted the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5 on August 10, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5 requires the District's Board of Directors to approve adopt all pay schedules; and

WHEREAS, the Regulations require that the pay schedule be made public without reference to another document in disclosure of the pay rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District, a public agency in the County of San Diego, California, as follows:

1. That the attached Pay Schedule titled "North County Fire Protection District Pay Schedule, set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference, is approved and adopted.
2. The Pay Schedule approved and adopted by this Resolution shall be periodically updated by the Board of Directors, in accordance with the California Code of Regulations requirements.

APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors, North County Fire Protection District, County of San Diego, State of California, on this **28th day of January, 2020**, by the following vote:

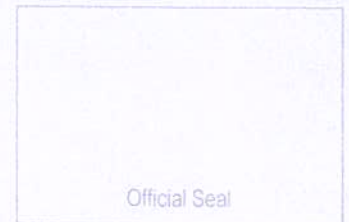
AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:



Fred Luevano, Board President

ATTEST:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District thereof held on the **28th day of January, 2020**, and that the same now appears on record in the office of the Board Secretary.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this **28th day of January, 2020**.

Loren A. Stephen-Porter, Board Secretary

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2018-05

Exhibit A



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTIONS OF NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A PAY SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 570.5.

North County Fire Protection District Pay Schedule (Long date)

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - PAY SCHEDULE Cal Code of Regulations, Title 2, §570.5						
NON-EXEMPT - SAFETY EMPLOYEES						
North County Fire Protection District Pay Schedule (Revised December 10, 2019) Res. 2020-01						
POSITION	TIME BASE	RANGE	INFORMATION LOCATIONS CONTRACT DATES & REVISIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE		
Firefighter/	Hourly	\$25.80 - \$32.96	↓	MOU - FY2018/RES 20-2001 09 1 2019		
Paramedic	Bi-Weekly	\$2,889.12 - \$3,691.72				
	Annual	\$75,117 - \$95,985				
Engineer/	Hourly	\$29.27 - \$33.89				
Paramedic	Bi-Weekly	\$3,277.70 - \$3,795.81				
	Annual	\$85,220 - \$98,691				
Captain/	Hourly	\$33.91 - \$39.01				
Paramedic	Bi-Weekly	\$3,797.73 - \$4,369.49				
	Annual	\$98,741 - \$113,607				
Admin	Hourly	\$66.42 - \$73.41			↓	MOU - FY2018/RES 20-2001 09 1 2019
Battalion	Bi-Weekly	\$5,313.55 - \$5,872.87				
Chief	Annual	\$138,152 - \$152,695				
Battalion	Hourly	\$42.96 - \$47.49				
Chief	Bi-Weekly	\$4,811.84 - \$5,318.35				
	Annual	\$125,108 - \$138,277				
Administrative	Hourly	\$52.42 - \$60.08				
Captain	Bi-Weekly	\$4,193.69 - \$4,806.29				
	Annual	\$109,036 - \$124,964				
EXEMPT POSITIONS - CHIEF OFFICERS						
POSITION	TIME BASE	RANGE	INFORMATION LOCATIONS CONTRACT DATES & REVISIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE		
Division	Hourly	\$73.80 - \$77.49	↓	MOU - FY2018/RES 20-2001 09 1 2019		
Chief	Bi-Weekly	\$5,904.15 - \$6,199.35				
	Annual	\$153,508 - \$161,183				
Deputy	Hourly	\$79.34 - \$83.30				
Chief	Bi-Weekly	\$6,346.96 - \$6,664.30				
	Annual	\$165,021 - \$173,272				
NON-EXEMPT POSITIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE and FIRE PREVENTION						
Administrative	Hourly	\$26.87 - \$30.38			↓	MOU - FY2018/RES 20-2001 09 1 2019
Specialist	Bi-Weekly	\$2,149.53 - \$2,430.55				
	Annual	\$55,888 - \$63,194				
Administrative	Hourly	\$37.37 - \$42.26				
Specialist/IT Support	Bi-Weekly	\$2,989.83 - \$3,380.71				
	Annual	\$77,736 - \$87,898				
HR/Finance	Hourly	\$38.28 - \$43.28				
Specialist	Bi-Weekly	\$3,062.28 - \$3,462.63				
	Annual	\$79,619 - \$90,028				
Front Desk/	Hourly	\$15.80 - \$17.86	↓	MOU - FY2018/RES 20-2001 09 1 2019		
Social Media	Bi-Weekly	\$1,263.91 - \$1,429.15				
	Annual	\$32,862 - \$37,158				

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2018-05

Exhibit A



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTIONS OF NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A PAY SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 570.5.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - PAY SCHEDULE (cont) *Cal Code of Regulations, Title 2, §570.5*
NON-EXEMPT POSITIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE and FIRE PREVENTION

POSITION	TIME BASE	RANGE	INFORMATION LOCATIONS CONTRACT DATES & REVISIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Fire Protection Specialist	Hourly	\$35.05 - \$39.64	MOU - FY2018/RES 20-2001 ↓	09 1 2019
	Bi-Weekly	\$2,804.28 - \$3,170.90		
	Annual	\$72,911 - \$82,443		
Medical Services Officer	Hourly	\$49.67 - \$56.16	↓	09 1 2019
	Bi-Weekly	\$3,973.46 - \$4,492.93		
	Annual	\$103,310 - \$116,816		
Mechanic (Level II)	Hourly	\$33.34 - \$37.70	↓	09 1 2019
	Bi-Weekly	\$2,667.38 - \$3,016.10		
	Annual	\$69,352 - \$78,419		
Mechanic (Level III)	Hourly	\$42.38 - \$47.92	↓	09 1 2019
	Bi-Weekly	\$3,390.11 - \$3,833.31		
	Annual	\$88,143 - \$99,666		
Fire Marshal	Hourly	\$54.44 - \$60.17	Mgmt Group Side-letter ↓	09 24 2019
	Bi-Weekly	\$4,354.96 - \$4,813.37		
	Annual	\$113,229 - \$125,148		

EXEMPT POSITIONS - FIRE CHIEF (CEO) and EXECUTIVE STAFF

Executive Assistant	Hourly	\$44.11 - \$49.88	CONTRACT	09 1 2019
	Bi-Weekly	\$3,529 - \$3,990		
	Annual	\$91,753 - \$103,749		
FIRE CHIEF/CEO	Hourly	\$93.27	CONTRACT	11 1 2019
	Bi-Weekly	\$7,461.54		
	Annual	\$194,000.00		

SINGLE ROLE EMT & PARAMEDIC

EMT	LEVEL I	Hourly	\$13.00	Per Policy \$216.08 ↓	01 1 2020
		Overtime	\$19.50		
EMT	LEVEL II	Hourly	\$14.00	↓	01 1 2020
		Overtime	\$21.00		
PARAMEDIC	LEVEL I	Hourly	\$16.00	↓	01 1 2020
		Overtime	\$24.00		
PARAMEDIC	LEVEL II	Hourly	\$17.00	↓	01 1 2020
		Overtime	\$25.50		

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Fire Prevention Officer	Hourly	\$35.05	MOU - FY2018/RES 20-2001 Per Policy \$225.25 ↓	09 1 2019
	Overtime	\$52.58		



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: D/C MAHR AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR MEDICAL STANDBYS WITHIN EOA

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the District to renew its contract with Mercy Medical Transport Inc. to provide limited medical standby services within the District's exclusive operating area (EOA) as authorized by Resolution 2020-02.
2. Authorize Chief Abbott to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District.

BACKGROUND:

As an element of providing emergency medical transport services prior to 1981, the District has been granted an "exclusive operating area" by the County of San Diego to continue to provide exclusive advanced life support (ALS) transport services within the District. As the District is not in a position to routinely provide ALS standby services, it has historically contracted with private providers for such services.

The owner of Santa Anita Racetrack has purchased San Luis Rey Downs Track & Training Center (SLRD) and augmented operations to ultimately include the boarding of up to 400 horses and daily training activities. To this end the California Horse Racing Board requires transport capable ALS standby services. SLRD has contracted with Mercy Medical Transport for those services. This will be the first of five possible annual renewals within the current Agreement with Mercy Medical Transport.

DISCUSSION:

In order to protect the District's EOA interests, it is necessary to enter into a limited ALS standby agreement with Mercy Medical Transport. Accordingly, we have developed an agreement which would allow Mercy to provide limited medical standby services within our EOA, in accordance with the attached EOA Agreement (Exhibit "A") and Medical Operations Plan (Exhibit "B"). Under this agreement, although an ALS ambulance from Mercy would be staged at SLRD, they would contact NCFPD for patient transportation.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT MEDICAL STANDBYS WITHIN EOA

JANUARY 28, 2020

PAGE 2 OF 2

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

No additional financial impact is anticipated at this time inasmuch as the District will still retain primary transport discretion.

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to the provisions of the agreement and Resolution 2020-02, Staff recommends renewing the EOA agreement as submitted and recommends Chief Abbott be authorized to execute the required documents on behalf of the District.



NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2020-02

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL STANDBY SERVICES WITHIN THE EXCLUSIVE OPERATING AREA OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, California Health & Safety Code §1797.201 authorizes the local EMS agency (County of San Diego, Department of Health Services, Division of Emergency Medical Services - hereinafter referred to as "County EMS") to "enter into a written agreement with the city or fire district regarding the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services for that city or fire district;" and

WHEREAS, the North County Fire Protection District (hereinafter referred to as "the District") provides emergency and non-emergency services as part of the operation of the fire district; and

WHEREAS, the District has maintained provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services to those areas located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District as well as its surrounding "sphere of influence" (as defined by LAFCO) prior to January 1, 1981, in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 1797.224; and

WHEREAS, the District maintains an exclusive operating area (herein after referred to as "EOA") for the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District, by which it retains exclusive right to designate the means, type and extent of pre-hospital emergency medical services within this EOA; and

WHEREAS, it is in the mutual interest of the District and the Contractor to provide limited medical standby services within the EOA of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District of Fallbrook, California does hereby authorize, find, resolve, order and determine as follows:

Limited provision of Advanced Life Support (ALS) medical standby services at pre-determined locations and/or venues (at full discretion of the District), to consist of a non-transport type vehicle equipped with a full complement of ALS equipment (as defined by S.D. Co. EMS Policy #P-806) and staffed by the Contractor ("Mercy Medical Transport, Inc.") with a competently trained ALS provider as licensed by the State of California and accredited by the County of San Diego, in accordance with the attached Exclusive Operating Agreement (EOA), Attachments 'A and B', included and incorporated as part of this Resolution, to become effective January 28, 2020.

APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors, North County Fire Protection District, County of San Diego, State of California, on this **28th day of January, 2020**, by the following vote:



NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2020-02

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE PRE-HOSPITAL
EMERGENCY MEDICAL STANDBY SERVICES WITHIN THE EXCLUSIVE
OPERATING AREA OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:

Fred Luevano, Board President

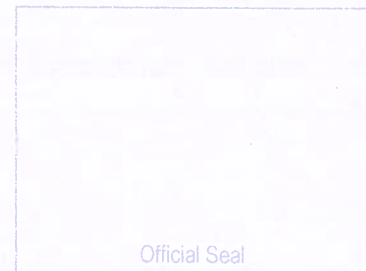
ATTEST:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District thereof held on the **28th day of January, 2020**, and that the same now appears on record in my office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this **28th day of January, 2020**.

Loren A. Stephen-Porter

Loren A. Stephen-Porter
Board Secretary



“Attachment A”

**AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL
STANDBY SERVICES WITHIN THE EXCLUSIVE OPERATING AREA
OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Provision of limited Advanced Life Support medical standby Services to support horse training and racing activities at the San Luis Rey Downs Training Center, which resides within the jurisdictional boundaries of the North County Fire Protection District.

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this **January 28, 2020**, by and between the NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, hereinafter designated as “DISTRICT” and MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT, INC., hereinafter designated as “CONTRACTOR.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, California Health & Safety Code §1797.201 authorizes the local EMS agency (County of San Diego, Department of Health Services, Division of Emergency Medical Services—hereinafter referred to as “County EMS”) to “enter into a written agreement (contract) with the city or fire district regarding the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services for that city or fire district;”

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT has maintained provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services to those areas located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the DISTRICT as well as its surrounding “sphere of influence” (as defined by LAFCO) prior to January 1, 1981 in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 1797.224;

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT maintains an exclusive operating area (herein after referred to as “EOA”) for the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services within the jurisdictional boundaries of the DISTRICT, by which it retains exclusive right to designate the means, type and extent of pre-hospital emergency medical services within this EOA;

Whereas, the District has the need for backup medical standby services which can be met by a qualified contractor, and

Whereas, it is in the mutual interest of the DISTRICT and the Contractor to provide limited medical standby services within the EOA of the DISTRICT; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the DISTRICT to the CONTRACT entered into on January 22, 2019 to extend the term of the CONTRACT for an additional year, as provided in the CONTRACT at Section 12.1, et. seq.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1.0 SCOPE OF WORK.

1.1 The Contractor is hereby authorized to provide the following service, which is more particularly described as:

1.2 Advanced life support (ALS) medical standby services at the San Luis Rey Downs Training Center, to consist of either a transport capable or non-transport type vehicle equipped with a full complement of ALS equipment (as defined by S.D. Co. EMS Policy #P-806) and staffed by the Contractor with a competently trained ALS provider as licensed by the State of California and accredited by the County of San Diego.

1.1. Services Provided by the CONTRACTOR.

1.1.1. Cooperate fully with the DISTRICT in performing services in accordance with this agreement, with established codes and standards and consistent with DISTRICT policies.

1.1.2. Said services to be in accordance with the "Medical Operations Plan" (Attachment 'B').

1.1.3. Maintain all necessary incident and patient documentation in accordance with County EMS policies and procedures as well as Contractor policies and procedures.

1.1.4. Respond within three working days, in writing or by telephone, to all complaints and/or inquiries concerning issues of customer service and/or appropriateness of and level of care.

1.1.5. The CONTRACTOR shall directly bill contracting entities for services provided.

1.2. Services Provided by the DISTRICT.

1.2.1. Services to be provided in accordance with the "Medical Operations Plan" (Attachment "B").

1.2.2. The DISTRICT shall be the primary transporting agency unless no DISTRICT transport resources are available.

2.0. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DISTRICT.

2.1. The CONTRACTOR shall have no formal relationship to the DISTRICT other than having the ability to provide limited pre-hospital emergency medical standby services as described under Section 1.0. The CONTRACTOR shall have no authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of the DISTRICT as an agent, or to bind the DISTRICT to any obligation whatsoever. The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the liability and performance of any of its employees, agents or subcontractors under this agreement.

3.0. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

3.1. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1861, the CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that the CONTRACTOR is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code, which requires every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and the CONTRACTOR will comply with such provisions, and provide certification of such compliance prior to commencement of any work. The certification shall be in accordance with Subsections 4.3 through 4.8 of this agreement.

4.0. LIABILITY INSURANCE.

4.1. The CONTRACTOR shall, throughout the duration of this agreement, maintain comprehensive general liability and property damage insurance, or commercial general liability insurance covering all operations of the CONTRACTOR, its agents and employees, performed in connection with this agreement, including, but not limited to, premises and automobile.

4.2. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain the following minimum limits:

4.2.1. General Liability:

Combined single limit per occurrence	\$1,000,000
General aggregate	\$2,000,000

4.2.2. Automobile Liability:

Combined single limit per occurrence	\$1,000,000
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4.3. All insurance companies affording coverage to the CONTRACTOR shall include the DISTRICT as "additional named insured" under their insurance policy, for all work performed in accordance with this agreement.

4.4. All insurance companies affording coverage to the CONTRACTOR shall be insurance organizations admitted by the Insurance Commissioner of the State Department of Insurance to transact business of insurance in the State of California.

4.5. All insurance companies affording coverage shall provide a thirty (30) day written notice to the DISTRICT before the cancellation or expiration. For the purpose of this notice requirement, any material change in the policy prior to the expiration shall be considered a cancellation.

4.6. The CONTRACTOR shall provide evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements listed above by providing a Certificate of Insurance and an original endorsement to the policy, in a form satisfactory to the DISTRICT'S legal counsel, concurrently with the submittal of this agreement.

4.7. The CONTRACTOR shall provide a substitute Certificate of Insurance and an endorsement no later than thirty (30) days prior to the policy expiration date. Failure by the CONTRACTOR to provide such a substitution and extend the policy expiration date shall be considered a default by the CONTRACTOR and may subject the CONTRACTOR to suspension or termination of work under this agreement.

4.8. Maintenance of insurance by the CONTRACTOR as specified in this agreement shall in no way be interpreted as relieving the CONTRACTOR of any responsibility whatever and the CONTRACTOR may carry, at its own expense, such additional insurance as it deems necessary.

5.0. CONTRACTOR'S INDEMNIFICATION OF THE DISTRICT.

5.1. The CONTRACTOR shall defend and hold harmless the DISTRICT and its officers, agents and employees against all claims for damages to persons or property arising out of the conduct of the CONTRACTOR or its employees, agents, subcontractors or others in connection with the execution of work covered by this agreement, except only for those claims arising from the sole negligence or sole willful misconduct of the DISTRICT, its officers, agents or employees. The CONTRACTOR'S indemnification shall include any and all costs, expenses, attorneys' fees and liability incurred by the DISTRICT, its officers, agents or employees in defending against such claims, whether the same proceed to judgment or not. The CONTRACTOR'S indemnification of the DISTRICT shall not be limited by any prior or subsequent oral declaration by the CONTRACTOR.

6.0. COMPENSATION.

6.1. The CONTRACTOR shall receive **NO** compensation from the DISTRICT. The CONTRACTOR shall directly bill contracting entities for services rendered.

7.0. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT.

7.1. Either party may terminate this agreement upon written notice. Contract shall become null and void sixty (60) days after delivery of said notice.

8.0. ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION.

8.1. This agreement and any portion thereof shall not be assigned or transferred, nor shall any of the CONTRACTOR'S duties be delegated without the express written agreement of the DISTRICT. This does not apply to CONTRACTOR'S assignment of receivables for financing purposes. Any attempt to assign or delegate any provision of this agreement without the express written consent of the DISTRICT shall be void and of no force and effect. The DISTRICT may delegate authority in connection with this agreement, for the purposes directing the CONTRACTOR'S performance, to any member of the DISTRICT.

9.0. INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

9.1. The interpretation, validity and enforcement of this agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California. This agreement does not limit any other rights or remedies available to the DISTRICT. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for complying with all Local, State and Federal laws, whether or not said laws are expressly stated or referred to herein. Should any provision herein be found or deemed to be invalid, this agreement shall be construed as not containing such provision and all other provisions which are otherwise lawful shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this agreement are severable. The EMS Chief, under the authority of the DISTRICT and the Fire Chief/CEO, shall be the DISTRICT authorized representative in the interpretation and enforcement of all provisions of this agreement.

10.0. AGREEMENT MODIFICATION.

10.1. This agreement may not be modified orally or in any manner other than by an agreement in writing, signed by the parties hereto.

11.0. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

11.1. No suit shall be brought on this agreement unless all statutory claims filing requirements have been met.

11.2. NOTICES.

11.3. All notices, demands, requests, consents or other communications which this agreement contemplates or authorizes, or requires or permits either party to give to the other, shall be in writing and shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered or mailed to the respective party as follows:

TO CONTRACTOR:

Mercy Medical Transport, Inc.
RICK ROESCH, President
2537 Old San Pasqual Rd.
Escondido, CA 92027
(760) 739-8026

TO DISTRICT:

North County Fire Protection District
STEPHEN J. ABBOTT, Fire Chief/CEO
330 S. Main Avenue
Fallbrook, CA 92028-2938
(760) 723-2012

11.4. Either party may change its address by notice to the other party as provided herein. Communications shall be deemed to have been given and received on the first to occur of (I) actual receipt at the offices of the party to whom the communication is sent, as designated above, or (II) three (3) working days following the deposit in the United States mail of registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the offices of the party to whom the communication is to be sent, as designated above.

12.0. AGREEMENT PERIOD.

12.1. The term of this agreement shall be from the date of execution to **February 28, 2021**. Unless otherwise terminated as provided herein, this agreement may be extended for one (1) year by mutual written agreement of both parties, for an additional **four (4)** one-year renewal.

13.0. SIGNATURES.

13.1. The individuals executing this agreement represent and warrant that they have the right, power, legal capacity and authority to enter into and to execute this agreement on behalf of the respective legal entities of the CONTRACTOR and the DISTRICT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns do hereby agree to the full performance of the covenants herein contained and have caused this Services Agreement to be executed by setting hereunto their signatures **January 28, 2020**.

MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT, INC.
CONTRACTOR

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
DISTRICT

RICK ROESCH, PRESIDENT

STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO

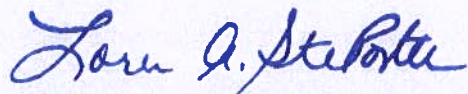
CONTRACTOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEE ID NUMBER: 33-0591630

Approved as to Form:

Robert James, District Counsel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Contract duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District at the meeting thereof held on the **January 28, 2020**, and that the same now appears on record in my office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this **28th day of January, 2020**.



Loren A. Stephen-Porter, Board Secretary

"Attachment B"

Medical Operations Plan

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"Attachment B"

Medical Operations Plan

OVERVIEW

Located in Southern California, San Luis Rey Downs (SLRD) is the only auxiliary training track continuously approved by the California Horse Racing Board since 1984. Unlike the tracks in the California racing circuit, San Luis Rey Downs is open for training every day, 365 days a year, enabling trainers to develop a permanent home.

The SLRD Track

The San Luis Rey Downs facility has a well-maintained one-mile track and a smaller training track. There is 24-hour security with no unlicensed people allowed on the grounds. During training hours, there are outriders, official clockers and an official gate crew.

The SLRD Facilities

There are currently 500 stalls at the San Luis Rey Downs, leased by trainers wishing to have a permanent base for their training and racing operations.

Amenities at San Luis Rey Downs include a large regulation-sized equine pool, arena, rounds pens, stationary training gate, "All Weather Trails," tack shop/feed store, Equicise (free run) machines, saddling paddock, track kitchen, mechanical hot walkers, and equine scale, Farrier Shop, pens and outside paddocks.

The SLRD Clients

Many of the breeders in Central and Southern California use San Luis Rey Downs for the transition between the baby training done on the farms and the high-powered racing of Southern California.

The SLRD Location

San Luis Rey Downs, in the affluent bedroom community of Bonsall, in northern San Diego County.

Should a Medical Incident of Any Nature Occur for Transportation:

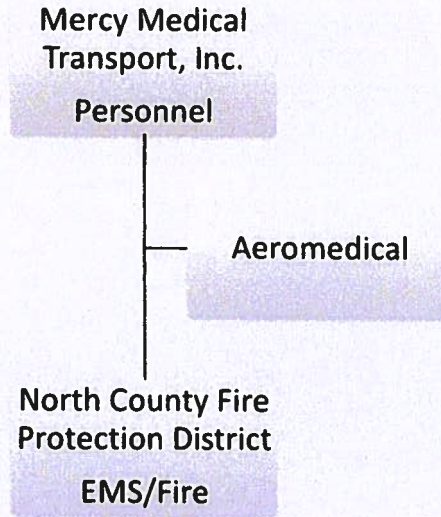
- Involving an official or participant.
- Involving a spectator, course worker or non-participant.

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Medical Operations Plan

The chain-of-command and Medical Authority for any and all incidents involving treatment shall be/is North County Fire Protection District (NCFPD), or most appropriate Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit from the North Zone catchment.



Accordingly, for this daily six (6) days-a-week stand-by event, Mercy Medical Transportation is establishing an on-site ALS ambulance that is utilized to take care of minor medical problems, basic patient evaluations, etc. If a patient of sufficient severity, where ALS care is required or meets local protocols for transportation by ambulance, the patient treated would be transferred from Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc., Paramedics to NCFPD, or another ALS transporting agency should NCFPD resources not be reasonably available.

Moreover, Mercy Medical Transport, Inc., shall have two (2) ALS local licensed paramedics at stand-by Monday through Saturdays, six (6) days a week, from 0500-1100 hours. Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc., shall provide ALS equipment including and not limited to, C-spine equipment, basic bandaging and splinting, ALS and Basic Life Support (BLS) supplies, according to San Diego County ambulance equipment ordinance Policy. ALS equipment shall be in the standard of what is commonly accepted in the industry and carried by local San Diego protocol and policy.

All contact(s) for rescue and/or transport of the ill or injured will be either via Monte Vista Dispatch, North County Dispatch JPA, or routed through the 911 communication system and handled via standard local protocols.

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Medical Operations Plan

ON COURSE INCIDENTS

Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc., personnel shall be the primary/patient care providers for any incident on course. Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc. personnel will be the first responders and shall start extrication, patient care. Once on scene, NCFPD will provide direction and coordination at the scene with any additional resources needed as per the chain-of-command.

The primary Trauma Center will be Palomar Medical Center, in Escondido California. Palomar Medical Center is a Level II Trauma Center. Should the need arise it becomes the transporting agency's discretion as to where the patient is taken, within San Diego County's policies and protocols.

All radio transmissions shall be in plain English and to the point. This makes for a professional flow and understanding of what is exactly needed, where and how many injured.

Any patient transported shall fall under standard San Diego County Treatment Protocols, and treatment will be rendered as directed by the base hospital having jurisdiction. The method and destination of transport shall be according to San Diego County Policies and Protocols and shall be at the discretion of the primary medical responder at scene, in coordination with the transporting unit.

AVAILABLE TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

If a patient needs to be transported, including from the water, accessing the local EMS system (North County Fire) for an ALS/BLS unit will be the responsibility of on-scene NCFPD personnel. Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc. will contact all pertinent agencies and coordinate all responses.

An Aeromedical crew may be used as a resource should the need arise. NCFPD will contact and coordinate this response with North County Fire as required by local protocol, policies and procedures.

Should the injury sustained by an individual be determined by Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc. personnel to be of the non-emergent type and with agreement of all parties, this individual may transport themselves by personal vehicle to the appropriate medical facility of their choice, upon completion of the appropriate paperwork. Accordingly, any injury of the aforementioned, the Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc., personnel shall complete an Against Medical Advice (AMA) Patient Care Report (PCR) with accompanying patient signature of documentation EKG strip and memorialized via Base Hospital taped radio report.

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Medical Operations Plan

MASS CASUALTY INCIDENTS

Triage is needed when the number of patients out numbers the number of resources available to provide treatment and/or transport.

To help minimize confusion and to utilize resources efficiently Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc. will contact North County Fire Protection District and until their arrival at scene will utilize:

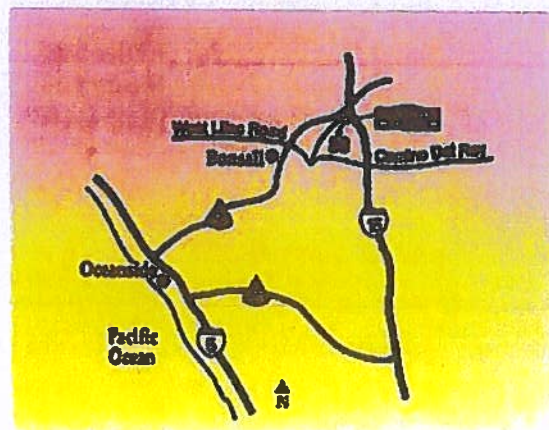
- The Incident Command System (ICS)
- Mass casualty Incident Command System (MCI-ICS)

All disaster patients shall be sorted utilizing the S.T.A.R.T. triage system (Attached).

NCFPD or closest fire agency will have the responsibility for Mass Casualty Incidents, and they will ultimately fire will be in command. Until arrival, Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc. Triage officer will start triage and treatment by on site medical personnel until the arrival of NCFPD or appropriate fire agency. All rescue personnel shall respond to the incident, and assist in patient triage, setting of treatment areas (Casualty Collection Areas "CCP"), etc.

The remainder of the Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc. if appropriate, crew shall work on any participants involved and/or assist in spectator patient care as appropriate.

REFERENCE "A" AREA MAP



Contractor's Initials

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020
SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS FOR REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER ON LAFCO

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors should determine if any members wish to be nominated for a position on the Regular Special District Member. If no, no further action is required. If yes, then a motion to nominate the individual will be required and the President will need to sign the nomination form.

BACKGROUND:

The North County Fire Protection District may submit nominations for one Regular Special District member to serve on the San Diego LAFCO. The term is four years and begins on May 4, 2020. The incumbent is Jo MacKenzie of the Vista Irrigation District.

DISCUSSION:

LAFCO is currently soliciting nominations as described in the attached documentation. The nominated party must be a Board Member affiliated with an independent special district who resides in San Diego. The deadline for submitting nominations is **February 7, 2020**.

A candidates' forum will be held in conjunction with the CSDA quarterly dinner. The election materials will be mailed by February 14, 2020. Staff has no particular recommendation on this opportunity. Further action will be based on whether or not a Member wishes to be nominated.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

None.

SUMMARY:

Board members should determine if there is any interested in being nominated for the available LAFCO Special District Member as described in the attached documents. If not, no further action is required. If yes, then a motion making the nomination will be in order.



San Diego County
Local Agency Formation Commission
 Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

December 6, 2019

TO: Independent Special Districts in San Diego County

FROM: Tamaron Lockett, Executive Assistant

SUBJECT: **Call for Nominations | Regular Special District Member Election on LAFCO**

This notice serves as a call to nominations pursuant to Government Code Section 56332(1) to solicit one regular special district member to serve on the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The term is four years and commences on May 4, 2020. The incumbent holder – Jo MacKenzie with Vista Irrigation District – is expected to seek nomination and run for a new term. Additional details follow.

- **Eligibility**

Candidates eligible for election must be members of the legislative body of an independent special district who reside within San Diego County but may not be members of the legislative body of a city or county.

- **Authorized Nominations**

State Law specifies only the presiding officer or their alternate as designated by the governing board must sign the nomination form. Attached is nomination form for the LAFCO regular special district member (**Attachment A**).

- **Submittal Process and Deadline**

Signed nominations and a limited **two-page** resume indicating the candidate’s District and LAFCO experience must be returned to San Diego LAFCO **no later than Friday, February 7, 2020**. Nominations received after this date will be invalid. Nominations and resumes may be mailed to San Diego LAFCO Office at 9335 Hazard Way, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92123 or email to tamaron.lockett@sdcounty.ca.gov, if necessary to meet the submission deadline, but the original form must be submitted.

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After nominations and resumes are received it is anticipated a candidate's forum will be held in conjunction with the California Special Districts Association Quarterly Dinner with confirmation being provided under separate/future cover. Election materials will be mailed out **no later than Friday, February 14, 2020** unless otherwise communicated by the LAFCO Executive Officer. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 858.614.7755.

Attachment:

- 1) Nomination form – LAFCO regular special district member

ATTACHMENT A

NOMINATION OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SAN DIEGO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEMBER

The _____ is pleased to nominate _____ as a
(Name of Independent Special District) (Name of Candidate)

Candidate for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission as a regular special district member with a term expiring 2024.

As presiding officer or his/her delegated alternate as provided by the governing board, I hereby certify that:

- The nominee is a member of a legislative body of an independent special district whom resides in San Diego County.

(Presiding Officer Signature)

(Print name)

(Print Title)

(Date)

PLEASE ATTACH RESUME FOR NOMINEE

- Limit two-pages
- Must be submitted with Nomination Form

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**
OPERATIONS DIVISION STAFF REPORT

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DIVISION CHIEF MAHR AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020
SUBJECT: 2020 AMBULANCE PURCHASE/REMOUNT AND BUDGET MODIFICATION

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the recommended Budget modification of \$36,554.00 for the ambulance purchase/remount project that was originally approved within the FY19/20 Final Budget.

BACKGROUND:

One ambulance purchase/remount was approved as part of the FY 19/20 Budget. The approved funding amount of \$150,000.00 was a best guess estimate at the time of the Budget development process as the Apparatus Committee and the Shop did not yet know which of our existing ambulances would be sent back to the manufacture for refurbishing and remounting.

DISCUSSION:

After a more detailed assessment of the ambulance fleet and the Thanksgiving Day vehicle accident involving one of our ambulances, it has been determined that the District should send in one of our oldest (2009) ambulances for refurbishing and remounting. Being an older unit, more refurbishing will be required. As a result, an updated quote was requested and received from Life Line Emergency Vehicles. This option still saves the District approximately \$60,000.00, as compared to buying the same ambulance brand new.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The FY 19/20 Budget estimated the cost of this project to be \$150,000.00. The updated quote and work order (attached) is for \$161,923.00. Taxes for this project (chassis only) is estimated to be \$2,968.00. The addition of a Stryker Power Load gurney retention device is \$21,663.00. This gurney retention system would be required even if we were buying a brand new vehicle.

AMBULANCE PURCHASE/REMOUNT PROJECT

JANUARY 28, 2020

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The total Budget modification requested is \$36,554.00, with a total project cost of \$186,554.00.

As this project is a 50/50 cost share with the Fallbrook Regional Health District (FRHD), the total capital expenditure for NCFPD after being reimbursed by FRHD will be \$93,277.50.

SUMMARY:

At this time, the refurbishing and remounting of the District's existing fleet of Life Line Ambulances is still the most fiscally responsible way to update the District's fleet of ambulances. This process allows the District to maintain a fleet of quality ambulances at a reduced cost.



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01-07-2020

North County Fire Protection District
Attn: Captain Richard Berry & Chief Kevin Mahr
330 S. Main Ave.
Fallbrook, CA. 92028

Purchase Contract Proposal for: North County Fire Protection District Remount and refurb (1) One 2009 Type III Ambulance Module 168" onto a New 2021 Ford E-450 Gas Chassis.

Thank you very much for allowing Life Line Emergency Vehicles this opportunity to submit a Contract proposal for your next Ambulance Remount and Refurbishment.

Below is Life Line Emergency Vehicles Contract price for a 2021 Ford E-450 with a 7.3 Liter Gasoline engine and remounting your current Life Line ambulance module onto this chassis from your existing GM chassis. Your ambulance # 2636 will be delivered to Life Line by **March 13th, 2020 or before**. The completed unit will be delivered to Fallbrook, California upon completion. This is usually 10 weeks from when it starts in the remount department. (This is all contingent on the weather of delivery date.) Your time slot that has been tentatively been saved in the remount department is **March 27th** and completion would be around **June 5th -10th, 2020**.

A 2021 Ford E-450 with dealer assigned GPC discount and a 7.3 Liter V8 Triton Gas Engine and 158" Wheelbase will be remounted onto a Type III Life Line Superliner Ambulance. Life Line will also install a Stryker cot litter retention tracking system along with floor structure upgrades. Does Not include the Cot or the Stryker 6390 power load system, only the structure, track, push bar floor plate and wiring for the Stryker power load system.

The transport of the ambulance to and from Fallbrook, CA. to Life Line Emergency Vehicles is included into this proposal. Also included is airfare, hotel, meals, and transportation to and from the airport to the factory for (2) Fire Department personal to fly to Iowa for Final Inspection.

The amount due to Life Line including all discounts upon final inspection Will be..... \$ 152,791.00

Options for All new Emergency Lights and Opticom add\$ 9,132.00

To the Total amount.

****See attached work order quote****



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Date accepted: _____

David B. Seitsinger 01-07-2020

Fallbrook, California Official
Or Fire Dept. Representative

David B. Seitsinger, Regional Sales
Life Line Emergency Vehicles officer



North County Power Load

Quote Number: 10113075
 Version: 1
 Prepared For: NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 Attn:

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 Email: craig.chandler@stryker.com
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Quote Date: 01/14/2020
 Expiration Date: 04/13/2020

Delivery Address

Name: NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 Account #: 1244337
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 California 92028-2138

End User - Shipping - Billing

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Bill To Account

Name: NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
 Account #: 1109610
 Address: 330 S MAIN AVE
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 California 92028

Equipment Products:

#	Product	Description	Qty	Sell Price	Total
1.0	6390000000	PowerLOAD	1	\$20,104.35	\$20,104.35
1.1	6390026000	Standard Comp 6390 Power-Load		\$0.00	\$0.00
1.2	6390029000	NO FLOORPLATE OPTION		\$0.00	\$0.00
1.3	639000220000	ONE PER ORDER, MANUAL, ENG OPT		\$0.00	\$0.00
1.4	6390600000	English Manual		\$0.00	\$0.00
1.5	639000010902	LABEL, WIRELESS		\$0.00	\$0.00
1.6	7777881660	1 year parts, labor & travel		\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment Total:					\$20,104.35

Price Totals:

Estimated Sales Tax (7.750%):	\$1,558.09
Freight/Shipping:	\$0.00
Grand Total:	\$21,662.44

Prices: In effect for 60 days.

Terms: Net 30 Days

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PENDING APPROVAL

Deal Consummation: This is a quote and not a commitment. This quote is subject to final credit, pricing, and documentation approval. Legal documentation must be signed before your equipment can be delivered. Documentation will be provided upon completion of our review process and your selection of a payment schedule.

Confidentiality Notice: Recipient will not disclose to any third party the terms of this quote or any other information, including any pricing or discounts, offered to be provided by Stryker to Recipient in connection with this quote, without Stryker's prior written approval, except as may be requested by law or by lawful order of any applicable government agency.

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020
SUBJECT: SHARED DISPATCH FACILITY STUDY

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct NCFPD Board representative to NCDJPA to continue exploration of a regional dispatch facility.

BACKGROUND:

For some time, the North County Dispatch Joint Powers Authority (NCDJPA) has been evaluating its facility needs. An independent study commissioned by the NCDJPA Board identified future space and personnel needs. Recognizing that those recommendations were cost prohibitive at present, the Board has successfully negotiated for additional space at its existing location with the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, which should meet the needs of the member agencies for the near future. As the other regional dispatch agencies also have long-term facility needs (City of San Diego, Cal Fire and Heartland Dispatch JPA) and there is a specific interest of the City and Cal Fire to fund a regional dispatch facility, all four dispatch agencies commissioned Citygate Associates to conduct a separate facility space needs assessment, which has been attached for your review.

DISCUSSION:

This report identifies a number of opportunities for better coordination of efforts and combination of resources. Presently no specific site has been identified, although preliminarily it is the desire of the City of San Diego and Cal Fire to locate this facility in the vicinity of the Hwy 52 corridor. Preliminarily, it is the interest of the City of San Diego and Cal Fire to move forward with this project, although additional approvals are needed at the State level in order for Cal Fire to continue. In order to determine the total scope of this project, these entities are requesting commitment levels from the other dispatch agencies (Heartland and NCDJPA).

At the NCDJPA Board of Chiefs meeting, considerable discussion ensued regarding the implications of continued interest in this project. Of particular concern were the implications of co-location versus consolidation; the member agencies preferred the

former. As continuing does not necessitate future commitment of funds at this time, it was the consensus of the group that further exploration of this project was in the overall best interest of the member agencies. This matter will be discussed at the February NCDJPA Board meeting. Below is a summary of the study findings:

- SDFD, Heartland and NCDJPA have limited capacity to add staff due to space/office constraints.
- SDFD and NCDJPA are very near building capacity.
- Agreement exists among agencies that a co-location can cost effectively improve regional fire service dispatch command and control.
- Only two agencies operate as a command center with command chief officers present for large incident command (SDFD and SDCFA/CAL FIRE/USFS).
- None of the current facilities have a parking area available to easily accommodate surge staffing in worst-case scenarios.
- Co-located operations lead to increased cooperative efforts, such as combined training, recruiting and retention efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The appropriate building cost per square foot for this type of essential facilities/public safety project is approximately \$725 to \$800 per square foot, assuming typical site development costs. This equates to roughly \$64M to \$70M, which excludes cost of land should one of the member agencies NOT have an existing suitable site. Currently the NCDJPA budget does not contemplate a substantive facility replacement fund, meaning that the cost to each agency would proportionally increase to finance this facility. Based upon the existing proportional use of floor space by each entity, it is estimated that the District's share for the building only would be approximately \$1M, or about \$11/call if amortized over 20 years. This would represent roughly a 15% increase (\$67,000) in annual dispatch service fees.

SUMMARY:

Continued exploration of a regional dispatch facility will help the NCDJPA member agencies to address their long-term dispatch facility needs.



SPACE AND FACILITY NEEDS
ASSESSMENT FOR THE EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS AND DATA
CENTER

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DECEMBER 13, 2019

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

After several years of discussions among two or more of the four largest fire dispatching agencies in San Diego County regarding various forms of merging or co-locating fire dispatch centers, all four agencies commissioned a co-location, facility space needs assessment. These agencies were the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD); the San Diego County Fire Authority (SDCFA), which is part of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) / United States Forest Service (USFS) center; the Heartland Communications Facility Authority (Heartland) in the east County; and the North County Dispatch Joint Powers Authority (NCDJPA) serving most of north County.

The largest *operational benefit* to a fire dispatching co-location is that space can be provided off the dispatching floor for a multiple-agency command team to provide closely coupled command and control of the region's fire and emergency medical services (EMS) responders during regional events. The value of this situational awareness / common operational picture cannot be overstated. Only two agencies (SDFD and SDCFA / CAL FIRE / USFS) currently have command chiefs on duty some of the time. All the centers currently must coordinate by means of phone or electronic data interconnection. None of the centers have a common, instant perspective of the other centers' deployment or emerging threats.

All four centers are in physically older facilities. Only two were purpose built to be dispatch centers (SDFD and SDCFA / CAL FIRE / USFS). NCDJPA and Heartland have reused existing buildings and updated as needed. SDFD and NCDJPA are in facilities that cannot be expanded to meet their immediate needs. All four centers have some or all the following deficiencies, which do not align with best practice guidelines:

- ◆ Buildings were not all constructed to California Essential Service Requirements.
- ◆ Existing facilities are not energy efficient.
- ◆ Facilities do not provide current best practices for natural lighting, sound attenuation, or other environmental factors.
- ◆ Proper security is lacking.
- ◆ There is a shortage of required/desired workspace for dispatch and management/training functions.
- ◆ Current space layout is inefficient for existing functions.
- ◆ Personnel support spaces are limited.
- ◆ Secure parking is lacking.

Phase I of this project entailed space planning to determine the needs of a best practices joint facility to serve the region for decades in a single, coordinated building and secure site. The agencies worked extensively with Citygate Associates, LLC (Citygate) and Jeff Katz Architecture (JKA) and visited two larger fire dispatch centers. The principal results of this study are as follows:

- ◆ There are areas of agreement among the agencies regarding which functions could work in shared spaces.
- ◆ There is agreement regarding how a command center with experienced command chief officers on duty could function in a common dispatch space to immediately meet emerging regional incidents while dispatching their day-to-day incidents individually.
- ◆ Each of the agencies currently operate in buildings that have one or more deficient features.
- ◆ Two of the agencies are currently in need of new facilities.
- ◆ Whether the final decision is to pursue a new co-located facility involving two, three, or all four agencies, the path forward will include additional collaboration on facilities design, site selection, and funding agreements.
- ◆ A trend among busier fire and EMS communications centers in North America is to locate the various Department Operations Centers (DOCs) very near to the main dispatch floor to facilitate real-time situational awareness in the decision-making process. This project will be this concept on a macro level—four large communications centers serving more than 40 fire agencies.

Table 1—Agencies at a Glance

Agency	Employees	2018 Incidents	Existing Square Feet
Heartland	23	58,572	3,400
NCDJPA	36	72,104	3,800
SDCFA / CAL FIRE / USFS	46	24,709	3,900
SDFD	61	198,038	9,900
Total	166	353,423	21,000

For perspective, the following figure includes 2017 data comparing the study partners jointly to Los Angeles City Fire (LAFD), Los Angeles County Fire (LACoFD), and the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA).

Table 2—Comparison of Study Partners

Item	LAFD	LACoFD	OCFA	Study Partners
Total number of dispatched incidents in 2017	492,717	393,680	141,858	351,639
Number of dispatcher consoles	55	21	14	43
Number of incidents per console	8,958	18,747	10,133	8,580
Number of staffed dispatch consoles at peak hour	15	16	9 + 1 supplemental	27
Number and type of supplementary consoles	12 of 55 in training that can take overflow	58 CAD only consoles used in various locations	4 full functioning DOC/expanded	5 surge or training

CAPSTONE FINDING

Joint space planning was successful and can provide for common command and control, growth, and administrative, training, and regional mutual aid system meeting spaces. The needs of the agencies are far more diverse than just space for dispatch consoles. The immediate personnel support functions just off the dispatch floor, along with command and supervision, would not utilize the majority of the building space. General administrative, training, meeting, information technology, storage, security, and overall circulation/support utilize the majority of the building space. The following table shows the overall shared space planning overview by square footage.

Table 3—Shared Space Planning Overview by Square Footage

Agency	Dedicated Space	Percent of Total
Heartland	1,170	1.3%
NCDJPA	1,895	2.2%
SDCFA / CAL FIRE / USFS	5,881	6.7%
SDFD	4,273	4.9%
Subtotal	13,219	15.0%
Shared Spaces		
Dispatch Console Area	17,057	19.4%
Shared Spaces	49,545	56.4%
Core – Circulation	8,027	9.1%
Subtotal	74,629	85.0%
Total	87,848	100.0%

COST ESTIMATE

The appropriate building cost per square foot for this type of essential facilities / public safety project is approximately \$725 to \$800 per square foot, assuming typical site development costs. This equates to roughly \$64M to \$70M. These estimates assume property owned by one of the larger agencies. As a comparison, a single, two-fire-crew fire station costs \$14M to \$20M.

While no agency has fully budgeted for a replacement, stand-alone or shared facility, each partner in this study has some capital funds available as well as the ability to pay modest debt service. With a project plan and agency commitments to proceed with site and funding identification, the agencies can also seek state and federal help for such an essential public safety project.

RECOMMENDATION AND NEXT STEPS

As a result of this study, the agencies share an understanding and can envision a regional fire dispatch center that would be a sustainable, best practices solution far better than replacing and continuing in four facilities for the next 20 to 50 years. The agencies can now use the planning in this study to realistically identify funding sources, a site location, and formulate draft shared governance and cost agreements.

SECTION 1—INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 GOALS OF THE ASSESSMENT

There are five local government fire dispatching centers in San Diego County which are operated by: SDCFA / CAL FIRE / USFS, SDFD, NCDJPA, Heartland, and the City of Escondido. In the May 2010 Regional Fire Services Study for San Diego County, Citygate found and recommended that increased electronic cooperation was needed and that the dispatching centers should, ideally, consolidate. The study found that the Los Angeles County Fire Communications Center was handling almost the same number of incidents from one center as all of San Diego County's incidents.

There has been significant electronic coordination between the centers since 2010; however, there have been no mergers or co-locations. Only CAL FIRE and SDFD's dispatch operations are command centers in which a chief officer is on duty portions of each day to coordinate serious response events.

Two centers, SDFD and NCDJPA, have very near-term space needs to be solved in 2020. All but SDCFA / CAL FIRE have aging facilities. All the centers also do not have hot or cold backup buildings other than limited electronic help from another center. Three centers—SDCFA / CAL FIRE / USFS, NCDJPA, and SDFD—are on older, less secure sites based on post-9/11 criteria, and their buildings do not substantially meet current design best practices for essential facilities. Escondido operates a combined City police/fire dispatch center and chose not to participate in this regional fire feasibility study.

In recent Citygate studies for the SDFD and the two joint powers authorities (JPAs), significant near-term barriers to merging employees into a single JPA or merged contract-for-service organization were found; however, it is very feasible for operations, regional command, and physical plant economies of scale to co-locate operations into a modern facility at a secure site. Once co-located, a current center, like that in SDFD, could continue as a backup center for a modest time frame.

1.2 PROJECT APPROACH AND SCOPE OF WORK

This space and facility needs assessment was designed to inventory the current locations, methods of space use, and distribution of the four centers. Based on their needs for existing and future uses, Citygate/JKA asked to review the possibility of the four centers in a co-located environment—retaining their autonomy while capitalizing on the operational benefits and financial economies of shared spaces. Citygate had earlier performed at least three different studies of the participating fire dispatch centers and capitalized on data gained from those projects.

While all four centers are able to effectively operate out of their existing facilities, it became clear that a new facility offers the opportunity to improve on current operational requirements, grow training and education programs, and have the appropriate facilities in place to deal with multiple-agency events in a far more coordinated way. The agencies provided information on the planned growth of personnel, as well as programs and equipment. All these conversations helped shape this assessment.

This project was designed around three major efforts to procure information:

1. An operational technical assessment to determine the essential demographics of each center, such as number of dispatchers and other employees, along with equipment and support spaces over a planning timeline.
2. Determine an accurate space needs plan to formulate a logical relationship design.
3. Translate the needs that were expressed individually into what would become a combined expression of space and site considerations, which would include all peripheral spaces and features while also conforming to national standards and best practices.

In addition to assessments and meetings, Citygate/JKA staff, along with members of the participating agencies, visited two locations considered to be current representative locations of modern, well-designed fire dispatch facilities: Ventura County Fire Communications in Camarillo and the Los Angeles City Fire Communications facility in downtown Los Angeles. In both locations, information was gathered from persons involved in the design and/or construction of these centers.

All four centers have similar needs, but on different timelines. SDFD and NCDJPA need to move forward as soon as possible on new, larger facilities. Both SDCFA / CAL FIRE / USFS and Heartland have advantages in joining the project as partners now. They can upgrade into a purpose-designed-and-built facility incorporating state-of-the-art features planned to satisfy the needs of the facility for long into the future, and at a cost that can be shared among more partners. This project was intended to identify the needs, calculate how much floor space and support facilities would be needed, and apply a cost.

The in-depth analysis of each agency's needs, both current and near term, were considered in this study. The process encouraged significant inter-agency discussion about how a combined facility might operate and what functions could be shared to create an improved complex than currently exists for any of the individual organizations. As the study progressed, the size and scope of the new envisioned facility grew to incorporate those functions that would be needed in the future to create a true state-of-the-art communications center serving the greater San Diego County area.

SECTION 2—AGENCY DESCRIPTIONS AND METRICS

2.1 CITY OF SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

In existence for more than 130 years, SDFD provides modern fire, rescue, and medical service to a city with a population of greater than 1.4 million people while operating from 52 fire stations. The Emergency Communications Dispatch Center, commonly known as Metro, operates out of a facility designed in the late 1980s. This building has been modified several times over the decades to accommodate staffing and technological changes, along with opportunities to advance operational changes. This facility is now at its maximum capacity, recently sacrificing some multi-purpose rooms to accommodate a need for dispatch console surge capacity on the dispatch floor, along with additional dispatcher training workstations. In addition to the City of San Diego, Metro provides command and communications services to five additional cities by contract: Chula Vista, National City, Poway, Coronado, and Imperial Beach. This center is responsible for dispatching a total of 70 fire stations. Metro also serves as the fire mutual aid zone coordination center for the Metro Zone of San Diego County.

SDFD's Logistics Division and Fire Station 28 on Kearny Villa Road are adjacent to Metro's two-story communications building. At present, the center's staff totals 61 persons (Dispatchers, Chief Officers, Administrators, Supervisors, Information Technology staff, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) staff) divided into either 12- or 8-hour shifts. The current design has 17 dispatch positions on the main floor. An additional eight workstations are currently planned for a re-designed meeting room attached to the main floor. A total of 198,038 incidents were dispatched from this center in calendar year 2018, a figure larger than the other three centers involved in this study combined. Metro occupies approximately 9,900 square feet of SDFD's Kearny Villa site.

2.2 SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY / CAL FIRE / USFS

SDCFA / CAL FIRE operates its San Diego Unit Emergency Command Center (ECC) as one of 21 in California. The ECC is also known as the Monte Vista Interagency Command Center (MVICC), as it is a shared facility with the USFS Cleveland National Forest (CNF). CAL FIRE's services are provided throughout the state by contract to other fire protection agencies. In San Diego County, CAL FIRE is the agency providing services to SDCFA, the Deer Springs Fire Protection District, La Jolla Indian Reservation Fire Department, Santa Ysabel Indian Reservation Fire Department, and the Ramona Municipal Water District Fire Department. Between the state, federal, and local agencies this center serves, it provides dispatching, command, and communications services to 72 fire stations, the Ramona Air Attack Base, three Helitack bases, and four Conservation Camps. MVICC is designated as the East Zone Coordination Center for fire mutual aid.

The ECC operates out of three contemporary, single-story modular buildings on the CAL FIRE campus on Jamacha Road in the El Cajon / Rancho San Diego area. The ECC is the work center for 50 employees in the near term (Chief Officers, Dispatchers, Information Technology Technicians, and administrative personnel), divided into either 24-, 12-, or 8-hour shifts. One of the buildings also serves as expanded dispatch, where an additional 15 to 20 people can be assigned to handle the coordination of larger incidents. For calendar year 2018, a total of 24,709 incidents were handled by MVICC/CNF. The ECC occupies approximately 3,900 square feet of the CAL FIRE Monte Vista campus.

2.3 HEARTLAND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AUTHORITY

Heartland was created in 1987 as a joint powers authority expressly to provide area fire departments with dispatching services. It serves the cities of El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, and Santee, along with the Alpine, Bonita, Lakeside, and San Miguel Fire Districts, and the Barona, Campo, Sycuan, and Viejas nations, from a total of 28 fire stations. These agencies provide fire, emergency medical, and public safety services to much of inland San Diego County, a mixture of high-density urban areas and sparsely populated Native American nations. Heartland is the Central Zone Coordination Center for mutual aid.

Heartland operates from the basement of a City of El Cajon fire station / headquarters facility on a lease agreement. A total of 23 people work from this location, including a Director, Supervisors, Dispatchers, and Information Technology and GIS staff. Personnel are divided into 12- or 8-hour work schedules. Heartland handled a total of 58,572 incidents in calendar year 2018. The agency leases approximately 3,400 square feet from the City of El Cajon.

2.4 NORTH COUNTY DISPATCH JOINT POWER AUTHORITY

NCDJPA was organized in 1983. Initially serving just the Rancho Santa Fe, Solana Beach, and San Marcos Fire Districts from a two-room office at the headquarters station in Rancho Santa Fe, NCDJPA has grown to now provide dispatching and communications services to much of north San Diego County through 14 fire agencies with a total of 52 fire stations. It is the North Zone Coordination Center for mutual aid.

NCDJPA provides these services from a small, two-story office building adjacent to Rancho Santa Fe's Station 1. Built in 1991, the upper story of this building was designed as a fire communications facility to then-current Essential Services standards. From this location, 36 people (Administrator, Manager, Supervisors, Dispatchers, and Information Technology and GIS Technicians) provide services to member and contract agencies. NCDJPA handled a total of 72,104 incidents in calendar year 2018. NCDJPA leases approximately 3,800 square feet from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District. NCDJPA additionally is the Operational Area Coordination Center for mutual aid resources in San Diego County.

SECTION 3—JOINT FUNCTIONAL SPACE NEEDS

3.1 GENERAL NEEDS

Emergency communication center design continues to evolve, and best practices for both day-to-day and event conditions operations changes constantly. The close cooperation and coordination of multiple organizations offering emergency services to a region is a necessary requirement to deal with wide-ranging events that carry over geographic boundaries. As all the relevant agencies are committed to maintaining their service and performance levels, streamlining and assisting in a cooperative work environment is one valuable benefit of a regional communications facility.

This assessment recognizes that a single employer facility is not being considered; rather, it assesses co-location in a single facility that would allow immediate coordination for regional emergencies while allowing the agencies to cost-share a best practices facility that some of the agencies might not otherwise be able to build.

This co-location study includes both agency-specific spaces and shared spaces where the partner agencies felt such an arrangement made sense. Individual agency functions, such as manager-level offices and 24-hour accommodations, were located in separate spaces. All remaining functions were planned in shared spaces with room for all needed personnel. The focus of the space needs assessment in this project has been to ensure that adequate space is accounted for to provide realistic cost projections.

The space requirements are based on current needs as well as projected five-year growth. A test space plan including how each agency fits within an overall floor plan was generated to establish a generic two-story building to start the process of identifying available properties to accommodate the space needs. Final building design will need to be adjusted to work with the actual site selected. A two-story building is anticipated to be the most functional layout, but single-story and multiple-story options can also be considered.

The building size and space needs have continued to evolve as the agencies work through various scenarios of both day-to-day individual operations and joint operations to deal with wide-ranging events that cross agency boundaries. This assessment also includes parcel-required functional spaces, including day-to-day staff parking, staff parking for training or large incident surge events, visitor parking, storage for mobile command vehicles, other associated site needs, and zoning setbacks. Without a specific site identified, there are no specific needs for security concerns, setbacks, etc., at this time.

The space needs assessment reflects a gross building area of approximately 88,000 square feet, with a ground floor area of approximately 45,000 square feet (assuming a two-story building). The site space needs to accommodate parking and related site functions, which are anticipated to be 95,000 square feet (2.2 acres). The total developable site area required to accommodate building

and site improvements, setbacks, access, etc. is anticipated to be six acres. At this time, the recommendation is to identify properties that are six to eight acres in size. The development guidelines, setbacks, and security concerns of each site location will need to be assessed in any ranking of potential sites for the facility.

While the size of the facility is considerably larger than the total space currently occupied by the four agencies, the resulting facility will offer the ability to provide comprehensive, coordinated emergency communications for the agencies for the foreseeable future. The size of the facility proposed is in keeping with the large agency facilities visited by the project team and represents the space needs to accommodate growth of personnel and equipment, as well as meet the operational requirements for multiple-agency, large-incident response.

3.2 COST ESTIMATE

The appropriate building cost per square foot for this type of essential facilities / public safety project is approximately \$725 to \$800 per square foot, assuming typical site development costs. This equates to roughly \$64M to \$70M. These estimates assume property owned by one of the larger agencies. As a comparison, a single, two-fire-crew fire station costs \$14M to \$20M.

While no agency has fully budgeted for a replacement, stand-alone or shared facility, each partner in this study has some capital funds available as well as the ability to pay modest debt service. With a project plan and agency commitments to proceed with site and funding identification, the agencies can also seek state and federal help for such an essential public safety project.

3.3 EXHIBIT DESCRIPTIONS

1. Space Needs Outline – This two-page schedule lists the details about the requirements (standards) unique to each agency, along with notes and details regarding how each space was derived and what the finish schedule per space might be. This outline formed the basis for items 2 and 3.
2. Room Area Schedule – This one-page table summarizes the internal spaces by agency-specific needs by floor, along with all the common spaces that all agencies would use as one virtual agency. This summary was produced as actual room layouts were generated for each function identified in the Space Needs Outline. Where the Space Needs Outline was an estimate of space needed, this table reflects actual individual room needs to accommodate furnishings, etc.
3. Floor Plan – This shows a proposed relationship of all key needed spaces by floor, including support functions and circulation.

SECTION 4—FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Based on research with the agencies, best practices for communication centers, and listening to other large communications centers, Citygate offers the following findings and recommendation:

4.1 FINDINGS

- Finding #1:** SDCFA / CAL FIRE / USFS and Heartland are not immediately in need of replacement facilities. However, adding services, personnel, or safety code requirements could stress both facilities.
- Finding #2:** SDFD and NCDJPA are very near building capacity.
- Finding #3:** SDFD, Heartland, and NCDJPA have limited capacity to add staff due to space/office constraints.
- Finding #4:** None of the partners in this study have secured additional building space or property to design and create a new facility.
- Finding #5:** Agreement exists among agencies that a co-location can cost effectively improve regional fire service dispatch command and control.
- Finding #6:** Only two agencies operate as a command center with command chief officers present for large incident command (SDFD and SDCFA / CAL FIRE / USFS).
- Finding #7:** None of the current facilities have a parking area available to easily accommodate surge staffing in worst-case scenarios.
- Finding #8:** Co-located operations lead to increased cooperative efforts, such as combined training, recruiting, and retention efforts.

4.2 RECOMMENDATION

As a result of this study, the agencies share an understanding and can envision a regional fire dispatch center that would be a sustainable, best practices solution far better than replacing and continuing in four facilities for the next 20 to 50 years. The agencies can now use the planning in this study to realistically identify funding sources, a site location, and formulate draft shared governance and cost agreements.

EXHIBIT 1

SPACE NEEDS OUTLINE

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CONCEPTUAL SPACE NEEDS OUTLINE

9-Dec-19

Finish Legend

- A - Simple Finishes
- B - Standard Office Finishes
- C - Intense Finishes
- D - Service Room Finishes

Basis of Program

- 1 - Analysis of Existing Facility
- 2 - Design Recommendation
- 3 - Department Request

SITE OPERATIONAL CRITERIA		Space Attributes	Space Standards (SF)					Comments
No.	Type of Space		MVU	NCDJPA	HCFA	METRO	Merged	
51	Staff Parking - personal vehicles	Parking for secured staff, personal autos.	36 spaces - 15,800 SF	22 spaces - 9,700 SF	20 spaces - 8,800 SF	40 spaces - 17,600 SF	96 spaces - 42,000 SF	
52	Staff Parking - staff vehicles	Parking for secured staff, staff vehicles	7 spaces - 3,000 SF			7 spaces - 3,000 SF	15 spaces - 6,000 SF	
53	Overflow Surge Parking	Additional Overflow parking for operational event activity	18 spaces - 18,000 SF	11 spaces - 5,000 SF	10 spaces - 4,500 SF	20 spaces - 9,000 SF	45 spaces - 20,000 SF	can be unpaved parking lot
54	Public Parking	As required per Zoning Code	5 spaces - 2,000 SF	3 spaces - 1,500 SF	3 spaces - 1,500 SF	5 spaces - 2,000 SF	50 spaces - 22,000 SF	verify requirements with AHJ, depending on site location
55	Trash Enclosure	Exterior access for service, space for dumpster and recycling bins	150	150	150	150	900	
56	Outdoor Patio	Secured outdoor area for BBQ, seating, adjacent to Breakroom	200	200	200	200	900	
57	Mobile Command Center	space to park mobile command center	800			800	1,600	
Site Operational Area:			39,950	16,550	15,150	32,750	93,400	

BUILDING CRITERIA		Space Attributes	Space Standards (SF)					Finish	Basis	Comments
No.	Type of Space		MVU	NCDJPA	HCFA	METRO	Merged			
COMM BUILDING										
1	Public Entry Lobby	Entry Lobby for greeting public, small seating area, Display Cabinets	250	150	150	250	200	B	2	assumes lobby counter and one staff person to staff it
2	Secured Entry Lobby	Entry Lobby for staff only	100	100	100	100	135	B	2	
3	Public Accessible Restroom - Single gender neutral restroom	ADA Accessible restrooms adjacent to Public lobby	70	70	70	70	130	C	2	separate M/W RR in merged facility
4	Dispatch Console Area (Primary)	Main Dispatch Floor - work space for consoles (approx 90SF per console)	4,000	2,000	2,000	6,500	14,700	C	2	merged facility maintains same console count
5	Dispatch Console Area (Expanded)	Expanded Dispatch work space for consoles	1,200	300	0	1,200	2,300	C	2	
6	Dispatch Supervisor	Supervisor Dispatch work space for consoles	200	150	150	200	0	C	2	
7	Classroom	meeting room with AV capabilities tied into main Dispatch Room. Locate with glass wall/sliding doors toward Dispatch for clear visibility to all areas	750	300	300	750	1,950	C	2	
8	Training	Training Consoles and Desks	750		250	750	1,750			
9	Command Staff offices	individual offices for command staff	2,500	900	800	2,300	6,500	B	2	
10	Admin staff workspace	cubicles for admin staff	1,000	500		900	2,000	B	2	
11	Sleeping Rooms	Sleeping Rooms with lockers (2 bed per, 150 SF per dorm)	2,000	600		800	3,400	B	2	
12	Breakrooms	break room area for staff use. Sink, microwave, range/hood, refrigerator, cabinets, seating	1,000	300	300	1,000	2,050	B	2	
13	Fitness Room	Space for free weights, cardio machines, cross fit equipment, universal machine, etc.	650	400	400	650	1,000	B	2	actual fitness equipment TBD. Assumes more equipment for larger staffs.
14	Restroom/Locker Rooms	Separate Men's and Woman's facilities. Provide with lockers for all staff members, provide showers each, and appropriate WC and sinks	2,500	1,000	1,000	2,500	6,300	C	2	

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15	Storage	Storage sized to accommodate Dispatch needs as well as day to day storage needs. Consider multiple spaces.	750	500	500	750	2,100	D	2	
16	IT Room	Room for IT equipment	1,500	500	500	1,500	4,000	D	2	verify with actual number of racks/etc. Merged facility assumes separate IT rooms for each entity plus building systems equipment
17	IT Offices	office/cubicles for IT staff	1,000	1,000	700	1,200	3,000	D	2	
18	IT Storage	IT Storage	750	300	300	750	2,000	D	2	
19	Operational Meeting Rooms (2 large, 2 medium and 2 small)	2 large for 25 ppl, 1 medium for 12 ppl and 1 small for 6 ppl	2500			2500	2,500	B	2	
20	Meeting Room Storage	table and chair storage, supplies	200			200	330	D	2	
21	Community Room (75+ ppl)	75+ ppl, separate from Dispatch floor, potentially can be split	2800			2800	2,650	B	2	
22	Community Room Storage	table and chair storage, supplies	150			150	300	B	2	
23	Community Room Food Prep area	Food prep, breakroom area adjacent to Community Room	150			150	250	B	2	
24	Department Operations Center	2 DOC near to Dispatch floor, with Situation Room between	750			750	1,500	B	2	
25	DOC Situation Room	Small conf table for 6 located between DOC's	500			500	650	B	2	
26	PIQ Office		150			150	130	B	2	
27	Ops Area Command Desk	Adjacent to Dispatch and Situation Room	150			150		B	2	
28	"Dayroom" / Quiet Room	similar to Dayroom in a fire station with chairs, tv, etc.	950	500	500	950	950	B	2	
29	Quiet Room	small room with table and chairs	120	120	120	120	200	B	2	
30	Lactation Room	small room with table and chairs	120	120	120	120	200	B	2	
31	Laundry		200			200	200	B	2	
32	Copy/Mail Room		100	100	100	100	350	B	2	One on each floor
COMM Building Area Subtotal			29,810	9,910	8,360	31,010	63,725			
UTILITY SUPPORT SPACE			Space Standards (SF)							
Type of Space			Space Attributes							
			MVU	NCDIPA	HCFA	METRO	Merged	Finish	Basis	Comments
32	Mechanical Room	HVAC equipment, fire sprinkler riser	250	200	200	250	750	D	2	
33	Janitor/Plumbing Room	Janitors closets, hot water heater, etc	150	100	100	150	500	D	2	
34	Electrical Room	Main service panel, fire alarm panel, sub panels	160	160	160	160	400	D	2	
35	Fire Riser / Protection		50	50	50	50	200	D	2	
36	Stairs / Elevator		500			500	2,000	D	2	
Utility Support Subtotal			560	510	510	560	3,850			

SPACE NEEDS SUMMARY			Space Standards (SF)					Finish	Basis	Comments
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COMM Building Subtotal			29,810	9,910	8,360	31,010	63,725			
Utility Support Space Subtotal			560	510	510	560	3,850			
BUILDING SUBTOTAL (SF)			30,370	10,420	8,870	31,570	67,575			
Circulation/Structure at 30% of Subtotal			9,111	3,126	2,661	9,471	20,273			
COMM FACILITY GRAND TOTAL (SF)			39,481	13,546	11,531	41,041	87,848			

EXHIBIT 2

ROOM AREA SCHEDULE



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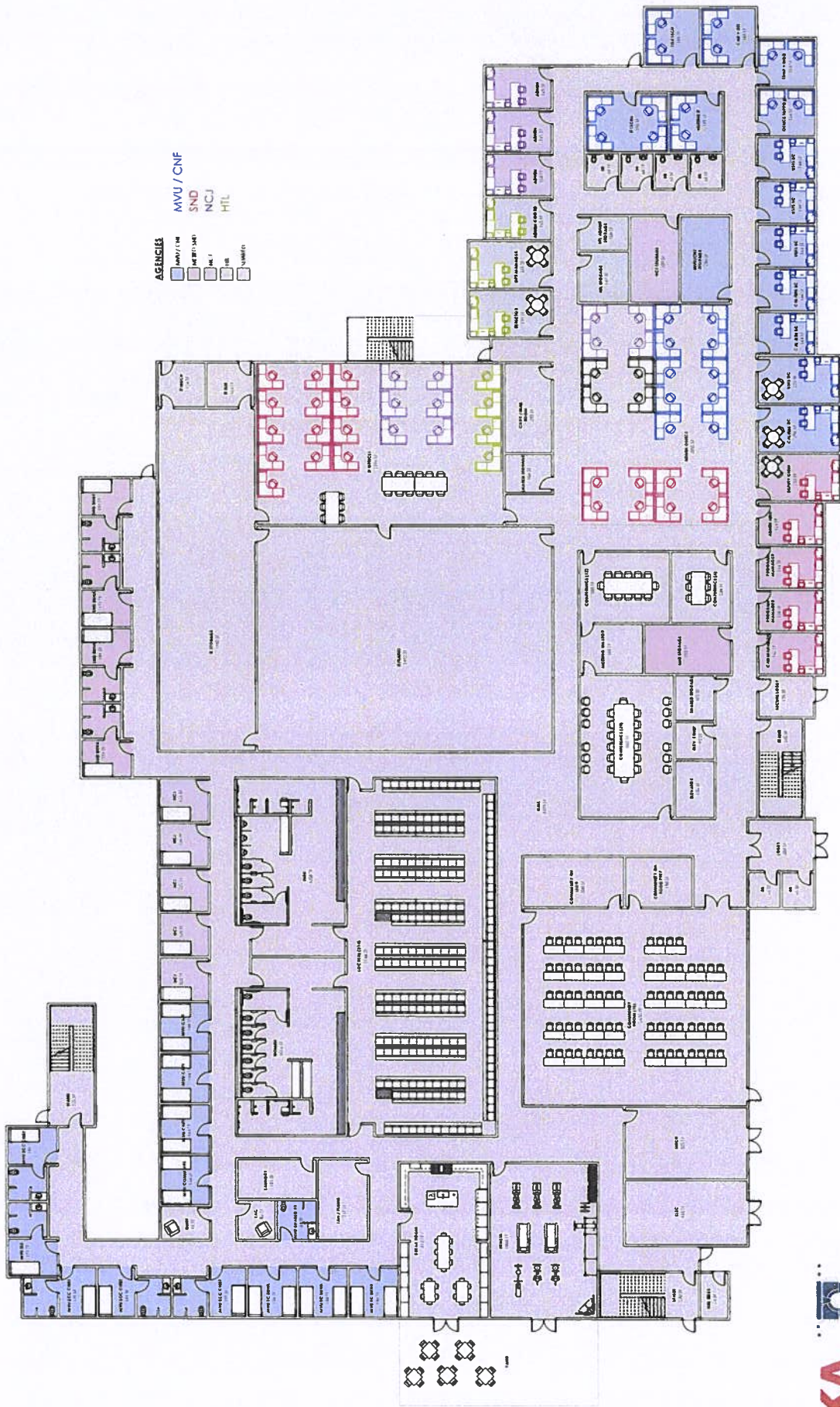


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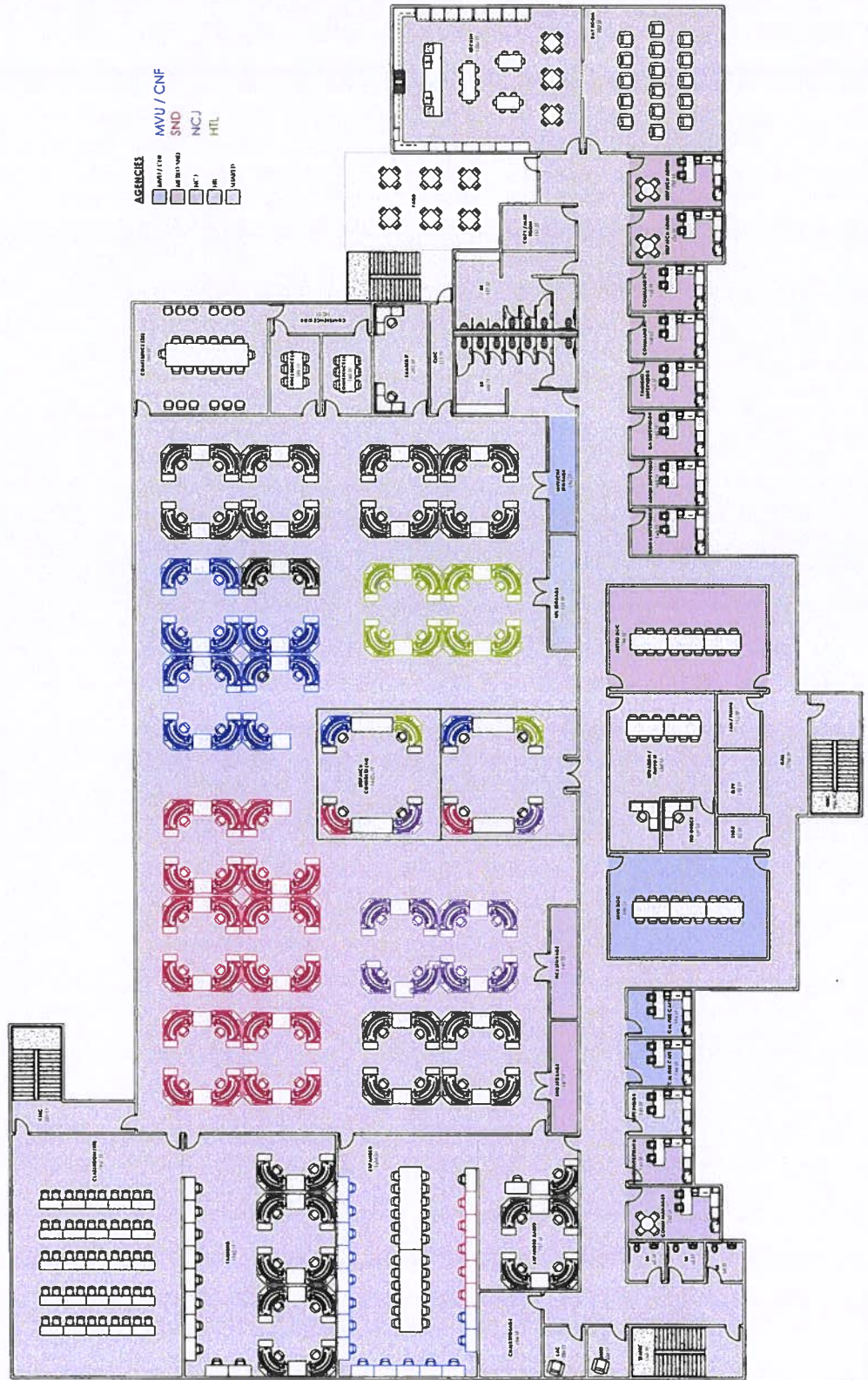
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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020
SUBJECT: STRATEGIC DIRECTION DISCUSSION

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

- Direct Staff to develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan for the subsequent 3-5 year period.
- For Board to select members (one or two) to be part of the Strategic Plan Development Team if participation is desired.

BACKGROUND:

In 2004, the District engaged a consultant (ESCI) to develop a Strategic Plan. Approximately twelve years later, the District had largely accomplished most of the achievable items, so the Board convened a special meeting to discuss the future strategic direction for the District. The outcome of this was identification of "strategic priorities," which often included an abbreviated strategic planning discussion concerning the key challenges immediately facing the District. Those have included, (1) addressing volunteer staffing at Rainbow, (2) staffing medic ambulance 1195 post SAFER, (3) addressing the Olive Hill/Bonsall fire station redundancy issue, (4) funding the capital equipment plan, (5) expanding community outreach, (6) restoration of reserve funds, (7) restoration of staffing, (8) community paramedicine and (9) funding facility repair/replacement.

By and large, the District has substantially addressed items 1 through 5, and has taken measurable steps toward addressing items 6-9. During our most recent review of our strategic direction, discussion ensued regarding the need to revisit our strategic plan, however consensus was to wait until the outcome of Proposition A was known.

DISCUSSION:

Considering that strategic plans are designed to address the forthcoming 3-5 year period, our plan is long overdue for a comprehensive review; and because it is optimal to include the next generation of leaders in development of such a plan, it is recommended that we initiate a formal strategic planning process at this time. Staff

STRATEGIC DIRECTION DISCUSSION

JANUARY 28, 2020

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believes we have sufficient internal resources to facilitate the majority of the plan's development. A proposed planning timeline has been included for review (Attachment 'A'). The goal would be to have a draft plan available for review by the June 2020 Board meeting.

Staff also recommends incorporating Cal State San Marcos' College of Business Administration into the research phase of our strategic plan development, as a component of this plan should include researching alternative sources of funding. The District has enjoyed good success in utilizing "senior experience" graduate students from CSUSM in prior ventures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Development a Strategic Plan in-house will cost approximately \$10,000 as outlined below:

1. CSUSM Senior Experience Project: \$5,000. Estimated 90-day timeframe for completion from initiation of contract.
2. Administrative overtime: \$5,000. Set-aside for working groups consisting of suppression personnel when off-duty meeting attendance is required.

It is noteworthy to add that the District is realizing substantial cost savings by facilitation of the process in-house, which cost approximately \$25,000.

SUMMARY:

Updating the Strategic Plan through involvement of our future leaders will allow the District to address its remaining key challenges and set a future course in a manner that most readily ensures long-term success and sustainability for the District.

NCFPD Strategic Plan Timeline

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Predecessors	Assigned To	% Complete	Status	Comments
Work Plan Development	27d	12-23-19	01-28-20					
Distribute prior plan	1d	01-06-20	01-06-20					
Update planning framework	27d	12-23-19	01-28-20					
Board Approval of Process	21d	01-28-20	02-25-20					
Review Mission/Vision	21d	01-28-20	02-25-20					
ID Plan Goals	21d	01-28-20	02-25-20					
ID Participants	21d	01-28-20	02-25-20					
Set plan devel. timeline	21d	01-28-20	02-25-20					
Strategic Plan Development	346d	02-25-20	06-22-21					
SWOT Analysis	1d	02-25-20	02-25-20					
Adjust Vision	21d	02-25-20	03-24-20					
Establish Major Goals	21d	02-25-20	03-24-20					
Assign work groups for each goal	46d	03-24-20	05-26-20					
ID performance objectives	26d	03-24-20	04-28-20					
ID critical tasks	46d	03-24-20	05-26-20					
ID stakeholders	26d	03-24-20	04-28-20					
Establish performance timeline	26d	03-24-20	04-28-20					
ID performance indicators	46d	03-24-20	05-26-20					
Board Approval of Plan	26d	06-23-20	07-28-20					
Board Review	1d	06-23-20	06-23-20					
Reconvene work groups	18d	06-24-20	07-17-20					
Revise Plan	18d	06-24-20	07-17-20					
Final Approval	1d	07-28-20	07-28-20					
Plan Dissemination	22d	08-01-20	08-31-20					
Plan Progression	288d	05-15-20	06-22-21					
Monthly Leadership Review	131d	09-22-20	03-23-21					
Board Progress Report	1d	04-27-21	04-27-21					
Reconvene work groups	13d	04-28-21	05-14-21					
Revise Plan	16d	05-15-20	06-05-20					
Annual Plan Report	1d	06-22-21	06-22-21					

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

FIRE CHIEF/CEO

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AGENDA

There are no Discussion Agenda Items for the January 28, 2020, Board Meeting.

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January 1, 2020

**Board of Directors
North County Fire Protection District**

Re: General Counsel Board Report for January 1, 2020

FPPC Updates Materiality Standards

As part of its ongoing efforts to update conflict of interest regulations, the Fair Political Practices Commission adopted yesterday amendments to the "materiality" standards for a "source of gift" and "official's personal finances" financial interests in FPPC Regulations 18702.4 and 18702.5.

The California Political Reform Act prohibits any public official from making, participating in making, or otherwise using his or her official position to influence a governmental decision in which the official has a financial interest. Public officials have a financial interest in a decision if it is "reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material financial effect" that is distinguishable from the public. The materiality standards established by Regulations 18702.4 and 18702.5 are critical in determining whether a state or local official must recuse himself or herself from a governmental decision.

Materiality Standard for "Source of Gift" (Regulation 18702.4)

Existing Regulation 18702.4 states that the financial effect of a nonprofit's gift to an official is material if the nonprofit will "receive a measurable financial benefit or loss" or the official knows, or has reason to know, that the nonprofit has an interest in real property that will be financially affected under the materiality standards in Regulation 18702.2. However, officials have found it difficult to interpret Regulation 18702.4 and determine whether a financial interest exists because the term "measurable financial benefit or loss" is undefined. To reduce that uncertainty, the amendments delete the term "measurable financial benefit or loss" and establish a simple, objective rule. The amendments incorporate by reference the materiality standards applied to a nonprofit income source interest in Regulation 18702.3, which provides threshold amounts that make it easier and clearer for an official to determine whether a decision's financial effect on an income source is material. Regulation 18702.3(a)(3) provides that a nonprofit income source is material if any of the following applies:

- The decision could increase/decrease the nonprofit's annual gross receipts, or the value of the nonprofit's assets/liabilities, in an amount equal to or more than:
 - \$1 million or,

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- 5 percent of the nonprofit's annual gross receipts and when the increase/decrease is \$10,000 or more.
- The decision may cause the nonprofit to incur/avoid additional expenses or to reduce/eliminate expenses in an amount equal to or more than:
 - \$250,000 or,
 - 1 percent of the nonprofit's annual gross receipts and the change in expenses is at least \$2,500.
- The official knows, or has reason to know, that the nonprofit has an interest in real property and:
 - The property is a named party in, or the subject of, a decision before the official or the official's agency as specified in Regulation 18701, and involves action related to a license, permit, entitlement, contract or any decision affecting a real property financial interest as described in Regulation 18702.2(a)(1)-(6) or,
 - There is clear and convincing evidence the decision would have a substantial effect on the property.

Materiality Standard for "Official's Personal Finances" (Regulation 18702.5)

The existing Regulation 18702.5 provides that a decision has a reasonably foreseeable financial effect on an official's personal finances that is material if the official or the official's family member will "receive a measureable financial benefit or loss from the decision." Similar to the changes to Regulation 18702.4, the FPCC is deleting the term "measureable financial benefit or loss" in favor of a clearer rule that is easier for officials to apply. The FPCC repealed and recast Regulation 18702.5 to clarify that a resulting benefit or loss of \$500 in any 12-month period is material. However, the 12-month period relative to the decision is not specified, and absent any clarification, may raise questions as to how far into the future the \$500 limit applies. The \$500 amount aligns with the Act's current annual gift limit of \$500, effective until Dec. 31, 2020, pursuant to Regulation 18940.2.

In addition, the changes to Regulation 18702.5 reinstate language prior to 2015 that a "personal financial effect" is material if the decision:

- Relates to the hire, promotion, demotion, suspension or disciplinary action of the official or his or her immediate family member or
- Sets a salary for the official or his or her immediate family member:
 - That is different to other employees in the same position or job classification or,

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- o When the official or his or her immediate family member is the only individual in that position or job classification.

Regulation 18702.5 also specifies that, if a decision would have a reasonably foreseeable financial effect on an official's financial interest in a business entity or real property, any related effect on the official's personal finances is not considered separately, but analyzed only under the respective materiality standards for a business entity (Regulation 18702.1) and real property (Regulation 18702.2).

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North County Fire Protection District

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cc: Chief Steve Abbott

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2020
SUBJECT: WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:**

- January 13, 2019: Results of San Diego LAFCO Voting for Appointment of Representatives
- Allergan and I.T. Crisis Services Donation to the District
- Letter of December 17, 2019 re: Leadership of Chief Abbott
- Undated Note Card re: Special District Advisory Committee Participation - Chief Abbott

● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:**

● **UNDATED CARD FOR ASSISTANCE:**

Engine 114: PM Applegate
Captain Rees EMT Truman
FF/PM Spencer
FF/PM Soriano

● **UNDATED THANK YOU FOR KINCADE FIRE:**

B/C Mann FF/PM Anderson
Captain Harrington FF/PM Rivera
Engineer Harlin

● **POEM FROM 2ND GRADE STUDENTS AT WILLIAM H. FRAZIER – NOVEMBER 2007**



San Diego County
Local Agency Formation Commission
 Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

MEMORANDUM

January 13, 2020

TO: Independent Special Districts in San Diego County

FROM: Tamaron Luckett, Executive Assistant / Election Official

SUBJECT: Independent Special Districts Election Results |
 Appointment of Special District Advisory Committee Representatives

This memorandum serves as notice by the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of the election results for eight seats on the 16-member Special District Advisory Committee. The election was performed by mail-ballot consistent with adopted policies and concluded on January 6, 2020. A prerequisite quorum for the election was achieved with 30 independent special district casting ballots. The top eight candidates with the most votes are identified below and immediately commence four-year terms on the Advisory Committee.

Special District Advisory Committee Member Election Results		
Nominee	Agency	Votes Received
Kimberly Thorner (incumbent)	Olivenhain Municipal Water District	24
Tom Kennedy (incumbent)	Rainbow Municipal Water District	23
Jack Bebee (incumbent)	Fallbrook Public Utility District	22
James E. Gordon	Deer Springs Fire Protection District	22
Robert Thomas (incumbent)	Pomerado Cemetery District	19
Albert C. Lau	Santa Fe Irrigation District	19
Mark Roback (incumbent)	Otay Water District	19
Michael (Mike) Sims	Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District	18
Brian Boggeln	Alpine Fire Protection District	15
Courtney G. Provo	Mission Resources Conservation District	11
Fred Cox* (incumbent)	Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District	8
TOTAL VOTES		200

* Write-In Nominee

A listing of all ballots returned for elections is attached.

Administration Keene Simonds, Executive Officer County Operations Center 9335 Hazard Way, Suite 200 San Diego, California 92123 T 858.614.7755 F 858.614.7766 www.sdlafco.org	Jim Desmond County of San Diego	Mary Casillas Salas City of Chula Vista	Mark Kersey City of San Diego	Jo MacKenzie Vista Irrigation	Andy Vanderlaan, Vice Chair General Public
	Dianne Jacob, Chair County of San Diego	Bill Wells City of El Cajon	Chris Cate, Alternate City of San Diego	Barry Willis Alpine Fire Protection	Harry Mathis, Alternate General Public
	Greg Cox, Alternate County of San Diego	Paul McNamara, Alternate City of Escondido		Erin Lump, Alternate Rincon del Diablo MWD	

SPECIAL DISTRICTS BALLOT RETURNED

Alpine Fire Protection District
Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District
Deer Springs Fire Protection District
Fallbrook Public Utility District
Fallbrook Regional Health District
Helix Water District
Lakeside Fire Protection District
Lakeside Water District
Leucadia Wastewater District
Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District
Mootami Municipal Water District
North County Fire Protection District
North County Cemetery District
Olivenhain Municipal Water District
Otay Water District
Padre Dam Municipal Water District
Pomerado Cemetery District
Rainbow Municipal Water District
Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District
Resource Conversation District of Greater San Diego County
Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District
San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District
Santa Fe Irrigation District
South Irrigation District
Tri-City Healthcare District
Vallecitos Water District
Valley Center Fire Protection District
Valley Center Municipal Water District
Vista Irrigation District
Wynola Water District

30 Ballots

Thanks to Allergan and I.T. Crisis Services for donating a large shipment of hydrating eye drops to our fire stations this month!





JIM DESMOND

SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 17, 2019

Stephen Abbott, Chief
North County Fire Protection District
330 S. Main Street
Fallbrook, CA 92028

Dear Stephen,

As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank you for your leadership and assistance throughout the year! We could not have accomplished the work on behalf of our constituents in North County without the help of North County Fire Protection District.

My staff mentioned you as being helpful and someone who helped make 2019 such a wonderful and successful year. Again, thank you for your diligence, professionalism and commitment to making North County a great place to work and live.

The District 5 family and I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

JIM DESMOND
Supervisor, 5th District
County of San Diego

For board
Report

Hi Steve -

Thank you for presenting with Rachel at the last Special Districts Advisory Committee meeting on North County Fire + Fallbrook Health joint effort to provide community paramedicine. It was a great presentation + we all learned a lot about the innovative activity of the two districts. Thank you! Keene

Executive Officer
Keene Simonds



Spencer
Rees
Sariano
Applegate
Tremen
4/A

*Your T I M E L Y H E L P is greatly
appreciated!*

*the Krupczak's
3850 Via Viento
Fallbrook, CA*

C. Medina
T. Harrington
J. Harlow

M. Anderson
J. Rivera

Dear Firefighters,

We are a group of teen artists from BayArt Academy in Sonoma County, California. We were very recently affected by the Kincade Fires that spread to Windsor, but thanks to the work of firefighters like you, our homes were saved. In order to convey our appreciation, a total of 17 of us gathered and created a large painting (7ft x 6ft) portraying the way the firefighters saved our community. We are aware that some firefighters from this station assisted us during these times and to show our gratitude we wanted to gift you a print of our painting. Thanks to many weeks of fundraising and some generous donations, we were able to afford to send one of these prints to all 506 fire stations that came and helped us during the Kincade Fire. We hope our painting will remind you every day how grateful we all are for your continuous hard work and bravery. It is estimated that the print will arrive January 5, 2020 so please keep your eyes out for a package.

If possible, we would love to receive a photo of you with our painting. If you are able to do so please share it on your social media and email it to us at: bayartfundraiser@gmail.com

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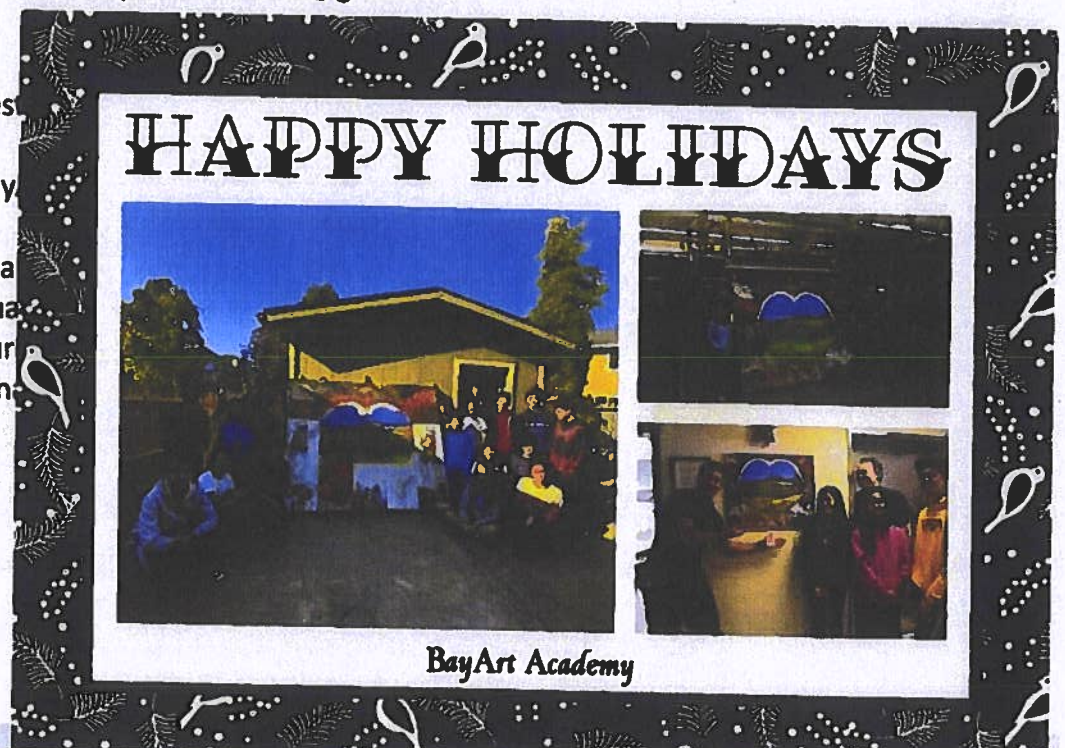
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This past October, the Kincadee Fire burned for 15 days and threatened over 90,000 structures throughout Sonoma County. NCF firefighters were called up to assist as part of a North Zone Strike Team.



To show their appreciation, students from Bayart Academy in Sonoma County sent our department this beautiful painting that we will display in our administrative office in Fallbrook. We were honored to be of service during this fire and we are very grateful for this gift!



Fire in Fallbrook

Fires everywhere; ashes everywhere,
Wind blew in my eyes.
Dirt flew in the air.
Fire popped over the hill.
Smoke rose to the sky.
Dirt and ashes flying in the sky like a hurricane.
Trees fell from the crazy wind.
Fire surrounded us.

Scared that my house would catch on fire,
I felt nervous.
Sad leaving our pets,
I went to my Grandma's house.
When I was going to Los Angeles,
I saw houses burning down.
Sleeping at my cousins', we closed the windows
because of the smoke.
Smoky air made me cough.
I feel gloomy;
I feel uncomfortable.
My friend's house burned down.

Brave firefighters saving lives,
Police, ambulances, military swarm Fallbrook.
Thankful to them all for keeping us safe
and
Saving Our Town.

*2nd Grade Students in
Mrs. Fieri's class
William H. Frazier
November, 2007*

Fire chief offers a year in review

Village News

Chief Stephen Abbott

North County Fire Protection District

For many reasons, 2019 proved to be a bellwether year for the North County Fire Protection District. With the advent of heavy rains, we actually had more vegetation fires than in previous years due to the presence of light flashy fuels.

Notwithstanding the wetting rains increased live fuel moisture such that those fires by-and-large did not get out of control throughout the state.

By the same token, with the repealing of the individual mandate for health insurance, many people chose to drop their coverage. As a result, there was no significant increase in the number of emergency medical responses over the prior year.

As a side note, California has instituted a mandate for individual health insurance coverage which was effective Jan.1, so if residents fall into this category it would be advisable to look at obtaining health insurance once again.

Across the region, the San Diego North Zone implemented a medical director position and will be looking toward 911 "call triage" and "priority medical dispatch," which is basically a way to make the 911 system more efficient.

Within the North Zone, all fire agencies adopted a uniform records management system to streamline data mining and information sharing. A similar effort is occurring with fire inspection software, specifically to streamline abatement of weed and brush hazards.

The fire district expanded its joint powers agreement with the Fallbrook Regional Health District, which is now providing substantial support toward a medical services officer and a social media specialist position.

The purpose of this arrangement is to augment quality assurance and community outreach as we embark on community paramedicine, a concept that residents will hear more about in the months and years to come. Around the county, the board of supervisors awarded the fire district a grant for wellness equipment, which will enhance the fire district's employee wellness initiatives.

Early in the year, the district's board transitioned future elections from elections at large to zone-based elections. As a result, there will be two vacancies created during the upcoming 2020 general election cycle.

Last but certainly not least, the district pursued Proposition A to address its aging infrastructure. As that measure was unsuccessful, we will be initiating a strategic planning process to come up with other means of recovering costs and creating further efficiencies.

Rest assured, we want to do everything possible to avoid any reduction in the levels of service.

How California public agencies can reform pension benefits – Urgent Comms

Written by Che Johnson and Lars Reed / American City & County 20th January 2020

In 2011, after the Great Recession left California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) only 61 percent funded, the Little Hoover Commission gave a dire warning: *“California’s pension plans are dangerously underfunded, the result of overly generous benefit promises, wishful thinking and an unwillingness to plan prudently. Unless aggressive reforms are implemented now, the problem will get far worse, forcing counties and cities to severely reduce services and lay off employees to meet pension obligations.”*

The Commission’s report ultimately led the Legislature to enact the California Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) in an effort to limit pension benefits and improve CalPERS’s financial situation. However, after nearly a decade of market growth and increased contributions by both employees and employers, the situation is not fundamentally different today, and CalPERS remains underfunded. With fears of another recession looming, public agencies need to plan ahead to address the impact of CalPERS’s financial struggles.

Although CalPERS has taken steps to reduce its unfunded liability, the burden fell largely on employers. For example, CalPERS changed its actuarial policies to shorten the payment period for unfunded liabilities. For employers, this means higher up-front costs in exchange for long-term savings. CalPERS has also reduced its “discount rate” – its assumed investment returns – from 7.5 percent to 7 percent, meaning employers must pay higher contributions to cover a given benefit. However, CalPERS’s own investment advisor estimates expected returns as closer to 6 percent, and if returns fail to meet the 7 percent target, CalPERS will likely increase contribution rates further to cover the shortfall.

Between CalPERS’s efforts to reduce unfunded liabilities and the benefits already accrued and payable, many public agencies are finding that increasing pension costs are beginning to crowd out any discretionary spending, reducing the funds available for staffing and public services. Managing these costs is a difficult task, as the law limits the available options. For example, constitutional principles relating to vested rights make it difficult to alter benefits payable to existing retirees. And agencies thinking about reducing pension benefits must ensure they bargain over proposed changes to the extent required by the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act. Understandably, employees and labor organizations are often hesitant about proposals that could reduce existing benefits.

In the past, a common tool was to negotiate lower benefits for future hires, while preserving benefits for existing employees and avoiding any impact on vested rights. For most agencies, this is no longer possible under PEPRA. PEPRA imposed a single lower pension tier for “new members” (generally, those who first became CalPERS members in or after 2013), but also requires that all “classic members”, including lateral hires, must receive the same benefits as if they had been hired in December 2012. The exception is for safety members, where PEPRA provides three available benefit formulas, meaning the employer may still have room to negotiate lower benefits for future “new” members.

If agencies do not take steps to manage pension liabilities the problem will only compound over time, potentially leading to pay cuts, layoffs, or even bankruptcy. But with all of these restrictions, trying to reduce increasing pension costs may seem impossible. Luckily, with a good understanding of the law and strong leadership, agencies still have options available.

To read the full version of this article, visit [American City & County](https://urgentcomm.com/2020/01/20/how-california-public-agencies-can-reform-pension-benefits/).

Village News - Also serving the communities of De Luz, Rainbow, Camp Pendleton, Pala and Pauma

2 separate crashes - one fatal - reported in Bonsall Saturday night

By [Will Fritz](#)
Associate Editor

BONSALL - Two separate crashes within minutes of each other Saturday night in Bonsall required responses from emergency personnel — with one starting a fire and the other leaving a driver dead.

A report came in of the first crash at 9:01 p.m. along Olive Hill Road east of Via Puerta del Sol, according to information from North County Fire Protection District spokesman John Choi.

Dispatchers were told a car had gone off the roadway and erupted into flames, Choi said.

The driver of that vehicle was uninjured and was able to climb out unassisted. Fire crews were at the scene of the crash working to contain the vehicle fire for little more than half an hour, Choi said.

The fire district also had to work with a county hazmat team to clean up fuel that spilled from the vehicle.

Less than 20 minutes after the first crash, a report came in of a head-on crash on state Route 76 near Mission Road, less than a mile to the east.

Fire crews arrived at the scene to find that three vehicles had been involved in the accident — a white Honda Civic apparently struck one vehicle, then went into opposing traffic on Route 76 and crashed directly into another vehicle, Choi said.

The two vehicles from the head-on collision had major damage, and the driver of the Civic died at the scene. The identity of that driver was not immediately released by medical examiner's officials.

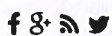
A passenger in the other vehicle was taken to Palomar Medical Center with life-threatening injuries, Choi said. No one from the first vehicle that was struck by the Civic was injured.

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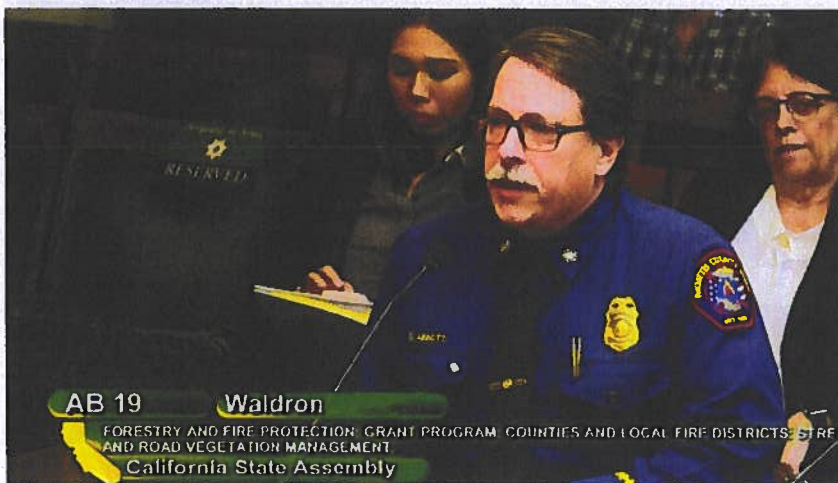
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North County Fire Protection District Chief Stephen Abbott testifies in support of Assembly Bill 19. Courtesy of Assemblymember Marie Waldron's office

By Assemblymember Marie Waldron

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Auto-related wildfires are a major problem in California. In 2016 and 2017, almost 25% of local wildfires were vehicle-related.

The Carr Fire, the state's seventh largest, began when sparks from a flat tire ignited brush along a highway in Northern California. The fire killed eight people, burned over 200,000 acres, destroyed more than 1,500 structures, and cost over \$1.6 billion.

We can prevent many of these fires by eliminating the fuel source. AB 19 will establish a General Fund grant program to help county road maintenance departments and local fire districts in high Fire Hazard Severity Zones purchase vegetation management equipment to mow brush along county-maintained highways.

Brush clearing along roads can also prevent the deaths of motorists attempting to flee during fire emergencies. According to [North County Fire](#)

[Protection District](#) Chief Stephen Abbott, who recently testified in favor of AB 19 before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, San Diego County's 2003 Cedar Fire resulted in 13 deaths, mostly motorists trapped in their cars as they tried to escape the flames along the roadway.

AB 19 is supported by the California Fire Chiefs Association, Rural County Representatives of California, the City of San Marcos, San Diego County Fire Districts Association, North County Fire Protection District, Rincon Fire Department, Valley Center Fire Protection District, and many others.

My bill passed the Natural Resources Committee unanimously on Jan. 13, and will now be forwarded to the Appropriations Committee.

Future wildfires are certain, but many can be prevented and lives can be saved if we remove the combustible fuel source growing along our back country roadways.

Assembly Republican Leader Marie Waldron represents the 75th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Bonsall, Escondido, Fallbrook, Hidden Meadows, Pala, Palomar Mountain, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, San Marcos, Temecula, Valley Center and Vista.

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Judge may order PG&E to hire more tree trimmers to prevent wildfires

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SAN FRANCISCO - A federal judge announced in San Francisco Thursday that he is considering ordering PG&E Co. to hire and train enough workers to trim or remove all trees that could fall on power lines and spark wildfires.

U.S. District Judge William Alsup scheduled a Feb. 19 hearing on whether he should issue such an order.

The announcement came a day after the utility submitted a report to the judge stating that it was making progress but was not fully in compliance with state laws on vegetation management and clearance or with PG&E's own wildfire mitigation plan.

Alsup is overseeing PG&E's probation in a criminal pipeline safety case that stemmed from the fatal explosion of a natural gas pipeline in San Bruno in 2010.

If the judge decides next month to order PG&E to hire more tree clearance workers, the order would be an additional probation condition.

CalPERS hits milestone: Market value tops \$400 billion

By David Caraccio

What is CalPERS? We explain in one minute

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CalPERS' market value reached \$400 billion Thursday, reaching a new landmark and reflecting a doubling of the fund's portfolio from 10 years ago.

Despite the big number, the nation's second-largest pension fund remains about \$165 billion short of what it would need to pay all its current and future obligations to public workers and retirees, leaving the system about 70 percent funded, according to state financial reports.

The fund's market value has grown by \$27 billion in the last six months. That's more than it grew in the entire fiscal year that ended June 30, 2019, when it gained \$18 billion in value.

With its long-term outlook, the system sees little significance in the mid-January figure.

"While we're pleased we've reached \$400 billion, it's a snapshot in time ... as a long-term investor we don't place any significant value in tracking performance from day-to-day or even quarter-to quarter," CalPERS spokesman Joe DeAnda said in an email.

The system aims for a 7 percent return on investment each year, and measures annual returns at the end of each fiscal year. If it doesn't make that goal, the public agencies that pay into the system might have to pay more money to fund retirement promises.

Last year around this time, in the middle of the fiscal year, the fund's returns were well below that goal. But then markets rebounded and the system finished out the fiscal year with a [6.7 percent return rate](#), just short of its target. The fund's 10-year return rate was 9.1 percent.

The system's investments cover a broad range of asset classes. When it comes to stocks, the fund uses index funds and generally is invested in public companies with the most market shares at the highest values, a measure known as market capitalization.

Major indexes around the world grew through 2019. The S&P 500 has grown by [about 27 percent](#) over the last year.

CalPERS also invests in private equity, bonds, real estate and other investment classes.

While the fund's market value is rising, so are its obligations to retirees, who are living longer than in the past.

The system paid \$24.2 billion in benefits to retirees in the last fiscal year, up \$1.6 billion from the year before, according to its annual financial report.

Public workers' contributions to the system have been increasing, too.

Over the last 20 years, contributions from public workers accounted for about 13 percent of the system's benefit payments, while contributions from the state made up about 29 percent. The remaining

payments have come from CalPERS' investment earnings.

In recent years, state workers have been moving closer to a 50/50 split in contributing to their pensions along with their employers. The state's estimated contribution for the present fiscal year is about \$5.9 billion, according to Gov. Gavin Newsom's recent [budget proposal](#).

Contributions by public agencies around the state, such as cities and counties, are on the rise. A recent CalPERS report showed public employers paid \$20 billion toward the system for the year ending June 30, 2018, up from \$12 billion the prior year, while contributions from employees overall decreased slightly.

CalPERS' total market value has doubled since 2010, when it stood at \$200 billion.

The only larger pension system in the U.S. is the Federal Employees' Retirement System, which was [projected to reach \\$931 billion](#) at the end of the last fiscal year.

The average public pension fund is about 70 percent funded, Von Hughes, a consultant from PAAMCO Prisma, told the CalPERS board in December.



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California Public Records Act Case Law Update

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Remedy for Wrongful Denial of CPRA Request – *Booth v. Burdick*

In *Booth v. Burdick*, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California held that an alleged wrongful denial of a CPRA request did not equate to a violation of the plaintiff's constitutional rights. In reaching this conclusion, the court cited *Houchins v. KQED, Inc.*, a case in which the U.S. Supreme Court held that, "[n]either the First Amendment nor the Fourteenth Amendment mandates a right of access to government information or sources of information within the government's control." Thus, according to the court, the plaintiff's sole remedy for denial of a proper CPRA request is compelled disclosure through a writ of mandamus. Monetary damages are unavailable, though a petitioner can still recover costs and attorneys' fees if they are deemed the prevailing party in the writ action, according to Government Code section 6259(d).

ICE Detainer Request Not a Request for Records Under the CPRA – *Steinle v. City and County of San Francisco*

Requests for information are sometimes interpreted or treated as requests for records under the CPRA. However, in *Steinle v. City and County of San Francisco*, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held that U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement's detainer request, which asked the San Francisco Sheriff's Department to inform ICE of the release date of an undocumented immigrant in custody, was not a records request under the CPRA. Additionally, the court concluded that, "even if the detainer request were construed as a public records request for documents reflecting a release date, the Sheriff's Department did not violate the CPRA because the CPRA does not require agencies to create records."

Voter Ballots Exempt from Disclosure – *Citizens Oversight, Inc. v. Vu*

In [*Citizens Oversight, Inc. v. Vu*](#), the Fourth District Court of Appeal held that voter ballots are exempt from disclosure under the CPRA. The court relied on the CPRA's express exemption for "[r]ecords, the disclosure of which is exempted or prohibited pursuant to federal or state law." In doing so, it pointed to sections 15370 and 17301 of the California Elections Code. Section 15370 states that, "[a]fter ballots are counted and sealed, the elections official may not open any ballots or permit any ballots to be opened," and section 17301 states that, after being counted, ballots "shall be kept . . . unopened and unaltered."

No In Camera Review of Attorney-Client Privileged Records – *City of Hemet v. Superior Court of Riverside County*

When a public agency asserts that a record — or portion of it — is exempt from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege, and the requester challenges the agency's assertion, a court may require the agency to submit a privilege log to justify its privilege claim. *City of*

Hemet v. Superior Court of Riverside County considered what a court can do when a public agency's privilege logs are insufficient to justify a privilege claim. In an unpublished decision, the Fourth District Court of Appeal held that an *in camera* review (a private review by the judge) of records claimed to be exempt under the attorney-client privilege is not an option; instead, the court may order supplemental privilege logs or impose sanctions, as appropriate.

Read more in our Legal Alert, [Attorney-Client Privilege Successfully Argued by City in PRA Case](#).

SB 1421 Applies to Records Created Prior to Jan. 1, 2019 – *Walnut Creek Police Officers' Assn. v. City of Walnut Creek*

Since SB 1421, which provides for the disclosure of certain police records under the CPRA, went into effect on Jan. 1, 2019, there has been uncertainty as to whether the newly enacted law requires the disclosure of records created prior to the law's effective date. Several police departments have argued that doing so would make the law impermissibly retroactive; requesters have argued that doing so is required to effectuate the Legislature's intent. Numerous trial courts have considered the issue. In [Walnut Creek Police Officers' Assn. v. City of Walnut Creek](#), the First District Court of Appeal was the first appellate court to consider the issue. The court held that SB 1421 does apply to records created prior to Jan. 1, 2019. In reaching this holding, the court reasoned that the police union's arguments against the disclosure of such records were "without merit" because "the event necessary to 'trigger application' of the new law — a request for records maintained by an agency — necessarily occurs after the law's effective date."

California trial courts are bound by the decision of any appellate court unless the California Supreme Court or a different appellate court has ruled otherwise. Thus, the First District's ruling in this case is controlling on this issue at this time.

Read more in our previous Legal Alerts:

Mere Access to Records Insufficient to Establish Constructive Possession – *Anderson-Barker v. Superior Court*

In [Anderson-Barker v. Superior Court](#), the Second District Court of Appeal decided that mere access to records held by a third party is insufficient to establish "constructive possession" of the records by the public agency. The case involved a CPRA request to the Los Angeles Police Department for vehicle towing and impounding records. While the LAPD agreed to provide records in its possession, it declined to provide records held in third-party electronic databases, even though it had access to them. The requester asked the court to order the LAPD to disclose the records; however, the court rejected the requester's petition, finding that the LAPD did not "possess or control" the records in the electronic databases because it did not input the data, could not add or delete data, and could not modify the data, among other actions. On appeal, the Second District upheld the trial court's finding.

Read more in our previous Legal Alert, [Public Agency Access to Data Does Not Make Data Disclosable Under PRA](#).

If you have any questions about these developments and how they may impact your agency, please contact the authors of this Legal Alert listed at the right in the firm's [ARC: Advanced Records Center](#), or your [BB&K attorney](#).

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CalPERS Outlines Key Economic Risks for Next Decade | Chief Investment Officer

By Steffan Navedo-Perez

Sitting at just 71% funded, the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) outlined in its December 21 Board of Administration meeting agenda the key challenges facing the system in order for it to hit the 100% funded sweet spot.

Declining interest rates, increasing profit margins less likely to repeat, and high valuations across domestic markets topped the list of challenges facing the pension program over the next 10 years. Slowing global economic growth, fewer opportunities to generate excess returns, and underfunded status limit options underscored the pension's concerns.

The unpredictability of the current economic environment was one of the chief uncontrollable factors facing the pension.

Interest rate risk played a key role in the pension's September 2019 update to its fixed income asset allocation guidelines. CalPERS is reeling in interest rate risk using duration management, which will be maintained at +/- 10% of the benchmark.

The pension's fixed income portfolio generated a 9.6% net return in the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

"We saw good returns in several key areas. Our long duration fixed income portfolio contributed positively as interest rates fell," Chief Investment Officer Ben Meng said at the time.

The list of risks may be familiar to those paying close attention to investors' concerns these days. Rich Nuzum, president at Mercer, shared CalPERS's sentiment on interest rate challenges. "For most of our clients—their boards of directors, their actuaries, their stakeholders more broadly—still expect them to deliver a reasonably high expected return," he said.

The pension plan's investments last year generated a 6.7% portfolio return. Its holdings are currently evaluated at \$395 billion.

Nuzum said a high single-digit expected return, around 8%, was easy to get 20 years ago. "But as we look forward for the next 20 years, we believe dollar-denominated investment-grade bonds are likely to only give us 3.3%, and we project global developed market large capitalization stocks will only give us 6.4%, Nuzum told CIO. "So, whatever return number stakeholders have come to believe is normal, based on their historical experience, is going to be much more challenging to achieve going forward."

Risks to investors are wide and varied, and their ideas are even including President Donald Trump's tweets. Christopher Ailman, chief investment officer for the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS), said last year that despite the "Goldilocks economy," he's keeping a sharp eye on the president's Twitter page.

Climate risk is also on CalPERS's plate, and the pension plan is focusing on it by creating a three-pronged approach: engagement, advocacy, and integration. Engagement occurs by being involved in climate-conscious organizations that are seeking to perpetuate a low-carbon strategy, such as Climate Action 100+, Principles for Responsible Investment, and Ceres – Investor Network on Climate Risk.

Climate risk poses a risk to approximately one-fifth of CalPERS' equity portfolio, according to their first climate change risk report. Energy stocks, construction, transportation,

agriculture, food and forestry holdings were exposed to the most significant risks. CalPERS said the equity could be subject to policy, market and technology changes occurring in international jurisdictions.

However despite the risks, Meng said the pension fund will not divest from fossil fuel companies, and said the pension plan should not “[constrain itself to a limited set of investment opportunities.](#)”

CalPERS and investment management firm Wellington Management launched a framework designed to help companies assess and disclose the potential risks of climate change on their business. “It is critical for us to understand how our companies are planning to adapt to the physical risks of climate change,” Beth Richtman, CalPERS’s managing investment director of sustainable investments, said in a statement.

“We advocate for changes that minimize the financial risk to our investments while quickening the pace to a low-carbon economy,” the pension said on their website.

The pension is trying to return to the glory days of pre-recession funded ratios. It had a 128% funded ratio in 1999, then dropped sharply from 101% in 2007 to 61% in 2009. The pension plan projects the funded ratio to hit 92% by 2028 if its investment returns hit 8%, 86% if investment returns reach 7%, and 80% if they hit 6%.

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Four displaced after fire breaks out in garage of Fallbrook home

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FALLBROOK (CNS) – Four residents were displaced Tuesday, Jan. 7, when a fire broke out in the garage and damaged part of their Fallbrook home, authorities said.



Village News/Bruce Stowell photos

The fire on Pomegranate Lane burns in the home's garage, spreading to parts of the house and its attic.

The blaze was reported shortly before 6:30 a.m. at a home in the 2000 block of Pomegranate Lane, off South Stage Coach Lane north of Fallbrook Union High School, according to North County Fire Protection District spokesman John Choi.

Firefighters from the Oceanside and Camp Pendleton fire departments responded to the scene along with Cal Fire San Diego personnel to help douse the blaze, which fully engulfed the garage and extended into portions of the home and the attic, Choi said.

Crews knocked down the flames within 35 minutes, but the fire caused extensive damage to the garage and minimal damage to the home, he said.

No injuries were reported.

The American Red Cross was called to the scene to help the displaced residents – four adults and one pet – arrange for temporary lodging.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

Bill Updating the Brown Act for Social Media Passes First Committee

Yesterday, [Assembly Bill 992 \(Mullin\)](#) passed out of the Assembly Local Government Committee 5-3. The bill, related to local government officials use of social media platforms like Facebook, would allow a majority of a local agency's legislative body members to participate in social media platforms so long as governing members do not partake in discussion amongst themselves regarding business within their jurisdiction. Essentially, it would ensure that if one district board member posted something on Facebook and the other district board members "liked" the post, those actions wouldn't be a violation of the Brown Act. AB 992 is a common-sense approach to modernizing the Brown Act, that will allow for greater communication and interface with the public.

CSDA is supporting this bill along with the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties. The bill will be heard next on the Assembly Floor by the end of the month.

AB 992- AMENDED

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin

54952.2.

(a) As used in this chapter, "meeting" means any congregation of a majority of the members of a legislative body at the same time and location, including teleconference location as permitted by Section 54953, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

(b) (1) A majority of the members of a legislative body shall not, outside a meeting authorized by this chapter, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not be construed as preventing an employee or official of a local agency, from engaging in separate conversations or communications outside of a meeting authorized by this chapter with members of a legislative body in order to answer questions or provide information regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency, if that person does not communicate to members of the legislative body the comments or position of any other member or members of the legislative body.

(c) Nothing in this section shall impose the requirements of this chapter upon any of the following:

(1) Individual contacts or conversations between a member of a legislative body and any other person that do not violate subdivision (b).

(2) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at a conference or similar gathering open to the public that involves a discussion of issues of general interest to the public or to public agencies of the type represented by the legislative body, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to allow members of the public free admission to a conference or similar gathering at which the organizers have required other participants or registrants to pay fees or charges as a condition of attendance.

(3) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and publicized meeting organized to address a topic of local community concern by a person or organization other than the local agency, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

(4) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and noticed meeting of another body of the local agency, or at an open and noticed meeting of a legislative body of another local agency, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled meeting, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

(5) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at a purely social or ceremonial occasion, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

(6) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of that body, provided that the members of the legislative body who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers.

~~(7)(A) The posting, commenting, liking, interaction with, or participation in, internet-based social media platforms that are ephemeral, live, or static, by a majority of the members of a legislative body, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.~~

~~(B) For purposes of this paragraph, all of the following definitions shall apply:~~

~~(i) "Ephemeral" means sharing a video, photo, or other content that is temporary in nature, including, but not limited to, Snapchat Stories, Facebook Stories, or Instagram Stories.~~

~~(ii) "Live" means a video or commenting post that is synchronous and happens live, including, but not limited to, Reddit Ask Me Anything (AMA) or Facebook Live.~~

~~(iii) "Static" means a post in the form of a video, photo, or text that is viewable by members of the public, including, but not limited to, a Twitter status update, YouTube video, Facebook post, or Instagram post.~~

(d) (1) The prohibition contained in subdivision (b) shall not apply to the participation in an internet-based social media platform by a majority of the members of a legislative body, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

(2) For purposes of this subdivision, all of the following definitions shall apply:

(A) "Discuss among themselves" means communications made, posted, or shared on an internet-based social media platform between members of a legislative body. "Discuss among themselves" does not include either of the following:

(i) Individual communications made, posted, or shared by one or more members of a legislative body on an internet-based social media platform, provided that the communications do not respond directly to communications made, posted, or shared by any other member of the legislative body.

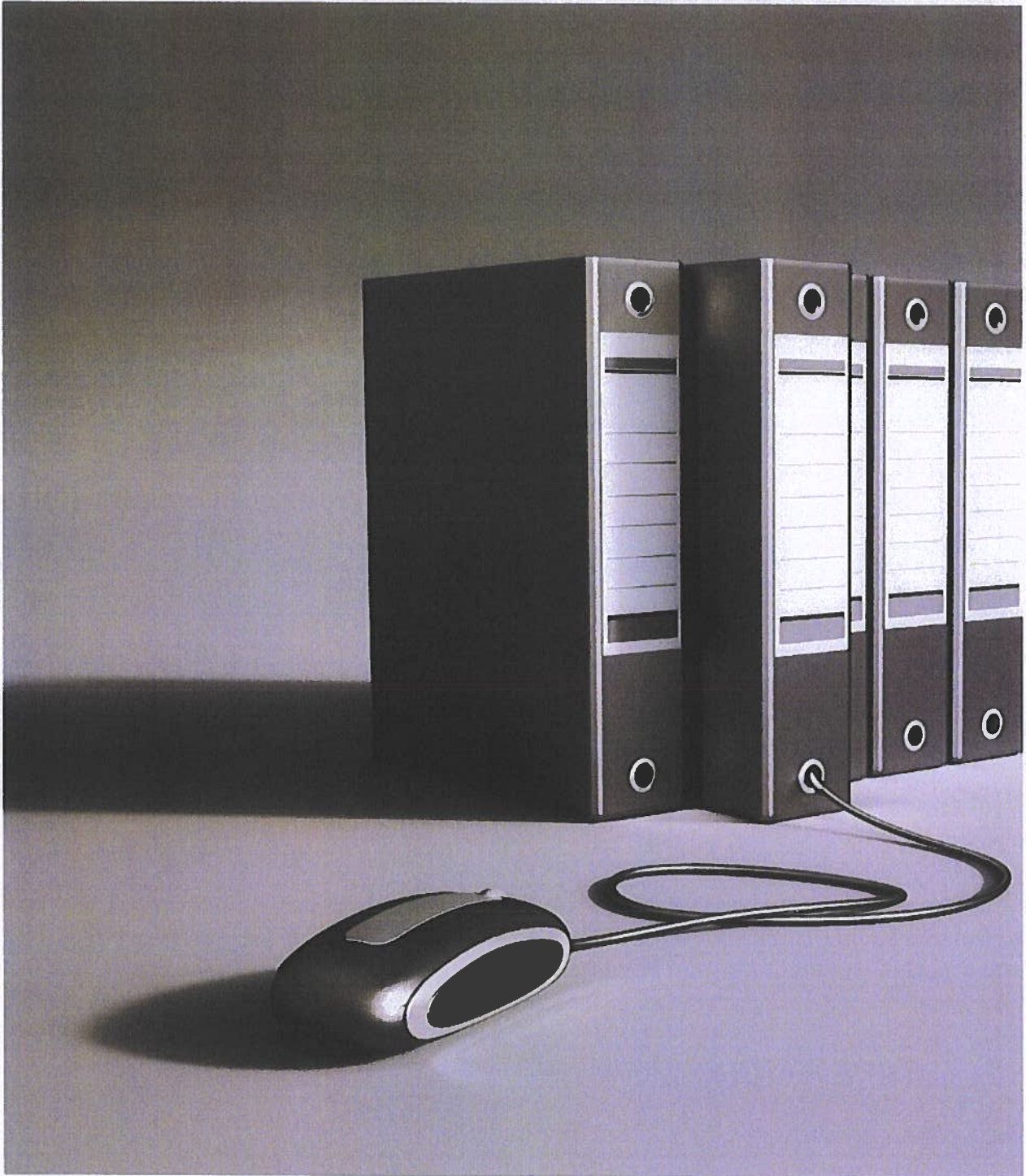
(ii) Communications made through the use of digital icons that express reactions to information, ideas, or opinions by others.

(B) "Generally open and available to the public" means that members of the general public have the ability to participate in the internet-based social media platform and are not blocked from doing so by a member of the legislative body.

(C) "Internet-based social media platform" means an online service that is generally open and available to the public.

(D) "Participation" means the act of publicizing information, ideas, or opinions electronically according to the protocols or rules of an internet-based social media platform.

California Public Records Act New Legislation



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CPRA New Laws

[SB 126 Charter schools](#)

SB 126 adds a new section to the California Education Code that explicitly states that charter schools and entities managing charter schools are subject to the CPRA. It further says that the chartering authority of a charter school is the custodian of records with regard to requests submitted to the charter school if either the charter school is located on a federally recognized California Indian reservation or the charter school is operated by a nonprofit formed on or before May 31, 2002 and is currently operated by a federally recognized California Indian tribe. However, it also says that, to the extent a governing body of a charter school or an entity managing a charter school engages in activities that are unrelated to a charter school, the CPRA does not apply to those activities.

[AB 1819 Committee on Judiciary. Inspection of public records: use of requester's reproduction equipment](#)

AB 1819 amends Government Code section 6253 to say that a requester, who inspects a public record on the premises of the public agency disclosing the record, has the right to use his or her own equipment, at no cost, to photograph or otherwise copy the record. This must be done in a way that does not require the equipment to make physical contact with the record, unless such reproduction would damage the record or result in unauthorized access to the agency's computer systems or secured networks. It further amends section 6253 to say that the public agency disclosing the record may impose "reasonable limits" on the use of the requester's equipment to protect the safety of the records, prevent the copying of records from being an unreasonable burden to the orderly function of the agency and its employees or preserve historic or high-value records.

Law Enforcement

[AB 748 Peace officers: video and audio recordings: disclosure](#)

AB 748 amended the CPRA to limit the circumstances when police department audio and/or video recordings related to a critical incident may be withheld. This change affects body-worn camera footage disclosure depicting a firearm discharge at a person by a peace officer or use of force against a person resulting in death or great bodily injury. AB 748 went into effect on July 1, 2019.

Read more in the BB&K Legal Alerts:

- [AB 748: More Public Access to Body Camera Footage Under PRA](#)
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[SB 978 Law enforcement agencies: public records](#)

SB 978 added a new section 13650 to the California Penal Code to provide that "[c]ommencing January 1, 2020, the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and each local law enforcement agency shall conspicuously post on their Internet Web sites all current standards, policies, practices, operating procedures, and education and training materials that would otherwise be available to the public if a request was made pursuant to the [CPRA]."

Failed Legislation

If passed, [SB 518](#) and [AB 1184](#) would have significantly impacted the CPRA; however, Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed both bills.

SB 518 would have amended Code of Civil Procedure section 998 and prohibited pretrial settlement offers, or "998 offers," in CPRA litigation. The bill was rejected on the basis that it would "provide a perverse incentive for more litigation instead of more transparency." Permitting 998 offers in CPRA litigation arguably encourages local agencies to disclose inadvertently overlooked or mistakenly withheld documents early in litigation in an effort

to quickly settle the dispute.

AB 1184 would have required state and local public agencies to retain every public record transmitted by email for at least 2 years. Newsom said he vetoed this bill because it would not “strike the appropriate balance between the benefits of greater transparency through the public’s access to public records, and the burdens of a dramatic increase in records-retention requirements.”

SB 518 and AB 1184 were both enrolled prior to being vetoed — meaning they were passed by both houses of the Legislature. California Supreme Court precedent suggests that courts should take judicial notice of enrolled bill reports. Nevertheless, lower courts have found that enrolled bill reports cannot adequately reflect the Legislature’s intent when they are prepared by the Executive Branch, though they may be used to corroborate legislative intent.

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How Does Governor Newsom's Budget Proposal Affect Special Districts?



On Friday, January 10, California Governor Gavin Newsom unveiled his administration's proposed 2020-2021 State Budget. As previously stated in [our blog post here](#), the Governor's budget impacts climate resilience, local infrastructure, emergency response, pensions, and more.

Economic Forecast

In tempering expectations for future budget years, the Governor noted that the current economic expansion that began in 2009 is the longest the United States has experienced; a "contraction of growth" is anticipated to occur in the near future. Selected highlights on this topic from the governor's budget summary, also released on Friday, include the following:

- Unemployment rates for the U.S. and California are now at historic low rates of 3.5% and 3.9%, respectively, as of November 2019. Growth is assumed to continue at a slowing pace through 2023-24. Risks that might affect national and state growth include trade disputes, stock market volatility, and a global economic slowdown, among others.
- Real per capita personal income in California has increased from around \$55,000 in 2007 to over \$63,500 in 2018.
- At the same time, real median household income, or the midpoint of household income, has barely changed in over 10 years – \$75,200 in 2007 and \$75,500 in 2018.
- As the economy continues to grow at a modest but steady rate in a tight labor market, there will be an upward pressure on wages as employers look to attract and retain high quality, productive workers.
- California personal income is projected to grow at around 4% per year through the forecast period.
- Housing permits are assumed to increase gradually from current levels of around 115,000 to around 165,000 by 2023. In November 2019, the median sales price for an existing single-family home in California reached almost \$590,000 – more than double the national median price of around \$274,000. The continued slow growth in housing constrains job growth and is expected to remain the main driver of inflation in California.

Recession Scenario

The budget presentation and supporting materials contained a model depicting a recession scenario; the scenario "models the impacts of a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 recession. The slowdown is assumed to be larger than the early 2000s recession but smaller than the 2009 recession. The unemployment rate would peak at 9.1% in the second quarter of 2021, compared to 6.9% and 12.3% for the 2001 and 2009 recessions, respectively."

California personal income would decrease 3.4% from the second quarter of 2020 to the second quarter of 2021, versus a 0.9% and a 4.6% peak-to-trough decline for the 2001 and 2009 recessions, respectively.

Beyond these more immediate risks, California faces some longer-term risks due to the State's divergence with federal policy due to structural tensions. In particular, the state faces risk due to its housing shortage and aging population.

Property Tax

The governor's budget summary also noted that the demand for homes continues to outpace supply in many areas of the state, however, moderating growth in the economy as well as moderating and growth in home prices due to affordability issues are expected to lead a moderation in growth of property taxes in the future. Statewide property tax revenues are estimated to increase 6.4% in 2019-20 and 5.7% in 2020-21. Approximately 42% (\$33 billion) of 2020-21 property tax revenues will go to K-14 schools. This includes \$2.4 billion that schools are expected to receive in 2020-2021 pursuant to the dissolution of redevelopment agencies.

When asked about various ballot measures the Governor intimated that regarding the proposal to treat commercial property differently than residential for the purposes of assessing property taxes, or "Spilt Roll," that he would be sharing his opinion in the coming weeks.

The Governor's budget presentation touched on a myriad of issues, but chief among them of import to special districts included the Governor's remarks on climate resilience, emergency preparedness and response, environmental protection, infrastructure, housing, and homelessness.

Climate Resilience

Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-19-19 directed the California Department of Finance, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the California Department of Human Resources, to develop a Climate Investment Framework for the California Public Employees' Retirement System, California State Teachers' Retirement System, and the University of California Retirement Plan.

The Governor's budget proposal reflects the following priorities to address both short- and long-term climate risks:

- Transportation – decarbonization in the state's largest sector of emissions by providing clean vehicles, clean fuels, low-carbon transportation options, and transit-oriented development, with enhanced prioritization on short-term environmental and public health benefits in disadvantaged and vulnerable communities.
- Natural and Working Lands – strategies that increase sequestration and reduce emissions from the state's forests, agricultural lands, and conservation lands, and that support resilience across water systems.
- Climate Resilience – assistance to regions and communities to become more resilient in the face of current and future climate impacts.

To tackle these goals, the administration proposes creating an integrated and comprehensive "Climate Budget" that prioritizes using government dollars to leverage private sector capital in all three priority issue areas. The Climate Budget will invest \$12.5 billion over the next five years.

Climate Resilience Bond

The Climate Budget includes a \$4.75 billion climate resilience bond proposal for the November 2020 ballot to support investments over the next five years to reduce specific climate risks across California through long-term investment and natural and built infrastructure, especially in the state's most climate-vulnerable communities.

Approximately 80% of the funds are allocated to address immediate, near-term risks (floods, drought, and wildfires), while the remaining funds lay the groundwork for addressing long-term climate risk (sea level rise and extreme heat). Of that \$4.75 billion, approximately \$2.925 billion will be allocated to projects focused on reducing risks to

communities from climate impacts on water systems, including floods, droughts, and degraded drinking water quality. These funds will be allocated to:

- Approximately 60 percent of the Climate Resilience Bond is proposed to fund the implementation of the [draft Water Resilience Portfolio](#). State agencies are currently circulating the draft for stakeholder review. Written feedback is invited through February 7, 2020 via email to input@waterresilience.ca.gov. Please copy alyssas@csga.net to coordinate efforts with CSGA. A final version of the Water Resilience Portfolio considering this additional feedback will be released soon after the deadline.
- Regional and Inter-regional Water Resilience – \$1 billion to support various water management programs and projects will focus on regional and inter-regional water projects, including but not limited to: Integrated Regional Water Management projects; multi-benefit stormwater management; wastewater treatment; water reuse and recycling; water use efficiency and water conservation; water storage; water conveyance; watershed protection, restoration, and management; and water quality. This funding specifically supports the regional resilience approach identified in the [draft Water Resilience Portfolio](#).
- Sustainable Groundwater Management – \$395 million to support local groundwater sustainability agencies implementing projects and programs related to the groundwater sustainability plans for critically over-drafted basins.
- Safe Drinking Water – \$360 million to provide grants and loans to disadvantage communities to improve access to safe drinking water, including funding capital infrastructure costs for improved water supplies, treatment, and distribution to make vulnerable communities more resilient to the effects of climate change.
- Flood Control – Urban/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Projects – \$340 million for Urban Flood Risk Reduction projects that provide the projected state cost share needs for various priority projects through 2024-25.
- Flood Control – Systemwide Multi-benefit – \$270 million to support the multi-benefit flood risk reduction and ecosystem restoration efforts.
- Salton Sea – \$220 million to support the Salton Sea habitat and air quality mitigation projects necessary for the 2018 Salton Sea Management Plan.
- Environmental Farming Incentive Program – \$140 million to remove barriers to passage of native fish species and provide enhanced water flows, and reconnect aquatic habitat to help fish and wildlife endure drought and adapt to climate change.

Additionally, in recognition of the unprecedented wildfires the state has experienced in recent years, the proposed \$4.75 billion climate resilience bond allocates \$750 million to hardening critical public infrastructure and the high fire-risk communities and makes additional investments in forest health. These funds will be allocated to:

- Hardening of Critical Community Infrastructure – \$500 million to facilitate hardening of critical infrastructure, with a focus on low-income areas at significant risk of the wildfires. Types of projects include hardening of drinking water infrastructure, emergency shelters (such as fairgrounds), and public medical facilities.
- Forest Health – \$250 million to support various long-term forest health projects, including reforestation; conservation easements; activities that promote long-term carbon storage; and upper watershed, riparian, mountain meadow, and inland wetland restoration.

The proposed \$4.75 billion climate resilience bond invests \$500 million in reducing risks from sea level rise and changing ocean conditions. These funds will be allocated to:

- Coastal Wetland Restoration – \$320 million to support the restoration of coastal wetlands, which provide protection against sea level rise and flooding, enhance carbon sequestration, and provide benefits for biodiversity.
- Nature-Based Solutions to Build Resilience – \$130 million to support projects that build resilience of ocean ecosystems, such as kelp forests, seagrass habitat, eelgrass beds, and marine protected areas.
- Demonstration Projects to Protect Critical Infrastructure – \$50 million to support

demonstration projects to protect infrastructure that is vulnerable to sea level rise and flooding such as roads, railways, sewage treatment plants, and power plants.

The climate resilience bond invests \$325 million in proven cooling techniques such as urban greening and urban forestry, as well as in advanced materials for buildings and transportation systems that are designed to reflect rather than trap heat. These funds will be allocated to:

- Urban Greening and Forestry – \$200 million to mitigate urban heat island impacts in the regions most affected by extreme heat. Funds would support the urban forestry projects and an expanded urban greening program that supports the creation of green recreational parks in underserved areas.
- Cool Surface Materials – \$125 million for a new program to incentivize the use of “cool materials” in projects (e.g. paving and roofing) within vulnerable communities.

Finally the bond provides \$250 million to invest directly in communities to bolster community resilience centers, and support local preparedness, planning, and education around resilience. These funds will be allocated to:

- Community Resilience Planning – \$25 million for planning activities to address community-specific climate risks and develop climate resilience plans.
- Community Resilience Centers – \$225 million for the construction of new and retrofitting of existing facilities, including at fairgrounds, to support adaptation needs to address locally relevant climate risks. These centers will serve both as community evacuation and emergency response centers.

As highlighted within the [January 8 CSGA eNews article on Climate Resiliency, Wildfire, and Water Bonds](#), the State Legislature introduced three similar proposals in 2019—[SB 45 \(Allen\)](#), [AB 352 \(E. Garcia\)](#) and [AB 1298 \(Mullin\)](#). These bond measures remain active as two-year bills and may become vehicles for the Governor’s proposal or otherwise integrate with negotiations throughout this year’s budget process.

CSGA is soliciting member input on the Governor’s and Legislature’s Climate Resilience Bond proposals. Please email CSGA Legislative Representative Alyssa Silhi at alyssas@csga.net with your feedback and indicate in your response if you would like to continue to receive updates as this legislation moves forward.

Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan

Another primary pillar of the Climate Budget is a proposed \$965 million Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan. The plan continues a strong focus on community air protection and community engagement generally by providing \$235 million to support the [AB 617 \(C. Garcia, 2017\)](#) program, which reduces exposure in communities most impacted by air pollution through community air monitoring and community emissions reduction programs. Complementing this funding is a focus on reducing emissions in the transportation sector and prioritizing disadvantaged communities and clean mobility options for lower-income households, which make up \$400 million in Cap and Trade spending.

The Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan includes foundational support for the research, capacity building, technical assistance, and workforce training that underpins the entirety of the Climate Budget. These programs include the Fifth California Climate Change Assessment, which “provides the foundation for state, regional, and local agencies and departments to work together to understand and address projected physical climate impacts across the state. This research, coupled with strategies to directly engage local and tribal leaders as partners on the Assessment and to build capacity at the local level to respond to climate threats, is included as a foundational element of a \$25 million ongoing investment.”

Climate Catalyst Fund

The budget includes a \$1 billion General Fund investment (\$250 million 2020-21, with additional funding in later years) for a Climate Catalyst Fund, to be administered by the State's Infrastructure Economic Development Bank in consultation with the Strategic Growth Council and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. This revolving loan fund will provide low-interest loans for a portfolio of climate-related projects prioritized in areas that help meet the State's climate and equity goals, and where technologies in infrastructure exist that could be deployed at much greater speed and scale but face barriers in the private market. Projects financed by the Climate Catalyst Fund would be focused on the following areas, but are not the only types of projects that may be considered:

- Transportation emission reduction – Zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) and charging infrastructure including light and heavy-duty ZEV vehicles (with a focus on those owned by individual operators and small businesses), transit and rail ZEV fleet and equipment, advanced technology freight, electric school buses, and electric/hydrogen charging infrastructure.
- Climate smart agriculture and forestry – Dairy digesters, agricultural and off-road engine replacement (with a focus on vehicles owned by individual operators/small businesses), efficient on-farm irrigation, sustainable food processing, small business/landowner loans for forest management, and community hardening.
- Circular Economy – Municipal waste and recycling, compost, wood waste collection and utilization, and carbon/methane capture and utilization. This includes a special emphasis on small business owners and emerging technologies.

Cutting Green Tape

The Governor proposed California bring together regulatory agency staff, local governments, environmental conservations groups, and a range of other stakeholders and experts from across the state to improve permitting and funding efficiencies for ecological restoration and stewardship projects. The budget includes \$4 million in ongoing General Fund and 16 positions for the Department of Fish and Wildlife to increase the scale and pace of restoration work and incorporate efficiencies into grant programs. The Department will form a restoration permitting team to provide early project consultation, hold permitting workshops, and incorporate the use of existing programmatic permitting options.

If your district has any experience with challenges related to the permitting of environmental projects or would otherwise have input related to this proposal, please contact CSDA Legislative Representative Alyssa Silhi at alyssa@cstda.net.

Other Climate-Related Funding

The Climate Budget also includes the following:

- \$103 million in one-time General Fund dollars for efforts to support the draft Water Resilience Portfolio, including groundwater management, the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program, as well as investments in the New River and the Tijuana River.
- \$66 million one-time General Fund dollars for Urban Flood Risk Reduction projects and for investments to help modernize operations for fish, wildlife, and habitat protection.
- \$35 million in ongoing General Fund dollars to support various resources investments that align with the draft Water Resilience Portfolio, including Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation and enhancements to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- \$257 million existing bond funds (\$1.4 billion over the next five years, primarily from Proposition 68) to continue to support strategic natural resources programs.
- \$51 million in one-time Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Fund dollars to the California Energy Commission to accelerate deployment of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

The budget summary highlights actions taken as part of the 2019-2020 State Budget, which included \$984 million (\$203 million ongoing) in additional funding to enhance the state's emergency response capabilities. [AB 111 \(Assembly Budget Committee, 2019\)](#) added \$50.1 million in 2019-20 for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to review and enforce utility wildfire mitigation plans and implement [AB 1054 \(Holden, 2019\)](#). The 2019-20 investments also included funding to facilitate immediate response by state and local governments during utility-led power shutoff events to help protect vulnerable populations and improve the resiliency of the state's critical infrastructure. A portion of this funding was dedicated to the awarding of grants to cities, counties, and tribal governments to improve local preparedness for power shutoff events.

[SB 209 \(Dodd, 2019\)](#) requires the Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to establish a Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center to: (1) provide intelligence and data regarding wildfire threats to government agencies; (2) develop intelligence products for public and private entities involved in wildfire risk mitigation efforts; and (3) serve as a central organizing hub for wildfire forecasting, weather information, threat intelligence gathering, and analysis.

[AB 38 \(Wood, 2019\)](#) authorizes the Wildfire Mitigation Assistance Program through July 1, 2025 to: (1) encourage hardening of homes, businesses, and public buildings; and (2) facilitate vegetation management and defensible space activities.

California Disaster Assistance Act

The Governor's 2020-2021 budget proposes \$16.7 million in one-time General Fund dollars to increase the amount of funding available through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), which is used to repair, restore, or replace public real property damaged or destroyed by a disaster, and to reimburse local government costs associated with certain activities undertaken in response to a state of emergency. This augmentation increases total CDAA funding included in the budget to \$79.3 million.

Public Safety Power Shutoffs

The budget also includes \$50 million in one-time General Fund dollars to support additional preparedness measures that bolster community resiliency. Building on the state's 2019-20 power-resiliency investments, these measures will support critical services still vulnerable to power outage events, including schools, county election offices, and food storage reserves. This proposal will support a matching grant program to help local governments prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the impacts of power outages.

CSDA has met with the Department of Finance, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, and numerous State Legislative Offices over the Interim Legislative Recess to advocate for special districts' inclusion in funding to contend with and mitigate public safety power shutoffs (PSPS) and will continue these efforts. If your district has incurred any costs preparing for, responding to, or recovering from a PSPS event, please email CSDA Legislative Representative Alyssa Silhi at alysas@csda.net.

Information Technology Security

The Budget includes \$11.3 million one time and \$38.8 million ongoing and 85 positions to strengthen the state's information technology securing operations. This includes the creation of the California Cybersecurity Integration Center to coordinate information sharing with local, state, and federal agencies. CSDA is currently working with the California Department of Technology and other stakeholders to ensure special districts are considered in these efforts. Please contact CSDA Senior Legislative Representative Dillon Gibbons at dillong@csda.net if your district would like to provide input.

Environmental Protection

The budget proposes statutory changes and funding to establish and staff a five-member board that will set fees through regulation, hear permit appeals, and provide strategic guidance to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). The budget proposes \$3 million General Fund dollars in 2020-21 for this board. The budget would also make changes in order to create an ongoing revenue stream for funding for this board, achieved through a mix of three core elements:

- Fee Authority – the budget proposes statutory changes to authorize the board to go through a public fee-setting process, with spending levels subject to the budget process. This will create fiscal stability into the future as circumstances change.
- Hazardous Waste Fee Restructure – Hazardous waste management fees should distribute the cost of managing hazardous waste and support the polluter pays principle. The proposed language will streamline the existing fee structure, and will provide the board of the ability to set fees through a public process.
- Toxic Substances Control Account – the budget proposes statutory changes that would authorize the board to adjust the environmental fee through a public process. The budget also proposes a one-time \$12 million General Fund backfill to this fund given its structural deficit.

The budget proposes a one-time infusion of \$350,000 General Fund dollars to fund a work group responsible for identifying, evaluating, and developing safer, more practical, and more sustainable alternative pest management tools for California growers, in an effort to accelerate the transition of the California agricultural industry to safer, more sustainable pest management solutions. This cross-sector work group was established last year by the Department of Pesticide Regulation and the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Infrastructure

The administration’s 2020 Five-Year Infrastructure Plan seeks to invest \$53 billion in state infrastructure over the next five years. The plan includes four main pillars: climate resilience, education, broadband, and other critical state infrastructure.

<p>First Pillar: Climate Resilience</p>	<p>The first pillar is covered in detail earlier in this article, under the heading of Climate Resilience; it includes the Climate Budget and the proposed climate resilience bond.</p> <p>The first pillar also includes a one-time \$1.75 billion General Fund expenditure from the 2019-20 Budget Act to promote the production of housing, which includes \$500 million in grants for infrastructure that support higher-density affordable and mixed-income housing in locations designated as infill.</p> <p>The first pillar of the 2020 Five-Year Infrastructure Plan also calls for the investment of \$5 billion in public transit and rail infrastructure, and \$1.1 billion for active transportation projects to increase access to multi-modal transportation options. The State has committed \$1.1 billion to locally sponsored projects in northern and southern California that will improve local rail surface benefit High Speed Rail when the system is connected to specified areas. Over the next five years, \$3.3 billion will be available for the State Transportation Improvement Program, which provides funding for future multi-modal transportation improvements throughout California. An additional \$1 billion for partnerships with local transportation agencies is also included in the 2020 Five-Year Infrastructure Plan.</p> <p>To support access to clean and safe drinking water for all Californians, the administration and Legislature partnered to establish an ongoing, stable funding source to help enable delivery of safe and affordable drinking water. The Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (SB 200)</p>
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	<p>[Monning, 2019]) provides up to \$130 million annually until 2030 to address the drinking water crisis. During this first year of implementation, most of the funding be used to address immediate drinking water and public health needs, while planning gets under way for long-term solutions in hundreds of communities around the state.</p> <p>The administration is advancing a single-tunnel conveyance project under the Delta to protect this statewide source from levee collapse caused by a flood or earthquake and saltwater intrusion as sea levels rise. This project will be funded by water agencies that will benefit from improved supply reliability. The project is undergoing environmental review and includes significant public engagement to design a project to limit Delta impacts and provide local benefits.</p> <p>The administration is focused on supporting local communities' transition to sustainable groundwater use by aligning state investments and policies who enable implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. In addition to the \$395 million proposed in the climate resilience bond for projects to implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans, the budget proposes \$60 million General Fund dollars to support local implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.</p>
Second Pillar: Education	<p>Recognizing that the number of applications received by the State Allocation Board exceed available voter approved new construction and modernization bond funding, AB 48 (O'Donnell, 2019) places a \$15 billion General Obligation bond – the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 – on the March 3, 2020 ballot for consideration by the voters. If approved, the bond would provide \$9 billion to support K-12 facilities construction, including \$5.2 billion to support modernization projects, with \$150 million to support lead in drinking water testing and remediation.</p>
Third Pillar: Broadband	<p>The administration will review existing fund source is available for broadband adoption activities, including the California Advanced Services Fund.</p>
Fourth Pillar: Other Critical State Infrastructure	<p>The budget also includes investments in capital assets that support core state functions, including state office buildings, fire protection facilities, state parks, correctional facilities, and courts, among others.</p>

Broadband

The budget proposal contemplates mapping the entire state to analyze broadband infrastructure, services and access. The State will seek to coordinate various funding opportunities and invest in civic broadband opportunities. The California Department of Technology will convene stakeholders for this purpose. If your district provides broadband services, intends to provide broadband services, or has ever contemplated the provision of broadband, please contact CSDA Legislative Representative Anthony Tannehill at anthonyt@csda.net to share your input.

Housing

In the view of the administration, “[u]ltimately, local governments are responsible for land use decisions – including planning, zoning, and permitting for housing.” To address this problem and encourage local jurisdictions to build more, the State has provided a variety of tools to local governments so they can fulfill their housing responsibilities.

Beginning in 2014, the State began investing 20 percent of Cap and Trade auction proceeds

(around \$468 million in 2020-21) in the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program to fund land-use, housing, transportation, and land preservation projects to support infill and compact development that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The 2019 budget also invested \$1.75 billion in resources, which included \$500 million for infrastructure grants.

Development Impact Fees

The administration mentions in its budget summary that “[d]evelopment fees are assessed by local governments to fund vital services, including schools, utilities and transportation. While they are a normal part of doing business, these fees are especially high in California and have contributed to the state's higher housing costs.” The administration proposes a bond measure that would fund an exemption for specific multifamily developments that are located a specified distance from major transit stops from all school development fees, and would fund a reduction of school development fees that are applicable to all other multifamily housing projects by 20 percent.

Changes were made within the 2019-2020 State Budget to streamline the process for local governments to issue debt to finance infrastructure and facilitate housing development. This is to encourage the formation of more enhanced infrastructure financing districts (EIFDs), which will assist local governments by bringing in vital capital to develop necessary infrastructure and housing. The Administration made several comments throughout the budget introduction and summaries that it “*..is committed to working with the Legislature this year on additional actions to expedite housing production, including.... adding predictability and reducing the costs of development fees...*”

Homelessness

Special districts, especially parks and water districts, have found themselves looking for solutions in the wake of the homelessness crisis. Indigent individuals establishing encampments on public agency property pose potential risks to critical infrastructure as well as to the communities that public agencies serve. The governor's budget proposes a radical shift in the State's involvement to augment city and county efforts to shelter the many unsheltered persons living in California, by launching a new state fund for developing additional affordable housing units, supplementing and augmenting rental and operating subsidies, and stabilizing board and care homes. The governor's administration hopes to be ready to deploy investments by this summer.

The 2019 Budget Act Invested \$1 billion to address homelessness. This included \$650 million in emergency aid to local governments and hundreds of millions of dollars for expanded health and social services targeted to homeless individuals and individuals at risk of becoming homeless.

In early January 2020, the governor issued an executive order to take urgent actions to provide additional state aid to support local governments in addressing this crisis. The State will deploy state assets to specific counties, in partnership with philanthropy, to augment local shelter capacity. The administration will also send out multi-agency strike teams to assist cities and counties in moving individuals from encampments into shelters and connecting them to services.

The State is also leveraging its property to provide new assets to help the state's homelessness crisis. It has recently partnered with Los Angeles, San Jose, and San Francisco, to use the highway underpasses and other California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) properties adjacent to the highways and state roads for temporary homeless housing, and the governor has directed Caltrans to share a model template with all other jurisdictions in the state to expedite additional partnerships.

The governor had previously directed the Department of General Services (DGS) to identify state-owned land that could be used for affordable housing development. The governor has also directed DGS to immediately identify state-owned land that can be used for temporary

shelters for permanent supportive housing.

The budget includes \$750 million in one-time General Fund dollars to establish the California Access to Housing and Services Fund that will be administered by the Department of Social Services. The primary goals of the proposed fund are to reduce homelessness by moving individuals and families into stable housing, and to increase the number of units available as a stable housing option for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Funds will flow through performance-based contracts between the state and regional administrators and will be subject to a 10% administrative cap.

The budget proposes to implement a six-year Community Care Collaborative Pilot program in three counties to provide incentives to treat and serve individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial in the community. This program will primarily target in the development of community-based treatment options for individuals who are experiencing mental illness and are homeless. This program will increase local investments in strategies to reduce the rate of arrests, rearrests, and cycling in and out of institutions for individuals who have been deemed incompetent to stand trial.

On Monday, January 13, a task force of regional leaders and statewide experts that [Governor Newsome convened last summer](#) to advise him on homelessness, called for the State Legislature amend the Constitution to establish a “legally enforceable mandate” on cities and counties to provide housing. [CalMatters reported](#) today on the task force findings.

Human Resources:

Independent Contractors (AB 5)

Governor Newsom is proposing \$17.5 million in funding to the Department of Industrial Relations to provide the necessary resources to enforce and investigate workplace violations of the new law, AB 5, related to independent contractors classifications. ([See pages 56-57](#) of the Budget Summary for further details)

CalPERS

Similar to the 2019-20 budget, the governor is proposing making an additional payment towards the State’s share of the \$250.6 unfunded pension Liabilities in the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS). The governor has proposed making an additional \$1.1 billion in payments above their normal costs in an effort to save money in future years for the State. What does this mean for special district? The additional investments will do nothing to reduce unfunded liabilities for anyone other than the State. However, the additional dollars will reduce drawdown on the fund to liabilities. The reduced drawdown allows for greater investment, which in turn has the potential to increase returns. Increased returns reduce annual payment increases.

Workforce Development and Career Pathways

The Governor proposed establishing a new Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages, which will be comprised of the California Workforce Development Board, the Employment Training Panel, Workforce Services Branch and Labor Market Information Division, and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

With regard to apprenticeships, the budget includes \$83.2 million in investments, including:

- \$15 million to augment the California Apprenticeship Initiative, which supports the creation of apprenticeship opportunities in priority and emerging industry sectors.
- \$20 million to expand work-based learning models and programs at community colleges, including working with faculty and employers to incorporate work-based learning into curriculum.

- \$48.2 million to support projected growth in reimbursable apprenticeship instructional hours.

CSDA was recently appointed to serve on the Civil Service Subcommittee of the Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship within California's Department of Industrial Relations and will actively engage in the ongoing effort to provide career pathways in public service. If your district has experience in this area or interest in engaging further, please contact CSDA Advocacy and Public Affairs Director Kyle Packham at kylep@csda.net.

Stay Tuned

CSDA will continue to monitor these developments and more as the state budget process begins in earnest at the Capitol. Be sure to subscribe to the [Advocacy News Blog](#) to receive breaking updates from the Capitol from CSDA's Advocacy and Public Affairs team, and to keep an eye on the Association's [Twitter page](#).

Governor Newsom's complete 2020-2021 budget proposal can be accessed at www.dof.ca.gov.

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New County Emergency Services Director to Focus on Partnerships, Technology

The San Diego County Office of Emergency Services has a new director at the helm who arrives with experience both in the field and in our region.

Jeff Toney served with the state overseeing its response to the deadly Woolsey Fire in Los Angeles and Ventura counties and the Montecito mudslides in Santa Barbara County, both in 2018. He even helped with the recovery phase of San Diego County's Lilac Fire in 2017.

Toney fills the role left open by Holly Porter, who was hired as the deputy chief administrative officer for the County's Public Safety Group, replacing Ron Lane after his retirement.

Toney, who most recently worked as the Southern Regional Administrator for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, helped lead the state's disaster response for 11 counties that included San Diego. He said the overall mission of the agency to help with planning, response and recovery during disasters is what attracted him to this field, and he noted Cal OES has done "a lot of good work over the years."

Cal OES Director Mark Ghilarducci said Toney was a dedicated leader who "greatly contributed to our success and efficiency during the many recent disasters." Ghilarducci said he looked forward to continuing to work with Toney in his new position at San Diego County to further "enhance public safety in California."

In his role with Cal OES, Toney was at the table when it discussed cutting-edge technology in the field, and he has plans to expand these services to San Diego and upping its capability in a disaster.

"I've worked with the County (of San Diego) and County OES for many years, and I've always been extremely impressed with the office. They've already thought three steps ahead of some of the other jurisdictions that I've seen so I knew it was a strong office," Toney said. "The county level works for me. I'd like to get more local because I think that's where you can make the most impact."

With the state, Toney has worked alongside and observed other counties during disasters and has made mental notes of lessons learned and best practices, all of which he'll apply to San Diego County.

He plans to help create a model for integrating the private sector and non-governmental organizations more in the response and recovery phase of disasters. Toney said the private sector has so many resources to bring to the table and sometimes they just don't know how to engage government and what role they can play.

He puts an emphasis on communicating with the public, and said it's important in a disaster to have a source of verified information. Toney hopes to look at enhancing the County's emergency website information, including adding new mapping technology.

Toney said the biggest takeaway from assisting with other disasters is that it takes all agencies and the whole community together to respond and recover. He plans to meet with partner agencies in his first few months to help establish solid recovery plans.

To learn more about the County Office of Emergency Services, visit [ReadySanDiego.org](https://www.ready.sandiego.gov/).

County Offices to Close for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

HEALTH

County, Tri-City to Build Psychiatric Facility in Oceanside



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The Board of Supervisors today voted to enter into an agreement with Tri-City Healthcare District to build a psychiatric health facility in Oceanside.

The County will contribute \$17.4 million to build the 16-bed facility, which will be located on vacant land at the Tri-City Medical Center in Oceanside. Tri-City will operate the hospital.

In 2018, Tri-City Healthcare District closed its Behavioral Health Unit, which provided adult inpatient psychiatric services, and its Crisis Stabilization Unit.

Since then, meeting the urgent and emergent behavioral health needs of North San Diego County became increasingly challenging.

“Getting Tri-City Health into the behavioral health business has been a top priority,” said Supervisor Jim Desmond, whose district includes the hospital. “The biggest winners are the residents of San Diego County, residents and families who count on and rely on the needed behavioral health services.”

Last summer, the supervisors directed the County’s Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate with Tri-City, or other local hospitals, an agreement to provide funding to assist in constructing a psychiatric health facility in Oceanside.

The County will lease the property on which the psychiatric health facility will be built, construct the building, and then sublease the building to Tri-City.

During the term of the sublease, the operating agreement will govern what psychiatric services Tri-City will provide at the facility and how the County will compensate Tri-City for those services. Additionally, Tri-City will repay the County 50% of the construction costs over time through a combination of lease agreements and services.

Improving Local Behavioral Health Care Services

The new psychiatric facility could take up to three years to open. It will complement the County’s ongoing work to review the full continuum of local behavioral health care services and engage in regional collaboration to strengthen the services, transforming them from crisis to chronic care.

One of the first steps is to make sure that people with psychiatric needs have access to services that are in the area where they live and are interwoven with their sources of social and family support. The second is to make sure that most behavioral health systems of care are interconnected so that they are seamless and sustained.

The efforts align with the County’s [Live Well San Diego](#) vision for a region where all residents have the opportunity to improve their health, live safely and thrive.

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North County CERT offers free disaster preparedness classes

FALLBROOK – The citizens of Bonsall, DeLuz, Fallbrook and Rainbow have an opportunity to take free classes in disaster preparedness, Jan. 11 and 18. The community can learn how to be prepared for any type of disaster, whether natural or man-made, such as fire, earthquake or terrorist attack.

These free classes are offered as a two-Saturday session starting with classroom instruction and concluding in a disaster simulation drill on the final Saturday. Classes will be held at North County Fire Protection District's Scout Hut at 231 E. Hawthorne in Fallbrook from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Jan. 11 and 18.

Students will be taught wildfire prevention, basic first aid, light search and rescue, fire suppression, how to put together a go-bag, assess and triage the wounded, lift or "crib" heavy objects off people and learn about the psychological impact of disasters as well as other vital training.

Community members 16 or older who are interested in attending the classes should contact Linda at (760) 330-7979.

The North County Community Emergency Response Team will teach these classes, which are sponsored by North County Fire Protection District and provided through grants from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Fallbrook Regional Health District and San Diego Gas and Electric.

North County CERT public information officer Mike Crain said that, "CERT training is an easy way to help understand what to do right after a disaster whether large scale or local. You can meet the amazing volunteer neighbors that have gone through the training and have peace of mind knowing you are prepared when you might need to be. It is truly an amazing organization."

North County CERT has trained 632 volunteers in the community and those who have taken CERT are eligible to attend monthly potluck meetings with interesting speakers and ongoing training available to the volunteers.

Submitted by North County Community Emergency Response Team.

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AB 571 Sets Default Candidate Contribution Limits for City and County Offices

In an effort to combat corruption — or the appearance of corruption — at all levels of government, Assembly Bill 571 creates identical campaign contribution limits to those imposed on certain elective state office candidates for county or city offices. AB 571 takes effect Jan. 1, 2021.

In passing [AB 571](#), the California Legislature noted that the vast majority of counties and cities in the State have not independently imposed local campaign contributions — although they maintain the local authority to do so. AB 571 is meant to reduce the frequency in which local candidates raise substantial campaign funds from a single contributor. It also aims to stop systems that allow local candidates to, ironically, exceed contribution limits in place for elective state officeholders who have more constituents.

Importantly, there is no language within AB 571 that suggests higher or lower local elective office contribution limits, codified by a city or county, are impacted by this new law. AB 571 neither alters current local contribution limits, nor does it limit how a city or county sets its own contribution limits in the future by resolution, ordinance or initiative after AB 571 becomes effective.

Under existing law, cities and counties were empowered to impose their own contribution limits for elective city or county office, and to administer and enforce those limits. This discretion will remain in effect after AB 571 becomes operative. However, AB 571 does set default contribution limits for elective county or city offices that are identical to those for an elected state officer to the state Assembly or Senate: no more than \$3,000 from an individual person per calendar year. Such contribution limits become the default in counties or cities that do not have their own codified contribution limits for local elective office. These limits are separate and apart from the restrictions placed on small contributor or political party committees, contribution limits enforced by the Fair Political Practices Commission. Under AB 571, the FPPC will have expanded administration and enforcement authority regarding the default contribution limits for cities and counties without their own local contribution limits, and makes violations of default contribution limits within the FPPC's purview punishable as a misdemeanor.

These contribution limits may be adjusted by the FPPC in January of odd-numbered years to reflect increases or decreases in the Consumer Price Index, rounded to the nearest \$100. AB 571 also extends contribution restrictions for elective county or city office regarding personal loans and for committees created to oppose recall measures. Additionally, AB 571 allows a candidate for county or city office to carry over campaign expenditures in connection with a subsequent election for that same office, except in instances where a city and county has barred that practice in light of its own local contribution restrictions. AB 571 does not impact how much a local candidate may lend to their own campaign from their personal funds.

AB 571 greatly expands the administration and enforcement that FPPC will need to undertake in reviewing campaign contribution limits for elective county or city office for agencies that have not enacted their own local contribution limits. While this new law allows cities and counties to adopt their own campaign contribution limitations with substantial discretion, AB 571 sets a default restriction that will need to be communicated to many local officials to ensure statutory conformance starting in January 2021. Cities and counties that wish to adopt local contribution limits in light of AB 571 must consider how their own agency intends to enforce such restrictions, as the new law does not provide the FPPC with authority to administer or enforce locally set contribution limits.

If you have any questions about this new law or how it may impact your agency, please contact the author of this Legal Alert listed to the right in the firm's [Municipal Law](#) practice group, or your [BB&K attorney](#).

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Resident displaced after fire damages roof, attic of Fallbrook home

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FALLBROOK (KUSI) – A resident was displaced Wednesday after a fire damaged the roof and attic of his Fallbrook home, authorities said.

The blaze was reported shortly after 10:35 p.m. Tuesday at a home in the 1800 block of Gum Tree Lane, according to North County Fire Protection District spokesman John Choi.

Crews responded to the scene and found flames coming from the roof of the two-story house, Choi said.

Firefighters from the Oceanside and Camp Pendleton fire departments helped knocked down the flames within 30 minutes, but the fire caused damage to the roof and attic, he said.

No injuries were reported.

One man who lived in the house was displaced, but was able to make his own sleeping arrangements.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

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New Laws of 2020 Series, Part 9: Are Your District's Independent Contractors Affected by AB 5 and AB 170?

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This article briefly summarizes Assembly Bill (AB) 5 and AB 170, which will become effective on January 1, 2020, and highlights the key impacts of these bills on special districts. These new laws reflect the state legislature's objective of ensuring workers are not misclassified as independent contractors rather than employees, and which misclassification they believe deprives workers of the benefits afforded to employees under the law. It also codifies the "ABC test" adopted by the California Supreme Court in its recent decision in *Dynamex Operations W. v. Superior Court*^[i] and creates a rebuttable presumption that a worker is an employee rather than an independent contractor.



This is a developing area of law. Legislative changes and court decisions in coming years will clarify how this law is intended to apply to employers including special districts.

Summary of Key Takeaways and Recommendations

- Most significantly, AB 5 presumes employment status and codifies the 3-prong "ABC" test^[ii] for determining whether an employer can rebut the presumption and claim independent contractor status. The "ABC" test makes it easier for workers to prove status as an employee.

- Under the “ABC” test, a worker will be presumed to be an employee rather than an independent contractor unless the hiring entity can show: 1) the worker is free from the direction and control of the hiring entity; 2) the work performed is outside the usual course of the hiring entity’s business; and 3) the worker is customarily engaged in an independently established business of the same nature as that involved in the work performed.
- Certain professions and types of arrangements are expressly exempted from the application of AB 5 such as lawyers, architects, engineers, private investigators, and accountants.
- The significance of the distinction between employee and independent contractor is that employee status triggers legally mandated benefits, protections, and taxation. AB 5 will likely have minimal impacts in situations where employees of bona fide third-party entities are providing services to a special district, but until there are cases specifically addressing the issue, nothing is certain. In any event, existing joint employer liability rules will still apply where special districts hire agencies to supply workers.

Recommended Next Steps

- Special districts should examine all current independent contractor relationships applying the “ABC” 3 prong test. This is a useful framework for identifying risky independent contractor arrangements, even those where the *Borello*^[iii] common law test will still apply.
- If there are workers classified as independent contractors who do not satisfy each of the “ABC” test prongs, then special districts should consider the following actions: i) determine whether an exemption from AB 5 applies based on the worker’s occupation or type of arrangement with the special district; and ii) analyze whether reclassifying the worker or restructuring the independent contractor arrangement is necessary.

Legal Background

On September 18, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill No. 5, which codifies aspects of the decision of the California Supreme Court in the case of *Dynamex Operations W. v. Superior Court*^[iv]. *Dynamex* dealt with the issue of whether an individual worker should be classified as an independent contractor or an employee in the context of wage orders. The result of *Dynamex* and the codification of its holding in AB 5, is that many workers who were formerly classified as independent contractors will now likely be deemed employees under California law. While the *Dynamex* decision had retroactive application, the bulk of the provisions of AB 5 did not take effect until January 1, 2020.

Prior to the California Supreme Court’s decision in *Dynamex*, employers in California, including public sector employers, had long used the more complicated and numerous factor test set forth in a previous California Supreme Court case, *S. G. Borello & Sons, Inc. v. Department of Industrial Relations*^[v], to determine whether a worker was an employee or an independent contractor. In *Borello*, the Court set forth the following list of non-exclusive factors for use in determining the employment status of workers:

1. The right to control the manner and means of accomplishing the work (acknowledged as the most important factor);
2. whether the one performing services is engaged in a distinct occupation or business;
3. the kind of occupation, with reference to whether, in the locality, the work is usually done under the direction of the principal or by a specialist without supervision;
4. the skill required in the particular occupation;
5. whether the principal or the worker supplies the instrumentalities, tools, and the place of work for the person doing the work;
6. the length of time for which the services are to be performed;
7. the method of payment, whether by the time or by the job;
8. whether or not the work is a part of the regular business of the principal; and

9. whether or not the parties believe they are creating the relationship of employer-employee.

An employer determining whether an individual worker should be classified as an employee or an independent contractor could generally apply the *Borello* factors, and if most of the factors applied (in particular the critical factor of control), then the individual could be classified as an employee.

Conclusion

As of January 1, 2020, when a worker is determined not to be an employee under the “ABC” test or if the “ABC” test does not apply to the circumstances in your contract, the *Borello* factors should be applied to determine whether the relationship being established is really that of an independent contractor.

California’s Labor and Workforce Development Agency has established a new [Employment Status Portal](http://labor.ca.gov/employmentstatus) at labor.ca.gov/employmentstatus to provide information on AB 5 for both workers and employers. Analysis of employee versus independent contractor status is very fact specific. We encourage you to contact your legal counsel with questions about your existing and future agreements.

This article was written by guest authors Tiffany J. Israel and Colin Tanner, partners at Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, as part of CSDA’s New Laws Series, where experts explain legislation passed in 2019 and how it will affect special districts moving forward. This article is provided for general information only and is not offered or intended as legal advice. Readers should seek the advice of an attorney when confronted with legal issues and attorneys should perform an independent evaluation of the issues raised in these materials.

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[i] *Dynamex Operations W. v. Superior Court* (2018) 4 Cal.5th 903

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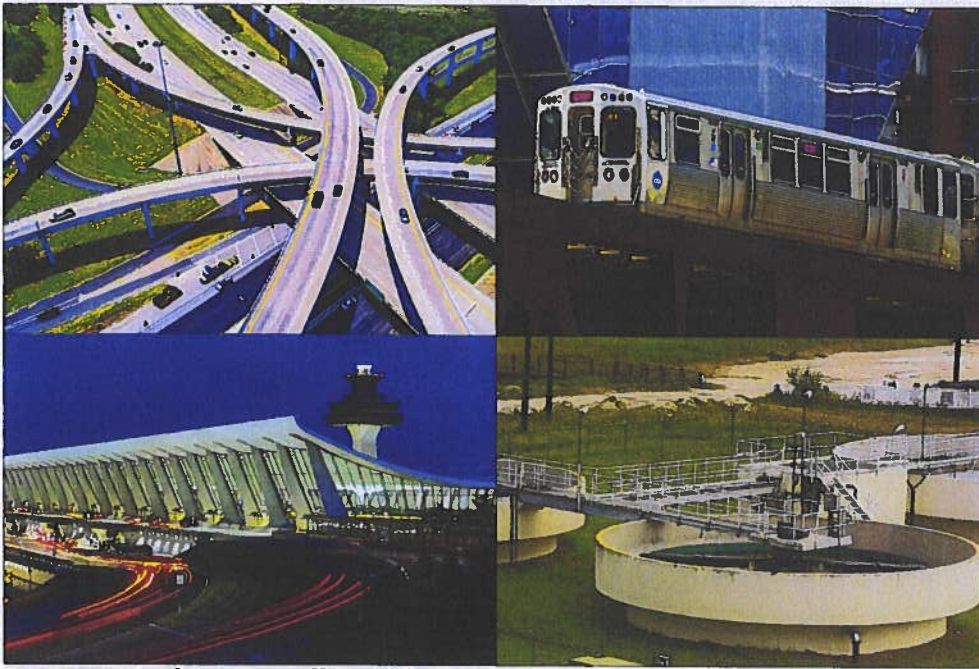
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New Laws of 2020 Series, Part 8: Potential New Infrastructure Financing Opportunity Under AB 116



By Guest Author: Russell Powel, Economic and Planning Systems, Inc.

Tax increment financing has long been relied upon as one of a handful of economic development tools available to invest in public infrastructure projects. In the wake of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies (RDAs), new forms of tax increment financing have emerged. Some jurisdictions have begun to implement one or more of these new tools, with results that are too early to predict. The utility of these new tools for special districts following the enactment of AB 116 (Ting) is explored in this article.

Property Tax Increment Financing Background

In the latter half of the 20th century, tax increment financing for public infrastructure was a popular economic development tool for cities and counties in California. Under Redevelopment Law, cities and counties could divert property tax revenues from all affected taxing entities to invest in public infrastructure and affordable housing to encourage revitalization and redevelopment of blighted areas. Aside from a small portion of pass-through property tax revenues, former RDAs could unilaterally divert property tax increment from all overlapping special districts, schools, cities, and the county. This empowered RDAs to secure municipal bond issuances to fund land assembly, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing projects, and other developments with principal and interest repaid over a period of time from the diverted incremental property tax revenues.

One significant downside to redevelopment, from the perspective of special districts, was that cities and counties could take tax increment from these districts to fund redevelopment projects, while special districts had no recourse.

After the dissolution of RDAs in California in 2012, cities and counties looked to Infrastructure Financing Districts (IFDs) and Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) to replace the former, more robust form of tax increment infrastructure funding. As an economic development tool, tax increment funding allowed investment of property tax dollars without increasing property taxes or adding land-secured charges to subject

properties through Mello-Roos Community Facilities Districts (CFDs) or 1915 Act Assessment Districts (ADs).

Developers often sought to leverage three available public infrastructure financing tools for new and redevelopment projects:

- Tax increment funding (RDAs, IFDs, EIFDs)
- Development impact fees
- Land-secured funding (CFDs, ADs)

There has been keen interest on behalf of cities and counties, and certainly welcome interest from the development community, to consider the formation of EIFDs. But even with this interest, there have only been several new EIFDs formed throughout the state. The primary reason is the exclusion of the school or State share of local property taxes and the voluntary participation framework for other entities' property tax shares, as established under EIFD Law. Specifically, participation in the EIFDs by special districts, cities, and the county is voluntary rather than compulsory, and schools are prohibited from participating.

The bottom line is that, while baseline funding for the infrastructure and services provided by local agencies is protected, the amount of property tax increment revenue that may be available in an EIFD could pale in comparison to what otherwise would have been available under the former RDA Law. That being said, another possible impediment to EIFD formations was the 55 percent voting threshold of qualified electors that was required to issue tax increment bonds. Effective January 1, 2020, this voting requirement has been removed by Assembly Bill (AB) 116.

Recent Amendments to EIFD Law (AB 116)

AB 116 amends several sections of the EIFD Law found in Government Code section 53398.50 et seq. and:

1. Removes the 55 percent voting threshold previously required for an EIFD bond issuance.
2. Introduces two additional public hearings and an additional meeting by the EIFD's public financing authority as part of the formation process.
3. Introduces an annual reporting and audit requirement.

The removal of the voting requirement means that an EIFD would be able to issue bonds soon after formation, presuming adequate revenues are available, as opposed to previously having to hold an election of the qualified electors before a bond sale could be authorized.

In place of the election, the new law requires additional public hearings to the EIFD formation process. During this public hearing process, if a majority protest exists, the formation process is halted. Alternatively, if between 25 percent and 50 percent of the combined number of landowners and residents who are at least 18 years of age within the boundaries of the proposed EIFD protest, an election would be called as part of the formation process. New reporting and audit obligations will then apply once the EIFD is operational and will result in an administrative cost that will need to be budgeted.

Tax increment financing remains a viable economic development tool for cities and counties and could be a viable tool for special districts, particularly those that receive property tax revenue. Special districts could benefit by partnering with cities or counties in sharing tax increment revenues to fund mitigation measures to accommodate new development or improve existing infrastructure.

EIFD Advantages

There are certain ways in which features of EIFDs may be a more useful tool than RDA Law. First, there is no need for a finding of blight to form an EIFD. As such, an EIFD could

be applied to greenfield development as easily as to an infill or redevelopment project. Second, while there are housing related provisions under certain circumstances and for certain projects, an EIFD is not required to include a 20 percent set-aside for affordable housing. Finally, an EIFD has more flexibility in how tax increment revenue is used for projects.

When considering whether forming an EIFD is a viable option, the first test would be to evaluate the projected amount of tax increment revenue that would be available for a project area as it developed following EIFD formation. In some cases, it may take seven to 10 years before the increase in tax increment revenue is sufficient to adequately bond against that tax increment revenue stream. Because of this potential time lag in tax increment growth, other infrastructure funding tools may be used to bridge the funding gap. This is where a CFD could provide initial infrastructure funding. CFD funding is secured by a special tax that is levied against developing parcels in early years, while tax increment funding could be used in the long term to fund principal and interest payments for outstanding bonds. Development impact fee revenues could also be used to reimburse the developer for certain infrastructure improvements funded by the developer and may be integrated into the overall financing strategy.

Examples of How a Special District Could Benefit

EIFDs can be particularly effective tools for special districts where a larger infrastructure project has regional benefits. Perhaps the special district has a relatively small share of the property tax dollar, but combining it with other special districts, a city, and/or the county may provide an efficient funding share for such regional projects.

Our firm, Economic & Planning Systems, is part of a team that has evaluated programs to fund flood control projects that would allow growth in a city and unincorporated areas of the county. A reclamation district may pool all or a portion of their growth in tax increment to the flood control project along with city and county tax increment pledges. Under this scenario, the reclamation district might also seek to form a CFD or AD to fund flood control maintenance costs. In pledging a portion of the growth in tax increment, the reclamation district may need to backfill property tax revenues that are being used to fund improvements through the use of an assessment district in this example.

In another example, a wastewater treatment facility may need to be expanded to accommodate new growth. Development impact fees could be charged to fund expansion requirements attributable to new growth, but there may be enhancements required that benefit existing development. Tax increment financing could be used to fund wastewater treatment facility costs attributable to existing development.

In a related example, what if a water or sanitary district was looking for capital to build out purple pipes to deliver recycled water? The overlapping city or county may have a shared interest in such a project, as may neighboring water or wastewater districts. A city, county, or neighboring water agency may also be willing to entertain partnering on an EIFD for a conjunctive use project. Enhancing water reliability in a region could significantly improve its long-term economic stability.

One last example, recreation and park districts may observe a patchwork of disconnected parks, trails, and bike lanes throughout their region and look to EIFDs as a funding solution. The overlapping city or county, or even neighboring park districts or cities, may find value in partnering to connect the community's parks with a system of trails, paths, and bike lanes that would enhance transportation and livability.

Not all special districts receive property tax revenues, and as such, would not typically be a participant in an EIFD formation. However, provisions within the law do allow for special districts and other local agencies to participate in an EIFD by contributing other types of revenue sources, such as enterprise revenues.

So, Where Do Special Districts Fit In?

While special districts may participate in EIFDs, only cities and counties are authorized to officially form them. As such, special districts will need “dance partners” when seeking to access tax increment financing through an EIFD. Special districts interested in using tax increment financing for their projects will need to demonstrate to a city and/or county how the partnership will fund projects that either solve regional infrastructure needs (flood control?) or lower the barriers for desirable development projects in the community.

In areas where special districts hold joint meetings with cities and counties to discuss regional issues, there may be greater opportunities to develop relationships that make it possible to form EIFDs under a joint powers authority that would include special districts.

A special district interested in pursuing the idea of forming an EIFD should first identify the critical infrastructure project that is required. Because we know tax increment revenues grow over time, the special district should also determine how the project might be funded initially.

The process of forming an EIFD is similar to that of a CFD. The professional team hired by the special district would be similar to that for a CFD formation. The special district would likely need special counsel and an economic advisor to initiate the formation. The economic advisor would do an initial feasibility analysis to show how tax increment revenues would likely occur over time and determine if they are sufficient resources to fund the identified project. The economic advisor would also evaluate the feasibility of including other taxing entities in the formation process.

In some areas of the state, the local special district serves as the de-facto “city hall” and may most logically serve as a lead in initiating a formation process. A county may have a larger tax increment share than the special district, but it would be the special district that becomes the primary service provider for residents of new development. While the county or a city would be required to ultimately “form” the EIFD under law, there is nothing in law that precludes a special district from initiating the effort and leading the charge.

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Four residents displaced after Fallbrook house fire

By: City News Service

FALLBROOK (CNS) - Four residents were displaced Tuesday when a fire broke out in the garage and damaged part of their Fallbrook home, authorities said.

The blaze was reported shortly before 6:30 a.m. at a home in the 2000 block of Pomegranate Lane, off South Stage Coach Lane north of Fallbrook High School, according to North County Fire Protection District spokesman John Choi.

Firefighters from the Oceanside and Camp Pendleton fire departments responded to the scene along with Cal Fire San Diego personnel to help douse the blaze, which fully engulfed the garage and extended into portions of the home and the attic, Choi said.

Crews knocked down the flames within 35 minutes, but the fire caused extensive damage to the garage and minimal damage to the home, he said.

No injuries were reported.

The American Red Cross was called to the scene to help the displaced residents -- four adults and one pet -- arrange for temporary lodging.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

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NCFPD, North County CERT receive grants

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The Dec. 10 meeting of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors included the allocation of Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grants to the North County Fire Protection District and the North County Community Emergency Response Team.

The supervisors' 4-0 vote, with Kristin Gaspar absent, allocated \$35,486 to the fire district for firefighter workout equipment and \$15,613 to North County CERT for training materials and equipment.

Each county supervisor has an annual \$2 million discretionary Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program is intended to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for the furtherance of public purposes at the regional and community levels.

In addition to nonprofit organizations, county supervisors can also fund schools and fire departments, and supervisors can also use money from their budgets to supplement other county funding for specific county projects such as parks, roads and libraries.

Each of the supervisors recommends the allocation of his or her Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funds, although those allocations must be approved by a majority of the board. The grants to the NCFPD and to North County CERT were from the District Five budget of Supervisor Jim Desmond.

In addition to serving Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow, the North County Fire Protection District has automatic aid agreements with the Deer Springs Fire Protection District, the cities of Oceanside and Vista, and the Camp Pendleton fire department. The fire service seeks to optimize the health and wellness of firefighters, and the North County Fire Protection District has implemented a wellness program which includes nutritional guidelines, workout programs, blood tests, physicals and cancer blood screenings.

The fire district currently often borrows workout equipment since the current equipment at NCFPD stations does not allow for a full body workout or for replicating fire ground movements. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program money will be used to purchase functional

movement workout equipment which will improve firefighters' ability to suppress fires as well as enable the fire personnel to be as healthy as possible.

"It's vital that our firefighters are in good physical shape when it comes to doing their job," Desmond said. "This equipment will aid firefighters in improving their health and safety."

More than 600 volunteers from Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, and DeLuz comprise the North County Community Emergency Response Team. CERT members are trained in emergency response for disasters including fires, floods and terrorist attacks.

The CERT mission is to be prepared and to aid in the reduction of the loss of life and property through hands-on experience and response. Training and drills are scheduled regularly within the community, and regional and countywide exercises are also part of the training.

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program allocation will provide training materials and equipment including vehicle and generator batteries, automated call and text verification, "one call" software, training manuals, binders, bottled water and backpacks with helmets, gloves, goggles and vests,

"North County CERT is an excellent organization that provides much-needed support during emergencies," Desmond said. "This is an extremely important group, especially in the unincorporated area."

Desmond's Dec. 10 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program allocations also included \$68,419 to the Valley Center Fire Protection District to purchase and install an automatic gas removal system for two Valley Center fire stations and \$19,638 to the San Diego Regional Fire and Emergency Services Foundation to purchase a "Jaws of Life" rescue device for the Elfin Forest Volunteer Fire Station.

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Crash blocks lanes of northbound I-15 near SR-76

By [Will Fritz](#)
Associate Editor

A three-vehicle crash on Interstate 15 near Bonsall was causing traffic delays Monday afternoon.

The collision was reported at 3:10 p.m. on the northbound side of the freeway at the state Route 76 overpass, according to information from the North County Fire Protection District and the California Highway Patrol.

North County Fire tweeted about 3:40 p.m. that crews were at the scene. NCFPD spokesman John Choi said one person was taken to [Temecula Valley Hospital](#) in nearby Temecula with moderate injuries. No one else had to be hospitalized, he said.

All blocked lanes were reopened by about 4:25 p.m., North County Fire said on Twitter.

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4:55 p.m. Monday: This story was updated with additional information from North County Fire spokesman John Choi.

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Prop A falls short of required two-thirds majority approval

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57% of voters supported authorizing a new \$5 tax to pay for fire district facilities

Voters failed to deliver the two-thirds majority of 'yes' votes required to pass the North County Fire Protection District's Proposition A, according to election results certified by the district's board of directors the afternoon of Dec. 12.

The proposition would have authorized a new tax of \$5 per month, per parcel of owned property for a 20-year period to pay for construction, maintenance and improvements of fire stations in the North County Fire Protection District over the next two decades.

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Crash blocks lanes of northbound I-15 near SR-76

By [Will Fritz](#)
Associate Editor

A three-vehicle crash on Interstate 15 near Bonsall was causing traffic delays Monday afternoon.

The collision was reported at 3:10 p.m. on the northbound side of the freeway at the state Route 76 overpass, according to information from the North County Fire Protection District and the California Highway Patrol.

North County Fire tweeted about 3:40 p.m. that crews were at the scene. NCFPD spokesman John Choi said one person was taken to [Temecula Valley Hospital](#) in nearby Temecula with moderate injuries. No one else had to be hospitalized, he said.

All blocked lanes were reopened by about 4:25 p.m., North County Fire said on Twitter.

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4:55 p.m. Monday: This story was updated with additional information from North County Fire spokesman John Choi.

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Multiple injured in collision involving North County Transit District bus

Posted: December 16, 2019

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SAN DIEGO (KUSI) – At least four people were injured Monday night when a North County Transit District bus and another vehicle collided in Bonsall shortly after 9 p.m.

The bus collided with a sedan in the 5200 block of South Mission Road on a two-lane roadway north of SR-76.

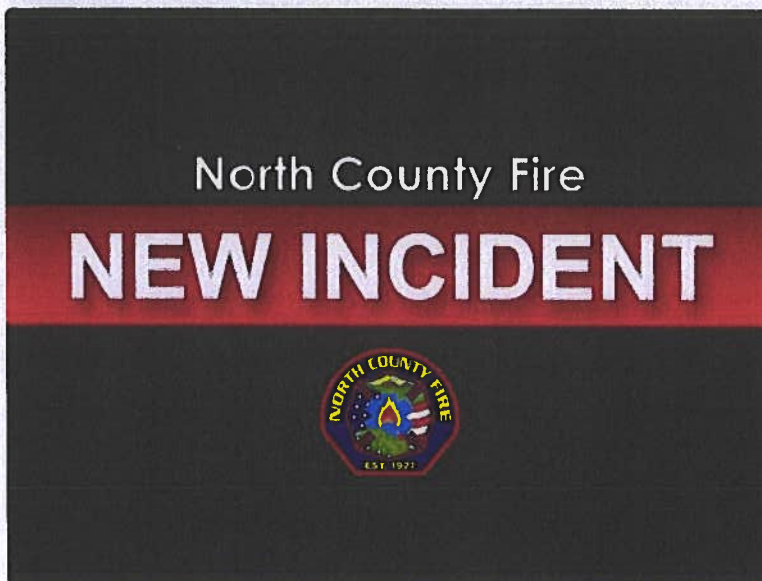
Units arrived and requested two additional ambulances (for a total of three). At least two of the ambulances transported victims. The driver of the sedan was transported to Palomar Medical Center with life-threatening injuries.

Officials have closed South Mission Road between state Route 76 and Via Monserate, according to a tweet by North County Fire Protection District.



North County Fire
@NorthCountyFire

@NorthCountyFire is on scene of a rescue traffic collision in the area of the 5200 block of South Mission Road. Expect delays.
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[See North County Fire's other Tweets](#)

Non-renewal rates rising near California's fire zones

Michael Patterson

A house for sale in Paradise, California. Many with homes that survived the Camp Fire are struggling to find affordable homeowners insurance.

CHICO, Calif. — This story has been updated to include a response from State Farm Insurance.

A ban on insurers not renewing homeowner's policies near fire zones is highlighting the issue homeowners still with intact structures are increasingly facing.

In 2019, both the insurance industry and the laws governing it have changed greatly in California. As large-scale wildfires become more frequent, some insurers are not renewing policies in areas affected by fire and even those nearby.

The trend of having your insurance cut is a trend that Rhio Nelson, owner of Rhio Nelson Insurance Agency in Chico, says is increasing.

"I'm getting calls from people who have been with AAA for years, State Farm, Allstate, Geico, Nationwide. A lot of different companies are just not renewing people," Nelson said.

The practice doesn't extend to just the immediate area of Paradise, but the entire foothills themselves.

"[Insurers] are just like, 'We're out of here,' My phone just goes crazy with people calling about non-renewals," Nelson said.

According to data released in August from the Department of Insurance, the amount of non-renewed policies has risen by more than 10% in seven counties.

In January, state legislators passed SB 824 which looked to further slow the insurance exodus, but it appears it may have come too late for Camp and Carr Fire victims who are still searching for an affordable insurance plan.

How the fires have exactly impacted the entire industry is still yet to truly be measured, but it is expected to be large and have a lasting

impact for years to come.

A representative from State Farm Insurance responded to claims the company had issued non-renewal notices to customers because of the threat of wildfires explaining the company has never issued a non-renewal solely on the basis of wildfire danger.

In an email response spokesman, Sevag Sarkissian said "Many factors are considered when underwriting a homeowner's insurance policy because each customer's circumstances are unique. It is important to remember that wildfire is not the only risk we are considering. When underwriting a home, we also consider things like the possibility of theft, water damage, wind, and other perils. We look at each customer's specific situation and apply our underwriting guidelines in a consistent manner."

Sarkissian continued, "To keep our promises to all of our homeowner customers, we must find the appropriate balance between our exposure to loss, the resources available to maintain a quality level of service, and our ability to meet our financial obligations to pay claims."

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California budget seeks more firefighters, fire protection

By DON THOMPSON Associated Press
Jan 9, 2020

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FILE — In this Oct. 11, 2017, file photo burned out homes are seen in the Coffey Park area of Santa Rosa, Calif. California Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to hire more state firefighters and make communities safer from devastating wildfires in the budget he will send to state lawmakers on Friday, Jan. 10, 2020.

Rich Pedroncelli

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to hire more state firefighters and make homes safer from devastating wildfires in the budget he will send to state lawmakers on Friday.

The 555 additional full-time firefighters would be hired over five years, his office told The Associated Press, augmenting the 4,800 current permanent firefighters

by about 12%.

The state also hires about 2,400 seasonal firefighters. Wildfire threats prompted power companies to impose debilitating widespread blackouts last year in an attempt to prevent their equipment from sparking catastrophic blazes.

The money to make homes more resistant to wildfires through things like replacing wooden roofs and closing gaps where sparks can enter would be focused on low-income communities with high fire risk.

It's a fraction of the \$1 billion revolving fund that Democratic Assemblyman Jim Wood of Healdsburg had originally hoped to create to help rural homeowners. But Wood, whose Sonoma County community was threatened by a wind-whipped blaze last fall, said he's happy with a pared down test program designed to aid entire communities instead of individual homeowners.

"We'll have to see how far the money goes," Wood said. "I hope that as we need more we'll be able to do that."

It's part of what Newsom is touting as a \$2 billion program to fight catastrophic wildfires and other disasters, including more than \$600 million for flood control. Newsom sought \$1 billion in additional spending in his first budget a year ago, though part of that went to help communities that had been hobbled by wildfires.

"California is doing more than ever before to combat wildfires," the Democratic governor said in a statement.

Assemblyman James Gallagher, a Republican who represents the fire-devastated community of Paradise, praised the Democratic governor's spending on forest thinning and helping make homes more fire-resistant.

"All these are good steps, but we need to do even more if we want to get on top of the problem quicker," Gallagher said.

The additional personnel will provide relief for firefighters suffering mental and physical fatigue, said Tim Edwards, president of the union representing state firefighters. It also means more fire engines can be used year-round.

“The fires of the past several years have kept firefighters on the line for weeks and sometimes months at a time,” Edwards said. “He understands the hardships created and wants to provide much needed relief.”

Newsom is seeking nearly \$100 million to collect better information on the state’s topography and better predict wildfires, floods, tsunamis and landslides. It also would pay for a new Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center and research on better firefighting equipment and ways to protect firefighters.

“They’re going to be game changers,” said Brian Rice, president of California Professional Firefighters, which represents career firefighters statewide. “That information is going to allow the command system to be more focused in their delivery and air support. It’s going to make the fire fight that much more strategic and the tactics will have that much more impact.”

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Prop A fails, preliminary results show

Village News

The North County Fire Protection District's Proposition A failed to gain the approval of two-thirds of Fallbrook-area voters, according to unofficial results released Wednesday, leaving the future of the 92-year-old district's aging facilities in question.

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Final count results turned over Wednesday morning by David Taussig and Associates -- the consultant that was running the vote count for the fire district -- showed that approximately 57.5% of the ballots cast were marked "yes," according to North County Fire Protection District spokesman John Choi -- short of the required passing rate of 66.67%.

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Formal certification of the vote is scheduled to take place at a special meeting of the district's governing board at 4 p.m. Thursday.

"Although we did not receive the requisite number of votes to pass, we want to thank our community members for supporting us throughout this process," Choi said in an email statement.

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Bicyclist dies in crash on 76

Village News

A bicyclist was struck and killed on state Route 76 in Bonsall Wednesday morning.

The deadly crash happened just before 10 a.m. near Thoroughbred Lane, the California Highway Patrol reported.

The cyclist, a 63-year-old Colorado man, was heading west on the highway when, for reasons that remain under investigation, he was struck from behind by a 2005 Infiniti G35 being driven by a 19-year-old Murrieta man, according to information from CHP Officer Mark Latulippe.

The driver and the cyclist were both in the No. 1 lane when the crash occurred, and the impact threw the cyclist into the left turn pocket at the intersection of Camino del Rey and Route 76. The bicycle was shattered into pieces that were strewn across the two left turn lanes, Latulippe said.

The driver, who was uninjured, turned right at the intersection, parked in an adjacent shopping center and headed back to the crash scene on foot, according to Latulippe.

Paramedics tried to perform life-saving measures on the victim, but he was pronounced dead at the scene, North County Fire Protection District Capt. Richard Berry told Village News.

Drugs and alcohol were not suspected to be factors in the crash, Latulippe said.

The name of the victim was not immediately available.

Portions of the roadway were closed intermittently until about 1:30 p.m.

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3:25 p.m. Wednesday: This story was updated with additional information from the California Highway Patrol.

12:15 a.m. Thursday: This story was updated with additional information from the California Highway Patrol.



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CS-1. There are no Closed Sessions Items for the January 28, 2020 Board Meeting.

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