

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
SUBJECT: BOARD MEETING PACKAGE
DATE: MARCH 26, 2019

Enclosed is your Board package for the Regular **March** 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, March 26 2019**, 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) 723-2033.

Respectfully,



Stephen Abbott
Fire Chief/CEO



PROUDLY SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF FALLBROOK, BONSALL AND RAINBOW



NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

AGENDA FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MARCH 26, 2019

4:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

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

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA

For those joining us for the Public Activities Agenda, please feel free to depart at the close of the agenda. We invite you to stay for the remainder of the business meeting.

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.).

ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT EVENTS:

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.

2. APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES — FEBRUARY 26, 2019

(pgs. 3-8)

- **STANDING EVENT:** Review and approve minutes from February meeting as presented.

3. REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT — FEBRUARY 2019

(pgs. 9-20)

- **STANDING EVENT:** Review and Accept Financial Report for February as presented.

4. REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES – None.

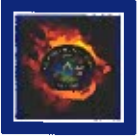
(pgs. 21-22)

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-04 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MAKING ANNUAL REQUIRED FINDINGS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE MITIGATION FEE PARTICIPATION ORDINANCE FY 2019/2020 – DFC KOCH AND CHIEF ABBOTT

(pgs. 23-26)

- **ANNUAL EVENT:** Review and approve adoption of Resolution for the Fire Mitigation Fee Program making required findings, with rate for construction currently at \$0.58 square foot.

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.



AGENDA FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MARCH 26, 2019

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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.

6. **REVIEW AND CAST BALLOT FOR SAN DIEGO LAFCO 2019 SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION —** (pgs. 27-54)
CHIEF ABBOTT
➤ **RECURRING ITEM:** Review and cast ballot for open positions for the San Diego LAFCO Special District Election.
7. **REVIEW AND APPROVE SECOND CONTRACT FOR MICROWAVE RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES —** (pgs. 55-64)
DEPUTY CHIEF MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT
➤ **FOLLOW-UP EVENT:** Review and approve second sole source contract for Microwave upgrade as previously approved through the grant awards.
8. **PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN MARCH 26, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M. — HEARING ON** (pgs. 65-76)
PROPOSED ELECTION DISTRICT MAPS FOR — CHIEF ABBOTT
➤ **NEW ITEM:** THIRD Public Hearing for Re-Districting, first hearing to review draft of Election Districts maps.
9. **REVIEW AND CONSIDER FACILITY REPLACEMENT FUNDING – REVENUE MEASURE** (pgs. 77-78)
FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS — CHIEF ABBOTT
➤ **FOLLOW-UP EVENT:** Review and consider next steps to address facility replacement funding.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

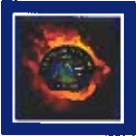
No action shall be undertaken on any Discussion item. The Board may: acknowledge receipt of the information or report and make comments; refer the matter to Staff for further study or report; or refer the matter to a future agenda.

10. There are no additional Discussion Agenda Items for the March 26, 2019, Board Meeting. (pgs. 79-80)

STANDING DISCUSSION EVENTS:

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

- **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** (pgs. 81-82)
"Public Agencies Do Not Have to Create Records for PRA Requesters."
- **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** (pgs. 83-90)
 - BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM
- **NEWS ARTICLES:** As attached. (pgs. 91-154)



AGENDA FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MARCH 26, 2019

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- **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:**

(pgs. 155-156)

- **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 March 26, 2019, Board Meeting.

(pgs. 157-158)

ADJOURNMENT

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The next Special Board Meeting is: **April 16, 2019, 8:30 a.m. at FPUD.**

The next Regular Board meeting is: **Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 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, [4] District's website at <http://www.ncfireprotectiondistrict.org>. The Agenda was also available for review at the Office of the Board Secretary, 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 **March 21, 2019.**"

Board Secretary Loren Stephen-Porter:

Date:

March 21, 2019



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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: MARCH 26, 2019
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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1 **February 26, 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 5:02 p.m.

5 **THE INVOCATION GIVEN BY CHIEF ABBOTT.**

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:** Fire Chief/CEO Abbott, Attorney James and Board Secretary Stephen-
11 Porter. In the audience were: DFC Marovich, D/C Mahr, B/Cs Krumwiede, McReynolds and
12 Schoenheit and members of the public and 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. Public member Joe
17 Beyer complimented the Board agenda presentation and the activities of the District in weed
18 abatement, specifically the Chipping Day activities. He opined the Staff on site were
19 competent and answered questions well. There being no further comments, the Public
20 Comment Section was closed.

21 2. **EMPLOYEE BADGE PINNING — CHIEF ABBOTT:** Chief Abbott presented for swearing in
22 the following volunteers: Freddy Avila, Ian Bertotti, Daniel Carrillo, Trent Chavez Matzel,
23 Trevor Clarke, Connor Cox, Sean Devine, Michael Echeverria, Henry Nguyen, Emily
24 Nichols, Gabriel Preisach, Jose Sergio Orozco and Cameron Warren. They were given an
25 opportunity to introduce family and friends available for the event. Chief Abbott noted this
26 was the First Volunteer Academy given with the SAFER Grant support. At the conclusion
27 of the introductions, the members were pinned and congratulated by the Board.

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ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS:

3. REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2019
4. REVIEW AND ACCEPT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2019
5. REVIEW AND ACCEPT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2019
6. REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019
7. REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

President Luevano inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 3-7. There being no discussion, President Luevano asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Vice President Harris, seconded by Director Hoffman, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

8. REVIEW AND CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS — CHIEF ABBOTT:
Chief Abbott noted that CSDA is currently soliciting nominations for the CSDA Board of Directors. The nominated party may be either a Board Member or General Manager and must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a regular CSDA member located within the geographic area they seek to represent. The Board members must complete certain attendance and educational requirements, which are not funded by CSDA. There being no interest by the members present to serve, no further action is required.
9. REVIEW AND CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR SDRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS — CHIEF ABBOTT: Chief Abbott presented an opportunity for the Board Members to nominate a member to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors, if there was an interest to do so. If no one is interested in serving, the District need not take further action. After brief discussion, no interest in serving was identified. No further action required.
10. REVIEW AND APPROVE SURPLUS PROPERTY REQUEST – A/C MANN AND CHIEF ABBOTT:
Captain Mann presented the request to the Board to declare the lockers that resided where the Chemical Detoxification Unit (CDU) is now being housed. He noted the space was considered underutilized as a locker room as station personnel have ample room in their

59 dorm to store their physical training clothing and other facilities within the District are
60 inadequate to house the lockers. The lockers will be sold at auction per the Disposal of
61 Surplus Property Policy. After brief discussion, on a motion by Vice President Harris,
62 seconded by Director Munson, the motion to declare the property surplus and to dispose of
63 it per the Surplus Property Policy passed unanimously.

64 11. **REVIEW AND APPROVE CONTRACT FOR MICROWAVE RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES – DEPUTY**
65 **CHIEF MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT:** Deputy Chief Marovich presented the request for
66 approval of the sole source contract with Sun Wireless to the Board, noting the District is
67 utilizing Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant Funds and State Homeland Security Grant
68 Program (SHSGP) to fund the project. Due to the funding periods of the grants, the District
69 will be splitting the project into two phases. Each phase will commence once the funding is
70 received from each grantor. This contract reflects the first phase of the project. Due to the
71 intricacy of the current system, the District will be contracting with original installing company
72 as a sole source contract, as is allowed per the Purchasing and Contracting Policy, Sole
73 Source, Section D. On a motion by Director Munson, seconded by Director Hoffman, the
74 motion to approve the contract as presented and to authorize Chief Abbott to execute the
75 contract passed unanimously.

77 **ACTION/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

78 12. **PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN FEBRUARY 26, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M. — HEARING ON**
79 **FORMATION OF ELECTION DISTRICTS – CHIEF ABBOTT:** At 5:30 p.m., President Luevano
80 opened the public hearing reading the topic to be discussed. Attorney James reviewed
81 hearing procedures with the Board and public, noting the President has the discretion to
82 modify the procedures. Chief Abbott noted the same public was present for the hearing and
83 inquired if they wished him to review the slide presentation from the last meeting. They
84 declined. Chief Abbott discussed the methods of calculating the percentage of populations
85 in each group and inquired if there was a preference. He inquired if there was an objection
86 to using the ACLU method, noting he needed direction to move forward. Audience members
87 Leticia Maldonado Stamos and Joe Beyer both indicated they would need more information

88 to be able to support using this method as they were unfamiliar with it. Chief Abbott offered
89 to send the information that he was referring to, along with the references for the maps he
90 was presenting. Chief Abbott, along with Engineer/PM Glasgow presented several maps
91 with census and proposed election districts. Discussion ensued regarding how the maps
92 were created and the differences between the maps and districts. Ms. Maldonado Stamos
93 indicated these maps were different than the ones she had seen at other districts. Chief
94 Abbott offered to send the website information so the maps could be studied more in-depth.
95 The audience and Board requested a more detailed map and expressed concerns that the
96 one district may be too large. At the conclusion of the discussions, the public hearing was
97 closed. There was some concern the March 19th review would be too soon. On a motion
98 by Vice President Harris, which was seconded by Director Hoffman, the Board unanimously
99 approved modifying the schedule of the first hearing for maps to March 26th and the final
100 hearing to April 16th.

101 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

102 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel James presented his report “*Code*
103 *Enforcement Changes in California.*” Brief discussion ensued about the implications of the
104 changes. This is informational only, no action required.

105 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** No written correspondence, except for recognition
106 items. Informational only, no action required.

107 ● **NEWS ARTICLES:** Brief discussion ensued regarding articles. Discussion ensued
108 regarding how several articles were germane to the District. This is informational only, no
109 action required.

110 ● **COMMENTS:**

111 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**

112 ● **STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO:** Chief Abbott informed the Board of discussions
113 with the Fallbrook Regional Healthcare District and opportunities that may allow the Districts
114 to collaborate. He stated that informal discussions with LAFCO demonstrate it would be
115 very supportive of such action. Chief Abbott updated the Board on progress with a third-
116 party providing election support and discussions with San Diego County Registrar Michael

117 Vu. Chief Abbott also updated the Board on the ACA-1 measure and the possibility that
118 special districts could be added to the measure, which would significantly reduce the voting
119 threshold. Chief Abbott is working with the individuals who can modify the language to
120 include special districts. CSDA is supporting the modification and is actively seeking it.
121 Chief Abbott discussed moving forward with the revenue measure. After brief discussion,
122 he noted he will agendaize it for a subsequent meeting to make a decision or plan of action.
123 Chief Abbott invited Board members to attend several education events and requested the
124 members contact him by the end of the week if they interested in attending. Informational
125 only, no further action required.

126 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: DEPUTY CHIEF MAROVICH:** Deputy Chief Marovich
127 updated the Board on the District hiring and promotional status. He noted Ms. Goss would
128 be returning part time on March 11th. IT has been particularly busy with a new phone system,
129 new server and fire wall. The newly approved system allows the District to be proactive on
130 the IT front. **D/C MAHR:** D/C Mahr thanked the Board for supporting the District Staff in
131 educational development, noting that he and Dustin Glasgow had just attended a two-day
132 ERSI Cal Chiefs technology seminar, allowing them to assist with the preparation of the
133 District mapping project and the Re-districting Maps. The District had the initial meeting with
134 ISO. He is hoping the District will maintain the 3-3x rating it has previously attained.
135 Discussion ensued regarding how the scores are calculated and whether the Lilac Fire will
136 impact the scoring. D/C Mahr updated the Board on the weight issues with the new Type
137 III. The new Type I planning process has been going well and he expects it to proceed
138 without difficulty. D/C Mahr discussed the new SB 523, which will improve funding for Medi-
139 Cal transports by allowing for a quality assurance fee. In addition, a new model for treatment
140 with non-transport, alternate destination funding is approved with an additional fee for every
141 transport. D/C Mahr is continuing talks with Fallbrook Regional Healthcare District, sharing
142 ideas on how best to utilize resources, employees and foster each other's Missions. They
143 will soon have their second meeting.

144 ● **B/C McREYNOLDS:** B/C McReynolds updated the Board on the Training Program,
145 noting the Chemical Decontamination Units were put into service, with the MSO and a

146 Captain from Carlsbad coming in to train staff on to appropriately use them. Station 1 and
147 Camp Pendleton continue to develop their relationship, including live fire training and a joint
148 ventilation prop. He requested that a letter from either the Board or Chief be forward to
149 express appreciation for the relationship. Chief Abbott to handle. B/C McReynolds informed
150 the Board of the various Officer Academies and the upcoming recruitments in the Zone. An
151 inquiry was made by the Board regarding the "Every 15 Minutes" Program, with it being
152 noted the Program is run by the High School.

153 ● **BOARD: VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS:** Vice President Harris inquired about the status of
154 the transition to CrewSense, with D/C Mahr providing an update.

155 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS: A/P MANN:** A/P Mann updated the Board on the progress of
156 Aaron Murg, noting he is continuing to improve with tumor shrinkage and in good spirits. He
157 again thanked the Chief for working with the Association to effect a round of donations. He
158 noted Association educational activities in April going to a conference to learning about
159 legislation and lobbying. A/P Mann reminded everyone of the Boot Drive on March 6th.

160 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

162 CLOSED SESSION

163 There were no Closed Session Items for the February 26, 2019, meeting.

165 ADJOURNMENT

166 A motion was made at 7:10 p.m. by Director Van Doorn and seconded by Director Hoffman
167 to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on March 26, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. The motion carried
168 unanimously.

169 Respectfully submitted,

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172 Loren Stephen-Porter

173 Board Secretary

174 Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: March 26, 2019



**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: FEBRUARY 28, 2019
SUBJECT: REVENUE & EXPENDITURES AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019 (67%)

Revenue Sources	Budgeted	Collected	Over/Under	% of Budget
Property Taxes - FBK	14,732,530.00	8,676,566.18	(6,055,963.82)	59%
Property Taxes - RNBW	275,000.00	160,268.35	(236,911.29)	58%
Ambulance and Collections	1,902,500.00	1,199,933.51	(702,566.49)	63%
GEMT-State Supplement	100,000.00	-	(100,000.00)	0%
Prevention Fees	200,000.00	169,967.29	(30,032.71)	85%
Tower Lease Agreements	90,000.00	65,878.52	(24,121.48)	73%
Other Revenue Sources	35,000.00	84,590.00	49,590.00	242%
Interest	30,000.00	20,186.52	(9,813.48)	67%
Cost Recovery	70,000.00	48,071.29	(21,928.71)	69%
Community Facilities District (CFD)	68,966.00			
Strike Team Reimbursements	121,780.00	208,738.33	86,958.33	-
Other Reimbursements	374,162.00	70,985.30	(303,176.70)	19%
Mitigation Fees & Interest - FBK	250,000.00	360,758.43	110,758.43	144%
Mitigation Fees & Interest - RNBW	-	24.47	24.47	-
Donations & Grants	628,090.00	257,503.00	(370,587.00)	41%
Annexation fees	-	-	-	-
Transfers & Loans	-	-	-	0%
Total Revenue:	18,878,028.00	11,323,471.19	(7,554,556.81)	60%
	Budgeted	Spent	Over/Under	% of Budget
TTL Expenditures YTD thru 01-31-2018	17,825,074.00	10,432,251.31	(7,392,822.69)	59%
Revenue over Expenditures		891,219.88		

North County Fire Protection District
 For the Eighth Month Ending February 28, 2019
66% of Budget

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

Description	February Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount		% Used
				Remaining		
TOTAL PERSONNEL	827,084.58	8,950,442.65	14,438,066.00	5,487,623.35		62.0%
101 Total Board Administration	8,694.05	190,125.43	328,900.00	138,774.57		57.8%
102 Total Administration	35,126.55	577,837.46	1,153,120.00	575,282.54		50.1%
103 Total Fire Prevention	5,655.66	15,333.32	80,432.00	65,098.68		19.1%
104 Total Emergency Services	4,343.72	165,629.67	326,918.00	161,288.33		50.7%
105 Total Emergency Med Svcs	18,446.63	119,219.98	164,258.00	45,038.02		72.6%
106 Total Reserves (note below)	3,710.41	36,320.51	31,000.00	(5,320.51)		117.2%
107 Total Communications	21,936.77	452,798.76	655,339.00	202,540.24		69.1%
108 Total Shop/Maintenance	20,721.91	193,732.38	344,260.00	150,527.62		56.3%
109 Total Training	14,902.58	38,724.95	102,850.00	64,125.05		37.7%
120 Total General Fund Reserve	-	-	200,000.00	200,000.00		0.0%
GRAND TOTAL	960,622.86	10,432,251.31	17,825,143.00	7,392,891.69		58.5%
Note: SAFER grant will provide reimbursement						
200 Total Capital Equipment	216,664.47	734,873.19	907,743.88	172,870.69		81.0%

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT
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February 28, 2019

FALLBROOK	BALANCE	INTEREST	
		RATE	
County of San Diego/General Fund - FBK	1,323,689.16	0.01%	Operating
County of San Diego/General Fund - RNBW	385,696.04	0.01%	Operating
County of San Diego/Capital Reserve	726,160.60	0.01%	Capital Reserves
County of San Diego/Fire Mitigation Fund - FBK	452,979.71	0.01%	Mitigation Fees
County of San Diego/Fire Mitigation Fund - RNBW	3,907.37	0.01%	Mitigation Fees
Local Agency Investment Fund	2,519,518.67	2.39%	LAIF
Workers' Comp JPA	464,728.73	0.26%	PASIS Funds
Bank of America/PASIS	54,523.26	0.01%	
First National/Benefit Fund	154,557.39	0.70%	
First National/Payroll	957,146.90	0.77%	
First National/Accounts Payable	17,203.14	0.57%	
First National/Accounts Receivable	20,041.67	0.47%	
Pacific Western Bank/Accounts Receivable	584,150.69	0.00%	
TOTAL	7,664,303.33		

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Tax Apportionments FY 18-19**

DATE	APP #	GROSS	REFUNDS & ADJUSTMENTS	FY 18/19 NET	FY 18/19 RUNNING	FY 17/18 NET	FY 17/18 RUNNING	
08 1 2018	1	212,187.31	1,099.25	211,088.06	211,088.06	208,527.21	208,527.21	
09 1 2018	2	64,587.28	2,440.55	62,146.73	273,234.79	77,260.58	285,787.79	
10 1 2018	3	194,918.23	19,187.96	175,730.27	448,965.06	141,090.29	426,878.08	
10 30 2018	4	620,477.43	17,135.11	603,342.32	1,052,307.38	647,686.90	1,074,564.98	
12 11 2018	5	4,713,672.67	10,812.77	4,702,859.90	5,755,167.28	4,508,309.45	5,582,874.43	
01 15 2019	6	2,492,363.64	17,280.91	2,475,082.73	8,230,250.01	3,031,362.46	8,614,236.89	
02 12 2019	7	378,359.62	4767.06	373,592.56	8,603,842.57	348,998.07	8,963,234.96	
03 1 2019				-	-	-	-	
04 1 2019	8			-	8,603,842.57	3,028,136.07	11,991,371.03	
04 30 2019	9			-	8,603,842.57	146,917.51	12,138,288.54	
05 28 2019	10			-	8,603,842.57	1,368,061.22	13,506,349.76	
06 18 2018	11			-	8,603,842.57	218,727.40	13,725,077.16	
07 19 2018	12			-	8,603,842.57	211,732.88	13,936,810.04	
TOTAL YTD		8,676,566.18	72,723.61	8,603,842.57	8,603,842.57	8,963,234.96	13,992,241.43	
							Net Rev Increase	-4.01%

RAINBOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Tax Apportionments FY 18-19

DATE	APP #	GROSS	REFUNDS & ADJUSTMENTS	FY 18/19 NET	FY 18/19 RUNNING	FY 17/18 NET	FY 17/18 RUNNING	
08 1 2018	1	3,901.18	20.20	3,880.98	3,880.98	3,870.19	3,870.19	
09 1 2018	2	1,187.53	44.87	1,142.66	5,023.64	1,433.78	5,303.97	
10 1 2018	3	3,583.74	352.85	3,230.89	8,254.53	2,618.45	7,922.42	
10 30 2018	4	11,408.02	326.46	11,081.56	19,336.09	12,002.74	19,925.16	
12 11 2018	5	86,390.58	198.43	86,192.15	105,528.24	84,302.39	104,227.55	
01 15 2019	6	46,876.77	317.46	46,559.31	152,087.55	55,734.72	159,962.27	
02 1 2019	7	6,920.53	87.57	6,832.96	158,920.51	6,380.89	166,343.16	
03 1 2019				-	158,920.51	-	166,343.16	
04 1 2019	8			-	158,920.51	56,188.26	222,531.42	
04 30 2019	9			-	158,920.51	2,297.59	224,829.01	
05 28 2019	10			-	158,920.51	25,442.75	250,271.76	
06 18 2018	11			-	158,920.51	5,113.31	255,385.07	
07 19 2018	12			-	158,920.51	3,896.49	259,281.56	
TOTAL YTD		160,268.35	1,347.84	158,920.51	158,920.51	166,343.16	260,302.95	
							Net Rev Increase	-4.46%

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
AMBULANCE REVENUE FY 2018-2019**

MONTH	BILLED	CONTRACTUAL WRITE DOWNS	TOTAL		BAD DEBT WRITE-OFFS	REFUNDS	ADJAR	DEPOSITS		BILLING FEES	FY 18-19 NET REVENUE	FY 17-18 NET REVENUE
			AR FY 18-19	AR FY 17-18				RECIEVED				
07 31 2017	486,857.35	273,096.29	213,761.06	226,954.63	47,413.41	2,542.20	163,805.45	166,148.09	9,553.48	156,594.61	147,411.57	
08 31 2017	458,256.82	261,730.97	196,525.85	188,689.18	77,247.01	1,498.39	117,780.45	135,686.25	7,890.50	127,795.75	166,941.09	
09 30 2017	393,795.22	213,396.97	180,398.25	172,766.98	36,090.18	-	144,308.07	153,416.18	9,051.55	144,364.63	129,488.00	
10 31 2017	434,064.78	256,219.76	177,845.02	187,814.29	25,190.48	3,571.44	149,083.10	184,457.00	10,882.96	173,574.04	150,932.49	
11 30 2017	495,021.93	262,406.32	232,615.61	163,784.51	44,636.29	-	187,979.32	188,541.06	9,943.92	158,597.14	144,190.22	
12 31 2017	463,825.06	235,980.43	227,844.63	202,887.40	43,436.35	-	184,408.28	145,520.17	8,585.69	136,934.48	133,490.85	
01 31 2018	596,874.86	331,075.56	285,799.30	185,586.06	51,943.24	-	213,856.06	156,191.54	9,200.88	146,990.66	167,815.18	
02 28 2018	487,410.29	269,480.00	217,930.29	154,965.64	38,353.52	6,977.17	172,599.60	164,368.28	9,286.08	155,082.20	123,383.39	
03 31 2018				208,554.49							117,973.66	
04 30 2018				182,733.35							131,626.80	
05 31 2018				194,318.43							152,248.76	
06 30 2018				177,900.79							115,848.47	
TOTAL:	3,816,106.31	2,103,366.30	1,712,720.01	1,483,448.69	364,310.48	14,589.20	1,333,820.33	1,274,328.57	74,395.06	1,199,933.51	1,163,652.79	
					Net A/R Change		15.46%			New Revenue Change		3.12%

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
COST RECOVERY FY 2018/2019**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>YTD % Collected</u>	<u>Billing Fees</u>	<u>Net Revenue</u>	<u>FY 17/18 Net Revenue</u>
7 31 2018	12,030.00	11,415.00	94.89%	2,283.00	9,132.00	5,082.66
8 30 2018	6,942.00	6,412.35	92.37%	1,282.47	5,129.88	5,286.00
9 30 2018	8,525.00	8,288.00	97.22%	1,657.60	6,630.40	6,951.45
10 31 2018	7,948.00	7,829.24	98.51%	1,565.85	6,263.39	7,364.00
11 30 2018	9,083.00	8,726.52	96.08%	1,745.30	6,981.22	5,664.64
12 31 2018	5,679.00	5,151.00	90.70%	1,030.20	4,120.80	3,507.20
1 31 2019	5,004.00	4,567.00	91.27%	913.40	3,653.60	4,669.95
2 28 2019	7,937.00	7,700.00	97.01%	1,540.00	6,160.00	7,322.40
3 30 2019			#DIV/0!	-	-	7,275.52
4 30 2019			#DIV/0!	-	-	6,348.00
5 31 2019			#DIV/0!	-	-	3,159.60
6 30 2019			#DIV/0!	-	-	3,872.00
TOTAL:	63,148.00	60,089.11	95.16%	12,017.82	48,071.29	45,848.30
					Net Rev Increase	4.85%

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02 1 2019	02/01/19-02/28/19	Employee Benefit Specialists, Inc.	Dental/Vision/LTD 02/2019	8,626.68
02 1 2019	132753	Global CTI	Global support 02/2019	134.48
02 1 2019	STMT 02/2019	Harry J. Wilson Insurance Center	LTD 02/2019	1,077.00
02 1 2019	PR AP 02/01/19	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	PR AP 02/01/19	2,454.20
02 1 2019	PR AP 02/01/19-RESV	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	PR AP 02/01/2019	29.25
02 1 2019	PR AP 02/01/19	FIREFIGHTERS LEG. ACTION GRP	PR AP 02/01/19	90.00
02 1 2019	PR AP 02/01/19	LINCOLN NATIONAL	PR AP 02/01/19	3,263.71
02 1 2019	MTH1010	Patty Koch	MTH1010	597.38
02 1 2019	1304525	MYERS-STEVENS & CO. INC.	LTD 02/2019	605.00
02 1 2019	0417565020119	TIME WARNER CABLE	02/11/19-03/10/19	89.98
02 1 2019	5217346 - 02/2018	KAISER PERMANENTE	Amb refund	1,493.82
02 1 2019	15877663	KAISER PERMANENTE	Amb refund	2,022.46
02 1 2019	HNET0278933	Logisticare Solutions, LLC	Amb refund	201.22
02 1 2019	OVERPYMT 02/2019	PATRICIA WRIGHT	Amb refund	78.59
02 1 2019	9484331	Scripps Health Plan Services	Amb refund	80.71
02 1 2019	9823245249	VERIZON WIRELESS	01/02/19-02/01/19	77.28
02 1 2019	AMB REFUND 02/2019	WALTER BREINING	Amb refund	99.23
02 1 2019	095944631 - DUP	XEROX - PASADENA	12/21/18-01/21/19	618.10
02 1 2019	095944630-DUP	XEROX - PASADENA	11/21/18-01/20/19	319.15
02 1 2019	000012558253	AT&T	01/01/2019-01/31/2019	3,500.47
02 1 2019	53343207	DEL CITY	Parallel connectors	112.40
02 1 2019	23914	FALLBROOK MUFFLER	(2) Surface exhaust	144.65
02 1 2019	85451492	MCMASTER-CARR SUPPLY CO.	Gauge, reamer	82.34
02 4 2019	1/5/19-2/4/19	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	01/05/19-02/04/19	249.24
02 4 2019	01/05/19-02/04/19	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	1/5/19-2/4/19	205.87
02 4 2019	146673	ADMINISTRATIVE SOLUTIONS	ASI fees 02/2019	120.00
02 4 2019	613903	SAVMART PHARMACEUTICALS, INC	Medical supplies	256.80
02 5 2019	SUPPORT 1/27/19	NIGEL FRANK INT'L USA	GP support 01/27/19	292.50
02 6 2019	103988	JIM'S SIGN SHOP	(4) Blk vinyl helmet names	25.86
02 6 2019	492848	SOUTH COAST EMERGENCY VEHICLE SERV	Repls, nut, jam	182.13
02 6 2019	492849	SOUTH COAST EMERGENCY VEHICLE SERV	Primer, sealant	226.05
02 8 2019	CHIEF OFF 3A & B	RYAN GARING	Chief Off 3A & 3B	460.00
02 8 2019	20180514-1077	ILWU-PMS-COASTWISE	Amb refund	1,017.41
02 8 2019	1/09/19-02/08/19	AT&T U-VERSE	01/09/19-02/08/19	163.92
02 8 2019	2019-0141	Daily Dispatch	Fire Prevention Employ ad	280.00
02 10 2019	1/11/19-2/10/19	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	01/11/19-02/10/19	202.91
02 10 2019	01/11/19-02/10/19	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	01/11/19-02/10/19	128.06

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02 10 2019	1/11/19-2/10/19 -000	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	01/11/19-02/10/19	14.81
02 10 2019	SD8378	Rural Metro	Amb refund	1,614.26
02 10 2019	885985101	Rural Metro	Amb refund	369.47
02 10 2019	0000240021019	TIME WARNER CABLE	02/20/19-03/19/19	149.95
02 10 2019	2111	RIDEOUT ELECTRIC	Sta. 1 outlet	163.84
02 11 2019	LCW LUNCH/BFAST	Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District	Bfast/Lunch LCW 2/11/19	30.00
02 11 2019	201819-152	NORTH COUNTY DISPATCH JPA	Q3 FY18/19 & IT support	104,690.25
02 11 2019	492901	SOUTH COAST EMERGENCY VEHICLE SERV	Vernifer throttle	679.76
02 12 2019	3255	Fallbrook Overhead Doors and Entry Gates	Sta. 1 door fix	150.00
02 12 2019	09B0036333755	READY FRESH	01/11/19-02/10/19	45.23
02 12 2019	1207486807	Citrix Systems, Inc	GoTo Mtg 2/12/19-03/11/19	117.00
02 12 2019	59736990	Linde Gas North America LLC	Oxygen refill	79.12
02 12 2019	59737062	Linde Gas North America LLC	Oxygen refill	161.92
02 13 2019	36054041	Arrow Pipeline Repair, Inc.	RNBW fix water heater	85.00
02 13 2019	5851667	GUARDIAN EMS PRODUCTS	Medical supplies catheter	100.85
02 13 2019	201819-170	NORTH COUNTY DISPATCH JPA	Cost recovery Non-Street EMS	1,125.00
02 14 2019	REL4035 & FSC4710	GREG MANN	REL4035 & FSC 4710	1,743.00
02 14 2019	5851834	GUARDIAN EMS PRODUCTS	Medical supplies catheter	104.96
02 14 2019	163224	HI-TECH E.V.S. INC.	LED light head	1,966.85
02 14 2019	1125	World Advancement of Technology	EMS spt & MX 03/1/19-02/28/20	6,765.00
02 14 2019	59740411	Linde Gas North America LLC	Oxygen refill	119.77
02 14 2019	59740475	Linde Gas North America LLC	Oxygen refill	86.59
02 14 2019	59740496	Linde Gas North America LLC	Oxygen refill	94.88
02 15 2019	PR AP 02/15/19	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	PR AP 2/15/19	2,454.20
02 15 2019	PR AP 02/15/19-RESV	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	PR AP 02/15/19	29.25
02 15 2019	PR AP 02/15/19	FIREFIGHTERS LEG. ACTION GRP	PR AP 02/15/19	90.00
02 15 2019	PR AP 02/15/19	LINCOLN NATIONAL	PR AP 02/15/19	3,263.71
02 15 2019	613049209	San Diego Imaging	Chavezmatzel physical	34.41
02 15 2019	STMT 02/15/19	FALLBROOK OIL COMPANY	Fuel 02/01/19-02/15/19	3,032.88
02 15 2019	STMT 02/15/19	LEGAL SHIELD	ID identity 02/15/19	597.15
02 15 2019	33284	Reeder Media	Full page Sourcebook 2019	1,112.00
02 16 2019	HUM 1000	BRACCI, JASON	HUM1000	831.50
02 16 2019	STMT 02/2019	McHolland Services	Chipping days	2,400.00
02 17 2019	01/18/19-02/17/19	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	01/18/19-02/17/19	22.95
02 17 2019	01/18/19-02/17/19-00	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	01/18/19-02/17/19	713.52
02 17 2019	99583	DIGITAL DEPLOYMENT, INC.	Streamling 02/17/19	275.00
02 18 2019	A726735	ROAD ONE	Tow pumper	360.00

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02 19 2019	01/25/19-02/19/19	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	01/25/19-02/19/19	54.10
02 19 2019	1/25/19-2/19/19	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	1/25/19-2/19/19	714.11
02 19 2019	221	RIDEOUT ELECTRIC	Sta. 5 electric	1,487.65
02 19 2019	5852414	GUARDIAN EMS PRODUCTS	Catheter dressing	542.93
02 20 2019	09B9901381948	READY FRESH	01/21/19-02/20/19	38.78
02 20 2019	09B0030602940	READY FRESH	01/21/19-02/20/19	7.53
02 20 2019	9824569832	VERIZON WIRELESS	01/21/19-02/20/19	730.46
02 20 2019	9824569831	VERIZON WIRELESS	01/21/19-02/20/19	2,092.78
02 21 2019	35845927059	DIRECTV	02/01/19-02/28/19	146.38
02 21 2019	1292783	BESTWAY LAUNDRY SOLUTIONS	Sta 4 Extraction repair	144.00
02 21 2019	493085	SOUTH COAST EMERGENCY VEHICLE SERV	Seal, rubber	373.02
02 22 2019	09B0030618029	READY FRESH	01/21/19-02/20/19	240.99
02 22 2019	1/21/19-2/20/19-871	SDG&E	01/21/19-02/20/19	58.33
02 22 2019	0381456022219	TIME WARNER CABLE	03/02/19-04/01/19	337.90
02 22 2019	0381472022219	TIME WARNER CABLE	03/02/19-04/01/19	1,142.90
02 22 2019	SR EMT AD 03/2019	Daily Dispatch	EMT - single role ad	280.00
02 22 2019	126320	FIRE, ETC.	Helmets	10,583.98
02 23 2019	9824800173	VERIZON WIRELESS	01/24/19-02/23/19	458.43
02 24 2019	01/25/19-02/24/19	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	01/25/19-02/24/19	55.07
02 24 2019	1/25/19-2/24/19	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	01/25/19-02/24/19	176.23
02 25 2019	PYMT 3 OF 5	Santander Leasing, LLC	2016 Ford Amb. Pymt 3 of 5	45,661.41
02 25 2019	PA5305/ORG5100, 6000	ED JONES	PA5305/ORG5100/ORG6000	3,010.50
02 25 2019	1/22/19-2/21/19-183	SDG&E	01/22/19-02/21/19	156.41
02 25 2019	65473	FALLBROOK PROPANE GAS CO.	Sta. 4 propane	442.40
02 25 2019	XA290032366:01	VELOCITY TRUCK CENTERS	Lamp-Cab marker LED	72.68
02 26 2019	HOME DEPOT 02/2019	GREGG HOLDRIDGE	Wall base/wire connectors	78.90
02 26 2019	1/23/19-2/22/19-080	SDG&E	01/23/19-02/22/19	327.91
02 26 2019	01/23/19-02/22/19	SDG&E	01/23/19-02/22/19	299.40
02 26 2019	493172	SOUTH COAST EMERGENCY VEHICLE SERV	Module, input	650.39
02 27 2019	MEDIC RENEW 19-21	ERIC AYERS	Medic renew 2019-2021	200.00
02 27 2019	MEDIC RENEW 19-21	STORMY MCINERNY	Medic renew 19-21	200.00
02 28 2019	01770-1976-RI-2018	CO OF SD -AIR POLLUTION CONTROL	APCD Renewal 02/2019	750.00
02 28 2019	02/28/19-02/28/20	CO. OF SAN DIEGO, DEH	Facility permit 2/19-2/20	547.00
02 28 2019	02/19-02/20 STA. 3	CO. OF SAN DIEGO, DEH	Facility Permit 02/19-02/20	469.00
02 28 2019	02/19-02/20 - STA. 2	CO. OF SAN DIEGO, DEH	Facility Permit 02/19-02/20	547.00
02 28 2019	STMT 02/2019	D.F. Cleaning Service	Admin cleaning 02/2019	420.00
02 28 2019	STMT 02/19 STA. 5	FALLBROOK WASTE	Refuse Sta. 5 02/2019	144.80

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02 28 2019	STMT 02/19 ADMIN	FALLBROOK WASTE	Refuse Admin 02/2019	162.10
02 28 2019	STMT 02/19 STA. 2	FALLBROOK WASTE	Refuse Sta. 2 02/2019	88.90
02 28 2019	STMT 02/19 RNBW	FALLBROOK WASTE	Refuse Rnbw 02/19	123.35
02 28 2019	STMT 02/19 STA. 4	FALLBROOK WASTE	Refuse Sta. 4 02/19	88.90
02 28 2019	STMT 02/19 STA. 3	FALLBROOK WASTE	Refuse Sta. 3 02/19	88.90
02 28 2019	STMT STA. 1 02/19	FALLBROOK WASTE	Refuse 02/19 Sta. 1	202.90
02 28 2019	STMT 02/28/19	FALLBROOK OIL COMPANY	Fuel 02/15/19-02/28/19	3,665.74
02 28 2019	STMT 02/2019	GLENNIE'S OFFICE PRODUCTS	Office supplies	24.20
02 28 2019	02/2019 RETAINER	ROBERT JAMES	Legal retainer 02/2018	1,035.62
02 28 2019	STMT 02/28/19	Joe's Hardware	Sta. supplies/ FF equip	465.42
02 28 2019	STMT 02/28/19	KEN GRODY FORD CARLSBAD	Shaft asy	538.72
02 28 2019	STMT 02/28/19	PINE TREE LUMBER	Sta. 1 supplies	192.61
02 28 2019	STMT 02/2019	Sherwin-Williams Co.	Sta. 1 remodel	106.06

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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: March 26, 2019
SUBJECT: STANDING ITEM: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. None.

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: F/M KOCH AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: MARCH 26, 2019
SUBJECT: FIRE MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM (FMF)

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve Resolution 2019-04 as submitted.

BACKGROUND:

San Diego County has established a Fire Mitigation Fee Program wherein fire departments receive Developer Impact Fees for new construction to compensate fire agencies for new infrastructure needs resulting from new development. In order to continue participation in this Program, by April 16th of each year, the District must annually adopt a resolution making the required annual findings.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed Resolution 2019-04 is enclosed for your review. It is our standard annual Resolution with the exception of the dates. It establishes collection of 100% of the ceiling amount set by the County of San Diego. It also specifies the recording requirements and how the Mitigation Fees can be expended. Mitigation Fees are established using a formula contained in the County ordinances. The County's Fire Mitigation Fee Committee will be meeting October of this year to discuss rates, which were increased last year to \$0.58 psf.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The estimated Fire Mitigation Revenue for NCFPD FY 2019/2020 is \$250,000. As of January 1, 2019, the District has received \$165,274 in mitigation fees. This is consistent with the current outlook and is based upon the anticipated building rate, pursuant to the County of San Diego Economic Roundtable projections.

SUMMARY:

Adoption of this Resolution is a standard and required practice to participate in the FMF Program. Later in the year, Staff will forward a Multi-Year Facilities and Equipment Plan as a secondary component to Program participation.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



RESOLUTION 2019-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAKING THE ANNUAL REQUIRED FINDINGS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE MITIGATION FEE ORDINANCE FY 2019/2020

WHEREAS, the North County Fire Protection District is anticipating that further new development will occur within the District which will cause the further need for the expansion of existing fire protection facilities; and

WHEREAS, the North County Fire Protection District is currently participating in the San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fee Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego has established fee ceilings for types of constructions by Chapter 3 of Division 10 of Title 8, (commencing with Section 810.301) of the San Diego County Codes; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego has amended Chapter 3, Division 10 of Title 8 of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances relating to fire mitigation fees; and

WHEREAS, the North County Fire Protection District intends hereby to comply with said amendments to continue to participate in the Fire Mitigation Fee Program.

IT IS HEREBY FOUND THAT:

- A. The North County Fire Protection District does not have existing facilities which could be used to provide an adequate level of service to new development within the District's boundaries; and
- B. The North County Fire Protection District does not have sufficient funds available to construct additional facilities from fund balances, capital facility funds, property tax sources or any other appropriate sources; and
- C. The lack of fire protection facilities and equipment to serve new development would create a situation perilous to the public health and safety if Fire Mitigation Fees are not levied within the District; and
- D. The Annexation Fees and Plan Check Fees charged by the North County Fire Protection District do not include a payment towards costs of capital facility and equipment expansion as a component of the fee.

T IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The North County Fire Protection District requests the County of San Diego to collect 100% of the ceiling amount of the Fire Mitigation Fee on the District's behalf from applicants for building permits or other permits for development.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



RESOLUTION 2019-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
MAKING THE ANNUAL REQUIRED FINDINGS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY
FIRE MITIGATION FEE ORDINANCE FY 2019/2020

2. Mitigation fees paid under this Program will be used to expand the availability of capital facilities and equipment to serve new development.
3. The District shall place all funds received by the County under this Program and all interest subsequently accrued by the District on these funds, in a separate budget accounting category to be known as the "San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fee."
4. The District shall expend funds from said "San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fee" budget accounting category only for the purposes of providing capital facilities and equipment to serve new development.
5. The District shall submit a Fire Mitigation Fee Annual Report to the County of San Diego no later than August 29th of each year to the Administrator of the Mitigation Fee Program. Said report shall include, but not limited to, the balance in the account at the end of the previous fiscal year, the fee of revenue received, the amount and type of expenditures made and the ending balance in the fund. The report shall further specify the actions the District plans to take to alleviate the facility and equipment needs caused by new development in a Multi-year Facilities and Equipment Plan adopted at a noticed public hearing. The District shall make available, upon request by the Administrator, a copy of its annual audit report.
6. The District shall make its records available to the public on request, which justify the basis for the fee amount.
7. The District shall hold San Diego County harmless for any errors made by the County in collecting and/or transmitting these fees to the District.
8. The District shall make findings, with respect to any portion of the fee remaining unexpended or uncommitted in its account five (5) or more years after deposit of the fee, to identify the purpose to which the fee is to be put and to demonstrate a reasonable relationship between the fee and the purpose for which it was charged. The agency shall refund to the then current record owner or owners of the development project or projects on a prorated basis, the unexpended or uncommitted portion of the fee and any interest accrued thereon, for which need cannot be demonstrated.
9. The Board of Directors of the District shall send a certified copy of the Resolution to the Clerk. The Clerk shall immediately transmit a copy of the resolution to the Director and Administrator. Within thirty days from the date of receipt of the resolution by the Clerk, the provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to all building permits and other permits issued for new construction.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



RESOLUTION 2019-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAKING THE ANNUAL REQUIRED FINDINGS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE MITIGATION FEE ORDINANCE FY 2019/2020

10. By April 16th of each year following the year of original adoption of this District's Resolution, pursuant to this section, the District shall submit a copy of a new resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the District, making the required findings and setting the percentage of the Fire Mitigation Fee ceiling requested by the District. This percentage may be revised by resolution, up to the ceiling amount. This revision shall be effective the following July 1st.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors, North County Fire Protection District, County of San Diego, State of California, on this **26th day of March 2019**, 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 **26th day of March 2019**, and that the same now appears on record in the Board Secretary's office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this **26th day of March 2019**.



Loren Stephen-Porter, Board Secretary



Official Seal



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: MARCH 26, 2019
SUBJECT: SAN DIEGO LAFCO 2019 SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors authorize the President to cast a ballot in the 2019 San Diego LAFCO Special Districts Election as described in the attached communication from LAFCO.

BACKGROUND:

On an annual basis, the Board of Directors has the opportunity cast a ballot in the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) elections. As in previous years, nominations were solicited late in 2018. LAFCO formed a Nomination Committee, which has reviewed the nomination materials and developed a recommendation. The time has now come to vote and submissions are due by **April 12, 2019**.

DISCUSSION:

There is one (1) seat open on the LAFCO Regular Special District Member for a term ending in May 2023. There are five individuals running, with Edmund Sprague from Olivenhain MWD being both the incumbent and the recommendation of the nominating committee. The other individuals running are: William Haynor (Whispering Palms CSD), William Leach (Fallbrook Regional Healthcare District), Hector Martinez (South Bay Irrigation District) and Barry Willis (Alpine Fire Protection District).

There is one (1) seat up for election on LAFCO's Alternate Special District Member, which expires in May 2023. There are three nominees, with Judy Hanson (Leucadia Wastewater District) being the incumbent. The nominating committee has recommended both Steve Castenda (South Bay Irrigation District) and Erin Lump (Rincon del Diablo MWD) for the opening.

Full nomination materials and letters of support are available in the attached LAFCO package.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: No fiscal impact.

SUMMARY:

The Board should determine which nominees it wishes to support and authorize the President to cast ballots for the 2019 LAFCO election.



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BALLOT FORM

February 25, 2019

TO: Independent Special Districts of San Diego County

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer
 Tamaron Luckett, Executive Assistant

SUBJECT: **Special District Ballot Form | San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission Regular and Alternate Member – Certified Mail**

On November 28, 2018, the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission solicited nominations pursuant to Government Code Section 56332(1) for two special districts members – (a) one regular and (b) one alternate – to serve on the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). A total of eight nominations were received – five for the regular member and three for the alternate member – with terms both expiring May 2023.

As required by the Selection Committee Rules, all eligible nominations were forwarded to a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee comprise Gary Arant (Valley Center Municipal Water District), Tom Kennedy (Rainbow Municipal Water District), and Mark Robak (Otay Water District). After the candidate’s forum held on February 20, 2019 in conjunction with the San Diego Chapter of the California Special District Association’s Quarterly Dinner Meeting, the Nominating Committee met to discuss a recommended slate of nominees for the open positions.

Attached are the following election materials:

- Nominating Committee’s Report and Recommendations. (Attachment A)
- Special District Election Ballot and Vote Certification Forms for Regular and Alternate Member. (Attachment B)

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	Catherine Blakespear City of Encinitas	Mark Kersey City of San Diego	Chair Jo MacKenzie Visita Irrigation	Andy Vanderlaan General Public
	Dianne Jacob County of San Diego	Bill Wells City of El Cajon	Chris Cate, Alternate City of San Diego	Vice Chair Ed Sprague Olivenhain Municipal Water	Harry Mathis, Alternate General Public
	Greg Cox, Alternate County of San Diego	Serge Dedina, Alternate City of Imperial Beach		Judy Hanson, Alternate Leucadia Wastewater	

- Special District Summary of Nominations and Nomination Forms¹. (Attachment C)

There is a separate special district election ballot and vote certification form to cast your vote for each position: (a) Regular Member and (b) Alternate Member. All nominees are listed on the ballot and vote certification form. An asterisk identifies the Nominating Committee recommendations, and incumbents have been italicized. Write-in candidates are permitted, and spaces have been provided for that purpose. **Only one cast vote is eligible for each category on the ballot and vote certification form; a ballot that is cast for more than indicated number of positions the vote will be disregarded.**

State Law and the Selection Committee Rules require a district's vote to be cast by its presiding officer, or an alternate member of the legislative body appointed by the other members. Therefore, the certification form has been incorporated with the ballot forms to be signed by the person who cast your district's votes. **A ballot received without a signed certification form will be voided.**

The Selection Committee Rules stipulate that most of the districts shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of committee business. There are 59 independent special districts in the county; therefore, a minimum of 30 ballots must be received to certify that a legal election was conducted. A candidate for a LAFCO member must receive at least a majority of the votes cast to be elected. The ballots will be kept on file in this office and will be made available upon request.

The deadline for receipts of the ballots by LAFCO is **Friday, April 12, 2019**. The Selection Committee Rules require that marked ballots be returned by certified mail – return receipt requested. Ballots and certification forms will be accepted by email to tamaron.luckett@sdcounty.ca.gov or Facsimile (FAX), if necessary, to meet the ballot deadline, but the originals must be submitted as soon as possible thereafter.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (858) 614-7755.

Keene Simonds
Executive Officer

Attachments

- a) Nominating Committee Report and Recommendations
- b) Special District Election Vote Certification Form and Ballots
- c) Special District Summary of Nominations and Nomination Forms

¹ LAFCO staff does not include any of the candidates' promotional materials with the election materials.



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Attachment A

February 25, 2019

TO: Independent Special Districts in San Diego County
FROM: Special Districts Election Nominating Committee
SUBJECT: **Nominating Committee Report and Recommendations**

The Nominating Committee was appointed to review the nominations submitted, and to prepare a list of recommended candidates. According to the Selection Committee Rules, the nominating committee is appointed by the Chairperson or Vice Chair of the Special Districts Advisory Committee.

The Nominating Committee members Gary Arant (Valley Center Municipal Water District), Tom Kennedy (Rainbow Municipal Water District), and Mark Robak (Otay Water District) met on February 22, 2019. In evaluating the nominations, the Committee considered special district experience, interest, and knowledge of LAFCO issues. The Committee further considered attendance records and meeting participation. The Committee also wanted to ensure representation from those types of districts that most often are involved in making recommendations to LAFCO. A summary of the nominations has been attached. (Attachment C)

The nominating committee’s recommendation for each category follows:

Nominating Committee | Recommendations

LAFCO Regular Special District Member

- Edmund K. Sprague (Olivenhain Municipal Water District)

LAFCO Alternate Special District Member

- Erin Lump (Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District)
- Steve Castaneda (South Bay Irrigation District)

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	Greg Cox, Alternate County of San Diego	Serge Dedina, Alternate City of Imperial Beach	Judy Hanson, Alternate Leucadia Wastewater		

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2018 SPECIAL DISTRICTS ELECTION
BALLOT and VOTE CERTIFICATION
FOR REGULAR LAFCO SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER

VOTE FOR ONLY ONE

William Haynor []
(Whispering Palms Community Services District)

William Leach []
(Fallbrook Regional Health District)

Hector Martinez []
(South Bay Irrigation District)

* **Edmund K. Sprague¹** []
(Olivenhain Municipal Water District)

Barry Willis []
(Alpine Fire Protection District)

Write-Ins

_____ []
_____ []

As presiding officer or his/her delegated alternate as provided by the governing board, I hereby certify that I cast the votes of the _____
(Name of Independent Special District)
at the 2018 Special Districts Selection Committee Election.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Print Name)

(Print Title)

Please note: The order in which the candidates' names are listed was determined by random selection.

* Nominating Committee's Recommendation

¹ Incumbent member

2018 SPECIAL DISTRICTS ELECTION
BALLOT and VOTE CERTIFICATION
FOR ALTERNATE LAFCO SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER

VOTE FOR ONLY ONE

- * **Steve Castaneda** []
(South Bay Irrigation District)
- Judy Hanson²** []
(Leucadia Wastewater District)
- * **Erin Lump** []
(Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District)

Write-Ins

_____ []

_____ []

As presiding officer or his/her delegated alternate as provided by the governing board, I hereby certify that I cast the votes of the _____
(Name of Independent Special District)
at the 2018 Special Districts Selection Committee Election.

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Date)

(Print Title)

Please note: The order in which the candidates' names are listed was determined by random selection.

* Nominating Committee's Recommendation

2 Incumbent member

ATTACHMENT A

NOMINATION OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES
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FOR THE SAN DIEGO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

The Whispering Palms CSD is pleased to nominate William Hayner as a
(Name of Independent Special District) (Name of Candidate)

Candidate for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission as a regular or alternate special district member.

Please check one box.
Refer to the List of Incumbents.

- Regular Special District Member (Term expires 2023)
- Alternate Special District Member (Term expires 2023)

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.

William Hayner
(Signature)
(Print Name)

1/9/2018
(Date)

President
(Print Title)

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LAFCO Special District Regular Member Candidate

William W. Haynor

Resume



Business Background

William W. Haynor has more than 30 years of banking and finance experience, with senior positions at Bank of America, Imperial Corporation of America, Great American Bank, and as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Bank of San Francisco. Mr. Haynor was a Founding Director of Selectquote Insurance Services, Inc. and is currently Founder, Chairman and CEO of Seniorquote Insurance Services Inc., a direct response distributor of senior life and health insurance. Mr. Haynor was also a Founding Director of the Star System and past Vice Chairman of the Board.

CSD Background

1. Past Board Chairman of the Marin Municipal Water District.
2. Past Board Chairman of The Strawberry Recreation District
3. Current Board Chairman of the Whispering Palms Community Services District

Appointment Background

1. Past Chairman of the Richardson Bay Development Committee Joint Powers with Marin County and Cities of Sausalito, Mill Valley, Tiburon, and Belvedere
2. Current SDCERS (San Diego City Pension Board) Board Member and Past Investment Committee Chairman

Personal Highlights

Education: Denison University B.S. Biology – USC, MBA Finance, USC, MS Aerospace Systems Management

Military: USAF, Strategic Air Command, Avionics/Intelligence – Captain – Viet Nam
Combat Service Ribbon

Family: Married with three children and four grandchildren

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FALLBROOK REGIONAL
The HEALTH DISTRICT is pleased to nominate William Leach as a
(Name of Independent Special District) (Name of Candidate)

Candidate for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission as a regular or alternate special district member.

Please check one box.
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 Alternate Special District Member (Term expires 2023)

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

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Howard Salmon (Signature)
(Print Name) 1/9/2019 (Date)
Board President
(Print Title)

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Bill Leach

Special District and Government Experience

EXPERIENCE

Fallbrook Regional Healthcare District, Fallbrook CA — Governing Board Member

December 2016 - PRESENT

Fallbrook Community Planning Group, Fallbrook CA— Governing Board Member

December 2016 - January 2019

Association of California Healthcare Districts, Sacramento CA- Advocacy Committee Member

September 2017- January 2019

Association of California Healthcare Districts, Sacramento CA- Education Committee Member

September 2017- January 2019

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The SOUTH BAY IRRIGATION DISTRICT is pleased to nominate HECTOR MARTINEZ as a
(Name of Independent Special District) (Name of Candidate)

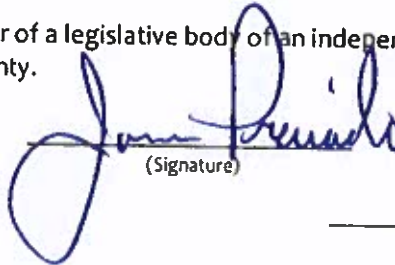
Candidate for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission as a regular or alternate special district member.

Please check **one** box.
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 Alternate Special District Member (Term expires 2023)

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

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(Signature)

JOSE PRECIADO
(Print Name)

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BOARD PRESIDENT
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Hector M. Martinez, P.E.

Experience - While at Sweetwater Authority, in the engineering department, I had the opportunity to prepare and process several annexations and detachments for the district. As a developer, I have considered on several occasions annexing land for development.

March 2014 to present Green Housing Development Chula Vista, CA

Dec 1988 to March 2014 Sweetwater Authority (26 years) Chula Vista, CA

Engineering Manager, 2004-2014
Deputy Chief Engineer, 2001-04
Principal Engineer, 1997-2001
Senior Engineer, 1994-97
Associate Engineer, 1993-94
Assistant Engineer, 1988-93

Prior to Dec1988 Various

Junior Civil Engineer, City of San Diego
Water Treatment Specialist - 77W, US Army, Fort Lee VA
Structures Teacher, New School of Architecture, Carlsbad and San Diego
Math Teacher, New School of Architecture, Chula Vista, Carlsbad and San Diego
Laborer, Welsh Construction, Chula Vista
Building Maintenance, New School of Architecture, Chula Vista

Education

2011 Masters in Public Administration, National University
1996 Masters in Management, National University
1987 BS in Civil Engineering, San Diego State University
1985 Associate Degree in Engineering, Southwestern College

Licenses Obtained

Department of Health Services Grade D4 Water Distribution System Operator, #4512
Licensed Registered Civil Engineer, C52560
Licensed building Contractor
AWWA Grade 3, 04512

Appointments

Water Agency Design Standards Committee Chair person, SEMS Committee, 2002 SWA Security Task Force, Sweetwater Authority Recreation Association Committee member, United Way Annual Contribution Campaign, Safety Committee member, SDG&E Major Customer Advisory Panel Member

Extra Curricular Activities (Past and Present)

South Bay Irrigation District Board Member
Child Development Associates Board Member
Chula Vista Rangers Soccer Club Board Member – Youth Sports Council Member
Chula Vista Growth Task Force Member
Eastlake Community Church Volunteer and MTB Club Leader
AWWA Water for People Committee Member and Treasurer
South Bay YMCA Management Board Member
Eastlake III Home Owners Association Board Member
Chula Vista Democratic Club Treasurer and President
Border Angels Board Member
South Bay Forum Member
San Diego Immigration Rights Consortium
Border Patrol Citizens Academy Graduate

Hobbies

Mountain and Road biking, jogging, general physical exercise and travel.

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The Olivenham Municipal Water District is pleased to nominate Edmund K. Sprague as a
(Name of Independent Special District) (Name of Candidate)

Candidate for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission as a regular or alternate special district member.

Please check one box.
Refer to the List of Incumbents.

- Regular Special District Member (Term expires 2023)
 Alternate Special District Member (Term expires 2023)

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.

Kimberly A. Thorner
(Print Name)

Kimberly A. Thorner
(Signature)

1/16/19
(Date)

General Manager
(Print Title)

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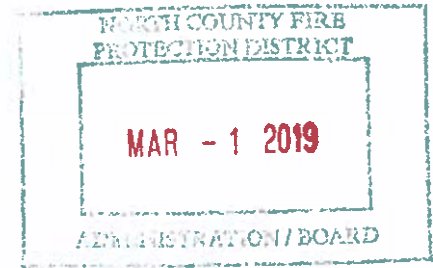
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**2019 LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER
NOMINATION / RESUME**

NOMINATED BY:	
District Name:	Olivenhain Municipal Water District
District Phone:	760-753-6466
NAME OF NOMINEE:	
Name:	Edmund K. Sprague
Address:	1966 Olivenhain Road Encinitas, CA 92024
Phone:	760-753-6466
NOMINATED FOR:	
<i>Please check <u>one</u> box</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Special District Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Special District Member
DISTRICT EXPERIENCE:	<p>Being appointed to OMWD Board in 2008 to represent Division 5 has provided him a great deal of experience governing water, wastewater, recycled water, hydroelectricity and parks and recreation services to over 86,000 customers.</p> <p>Served as President of the Board from 2009 to 2012, 2015-2016 and currently serves as President of the OMWD Board of Directors.</p> <p>Currently serves on OMWD's Finance, Personnel, and Public Policy and Public Outreach Committees.</p> <p>Served on the Board of Directors of the Special District Risk Management Authority in 2011.</p> <p>Eamed the Recognition in Special District Governance certification from the Special District Leadership Foundation in 2010.</p> <p>Served on the California Special District Association's Education Committee.</p>
LAFCO EXPERIENCE:	Currently serves as the incumbent Regular Special District Member on LAFCO since 2015.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	<p>As a lifetime resident of northern San Diego County, Mr. Sprague has dedicated his entire career to championing the needs of the public as well as serving his local community. Mr. Sprague has over 30 years of public service starting as a cadet firefighter for the City of Escondido in 1986. He ascended through the fire service ranks all the way up to Fire Battalion Chief for the Carlsbad Fire Department. He then transitioned into the role of Deputy Fire Chief for the North County Fire Protection District where he retired in 2015.</p> <p>After his successful firefighter career, Mr. Sprague has been able to dedicate considerably more time to his passion of teaching and leading others as a Fire Technology Assistant Professor at Palomar College.</p> <p>Worked with the City of Carlsbad as a Firefighter, Fire Engineer, Fire Captain, Battalion Chief – Training Officer, and Shift Battalion Chief. During this 26 year period, was a Public Education Officer, and was a Liaison Officer with North County Dispatch JPA.</p> <p>Holds bachelors and master's degrees in public administration from San Diego State University and an associate's degree in fire science from Palomar College.</p>



February 25, 2019

RE: San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Election

Dear Fellow Special District Board Members in San Diego County,

At the January 16, 2019 Olivenhain Municipal Water District's board regular meeting, I was unanimously nominated for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (SDLAFCO) Regular Special District Member position. I am writing to respectfully request your support in voting for me for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (SDLAFCO) Regular Special District Member position.

I have dedicated my entire career to championing the needs of the public as well as serving the local community. Earning a bachelor's and a master's degree in public administration from San Diego State University while serving as a firefighter, I have over 30 years of public service starting as a cadet firefighter for the City of Escondido in 1986. It is there that I ascended through the fire service ranks all the way up to Fire Battalion Chief for the Carlsbad Fire Department. I then transitioned into the role of Deputy Fire Chief for the North County Fire Protection District where I retired in 2015 and was able to dedicate considerably more time to my passion of teaching and leading others as a Fire Technology Assistant Professor at Palomar College.

My support and commitment to public service is also evident in the eleven years that I have been actively involved with Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD). I served as president of the Board from 2009-2012, again from 2014-2016, and am currently in the president position. I also actively participate in the Finance, Personnel, and Public Policy and Public Outreach Committees. My tenure with OMWD has provided me with a great deal of experience governing water, wastewater, and parks and recreation services to over 80,000 customers.

In 2010, I earned the Recognition in Special District Governance certification from the Special District Leadership Foundation and served on the Board of Directors of the Special District Risk Management Authority in 2011. In addition, I also served on the California Special District Association's Education Committee.

I have served as your representative to SDLAFCO since 2015, always ensuring that my vote was cast with the best interest of special districts in mind, while balancing efficient service and logical changes to local governmental boundaries, including the consolidation and dissolution of districts. I have been dedicated to encouraging orderly growth, providing for efficient public services, and streamlining governmental structure, while also supporting agricultural land use.

Your support and vote is encouraged and would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at esprague@olivenhain.com.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund K. Sprague".

Edmund K. Sprague
OMWD Board President and LAFCO Candidate

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LAFCO REGULAR AND ALTERNATE
FOR THE SAN DIEGO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

The Alpine Fire Protection District is pleased to nominate Barry Willis as a
(Name of Independent Special District) (Name of Candidate)

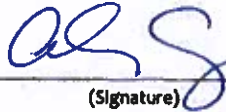
Candidate for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission as a regular or alternate special district member.

Please check one box.
Refer to the List of Incumbents.

- Regular Special District Member (Term expires 2023)
 Alternate Special District Member (Term expires 2023)

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.



(Signature)

Alicea Caccavo
(Print Name)

1/16/2019
(Date)

Clerk of the Board
(Print Title)

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Baron T. Willis

EDUCATION

U.C. Berkeley/ University of California, San Diego
Major: Pre-Law Program/Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Minor: Psychology

College for Financial Planning
Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor Designation

Kaplan Financial Education
Series 7 Stock Broker License

Chelsea Financial Services Broker Training Programs
Life Insurance and Financial Planning, (Multi-State)

Relevant Skills and Strengths:

- Owner/Operator of successful insurance company
- Office Administrator of success Counseling Business in East County
- Over 25 years in Senior Management position
- Excellent Mediation and Negotiation Skills
- Active in Alpine and surrounding communities helping seniors, homeless and special needs groups
- Strong supporter of our military, public safety and homeless populations
- Advocate for disenfranchised persons
- Excellent Customer Service Skills
- Committed to the safety and future of our community and surrounding communities
- Actively involved in community organizations
- Working knowledge of vocational rehabilitation and clinical procedures in counseling office that specializes in Worker's Compensation and Expert Testimony.
- HIPAA trained and compliant; ensuring confidentiality of sensitive medical, mental health and personal information; reviewed confidential and sensitive med/legal files.
- Experience with Workers Compensation and assisting injured workers with re-employment/return to work benefits; identifying suitable employment opportunities after reviewing physical disabilities and permanent restrictions. Assisted government employees in return-to-work with suitable and gainful employment.
- Heavy interaction with injured workers, physicians, attorneys, insurance carriers and claims adjusters, psychologists, government entities, schools and employers.
- Performed client intake
- Conducted Labor Market research, and Labor Market reports
- Reviewed and analyzed Sub Rosa tapes
- Excellent Microsoft Office, PC and Mac experience; managed electronic client data files
- Exceptional interpersonal and organizational skills, reliable and personable

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hartley Cylke Pacific Insurance Agency, San Diego, CA

Insurance Broker - 2003 - Present - (FT)

Responsible for Group Medical, Life and Health Insurance and various Fix Annuities, Retirement Planning and assisting clients with their insurance needs.

Barry Willis Insurance & Financial Services Agency, San Diego, CA

Insurance Broker - 1997 - Present - (PT)

Owner/Operator of a successful insurance company that specializes in Retirement Planning, Series 7 Stock Broker license. Life Insurance and Financial Planning with clients.

Jeannette S. Clark & Associates Inc.

Office Administrator 10/1/2009 - Present - (PT), El Cajon, CA

Office Administrator and Logistics Manager for Certified Department of Labor Counseling/Vocational Rehabilitation and Personal Counseling Office. Responsible for Drafting and editing legal documents and correspondence, assisted Worker's Compensation clientele (injured Department of Labor, veterans and other government workers) with re-employment/ return to work benefits. Working knowledge of clinical procedures in vocational rehabilitation in a Counseling office. Heavy interaction with physicians, attorneys, psychologists, government entities, insurance carriers and claims adjusters, schools and employers. Performed client intake. Review confidential and sensitive medical files and brief attorneys; conduct labor market research surveys; reviewed, analyzed Sub Rosa tapes; generate legal and general correspondence including drafting expert witness statements; cash handling experience. Troubleshooting of PC/Mac and software. Electronic data management and filing. Excellent client relations. Greet clients, provide assistance in person and via phone. Answer telephones, respond to e-mails, schedule client appointments, and coordinate travel arrangements.

Denny's Restaurants

Restaurant Manager - 1981 - 1983, Pacific Beach, CA

Responsible for managing, marketing, scheduling, interviewing, hiring and termination of employees, teaching employees how to maintain a safe work place, food orders, front and back staff, cost of sales, budgets, cash handling, working with vendors and customer service.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Alpine Fire Protection District Board

Board Member - 2018

Alpine Kiwanis

Member - 2018

Santee Chamber of Commerce

Executive Board Member - 1996-1998

Elected to handle budgetary and Administrative issues at the local Santee Chamber

ATTACHMENT A

**NOMINATION OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES
LAFCO REGULAR AND ALTERNATE
FOR THE SAN DIEGO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

The SOUTH BAY IRRIGATION DISTRICT is pleased to nominate STEVE CASTANEDA as a
(Name of Independent Special District) (Name of Candidate)


Candidate for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission as a regular or alternate special district member.

Please check one box.
Refer to the List of Incumbents.

- Regular Special District Member (Term expires 2023)
 Alternate Special District Member (Term expires 2023)

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.


(Signature)

JOSE PRECIADO
(Print Name)

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(Date)

BOARD PRESIDENT
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Steve Castaneda

Steve@PRMConsult.com

POSITION

Current Private Position: President, PRM Consulting, Inc. (www.prmconsult.com)
Marketing & Research firm specializing in providing services to government and non-Government clients.

Past and Present Public Sector Positions: Chair, Sweetwater Authority Board of Directors (2014-present);
Councilman, Chula Vista City Council (2004-2012); Member, Metropolitan Transit System (2010-2012);
Chair, San Diego County Law Enforcement Review Board (1996-2004)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

General Qualifications: Experienced in market level research with an emphasis on transportation, land use and government programs. Abilities include: program management, survey development and execution, conducting focus groups, public/government relations, media, and special event organization. Additional experience in community relations involving business and civic groups, as well as organizing and gathering community support for specific projects.

Pertinent Experience:

Marketing, Research, Outreach & Government Relations (1996-current)

Recent Clients:

Southern California Gas Company, Aviation Systems Associates, Imperial County Transportation Commission, California Department of Public Health, Southern California Association of Governments, Land Developers and Associates Corporation.

Contract Outreach Administrator (1995)

Golden Turner, Convention Center Builders

Served as program administrator to assist small, local businesses obtain necessary qualifications. Duties included direct company contact, garnering public support, media production and distribution. Organized construction management courses and worked with various business organizations.

Legislative Specialist (1992-1995)

Department of Intergovernmental Relations

City of San Diego

Served as consultant on the City Council's Committee on Transportation and Land Use. Duties included developing and preparing committee agendas, coordinating staff reports, providing independent analysis and maintaining media relations on behalf of the committee. Other responsibilities include analyzing state and federal legislation and coordinating city's legislative program and oversight of all transportation issues including transit service on behalf of the City Council. In addition, responsible for overseeing San Diego's multi-million dollar Capital Improvements Program and revising City's contract qualification process.

City Council Representative (1987-1992)

Office of San Diego Councilmember Ron Roberts

Duties included representing Councilmember in a variety of situations and issues. Responsible for analyzing issues making recommendations, in addition to working with community and business organizations and press media.

Particular emphasis on equal opportunity policies, housing, transportation, land use and redevelopment.

Education

National University, San Diego California
Business Administration

ATTACHMENT A

NOMINATION OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES
LAFCO REGULAR AND ALTERNATE
FOR THE SAN DIEGO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

The Leucadia Wastewater District is pleased to nominate Judy Hanson as a
(Name of Independent Special District) (Name of Candidate)

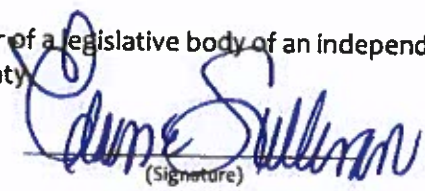
Candidate for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission as a regular or alternate special district member.

Please check one box.
Refer to the List of Incumbents.

- Regular Special District Member (Term expires 2023)
 Alternate Special District Member (Term expires 2023)

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


(Signature)

ELAINE SULLIVAN
(Print Name)

12/12/2018
(Date)

PRESIDENT
(Print Title)

- PLEASE ATTACH RESUME FOR NOMINEE
- Limit two pages
 - Must be submitted with Nomination Form

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SAN DIEGO LAFCO

Judy Hanson

LAFCO SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD ALTERNATE

Experience Summary

My name is Judy Hanson and I have been actively involved with San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the past 23 years. I have also been actively involved with special districts in a variety of ways for well over 50 years now. I am very interested in continuing my service as a San Diego LAFCO Special District Board Alternate and I believe my background and experience make me well suited for this position. I would appreciate your support by nominating me. A brief background of my experience is as follows:

LAFCO Experience

- Special District Board Alternate – 2016 – Present
- Special District Advisory Committee – 1996 – 2016

Special District Experience

Leucadia Wastewater District:

- Board of Directors 1983 – Present (most recently re-elected in 2016)
 - Investment & Finance Committee
 - Human Resources Committee
 - Employee Recognition Committee
- Board President – 2003, 2007, 2012, 2017

San Dieguito Water District:

- 33 Year Employee (Retired in 2010)
 - Served in a variety of positions in area of finance

California Special District Association – San Diego Chapter:

- Board of Directors - 2000 – 2004
- Chapter President – 2004
- Scholarship Committee Member

Based on these experiences, I believe I have a unique perspective of the challenges and opportunities facing Special Districts, which will allow me to continue to make valuable contributions to LAFCO. If you will provide me the privilege of serving as the Board Alternate, I promise that I will continue to be a tireless advocate for Special Districts from a platform of local control and fiscal conservatism.

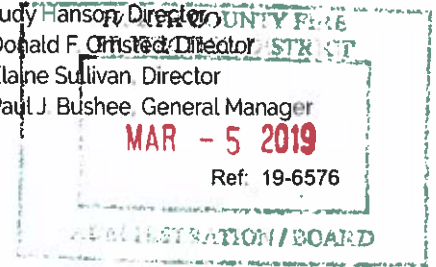
Again, I am very interested in continuing my service to LAFCO and I would really appreciate your support – Thank you.



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March 1, 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
David Kulchin, President
Allan Juliussen, Vice President
Judy Hanson, Director
Donald F. Christensen, Director
Elaine Sullivan, Director
Paul J. Bushee, General Manager



Board of Directors
North County FPD
330 South Main Avenue
Fallbrook CA 92028-2938

Subject: LAFCO Elections – Request Your Vote for Ms. Judy Hanson

Dear Board of Directors:

On behalf of the Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD) Board of Directors, I am writing to request your vote for Ms. Judy Hanson for the Special District's Board Alternate position in the upcoming LAFCO election. The LWD Board nominated Ms. Hanson for the Alternate Board position at its December 12, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Hanson has served as the Special District Board Alternate since 2016. She was also the Vice Chair of the LAFCO Special District Advisory Committee (SDAC) and served on the committee from 1996-2016. In addition to the SDAC, Ms. Hanson has an extensive professional background with special districts that has spanned over 50 years. She has been on the LWD Board of Directors since 1983, serving on various Board committees as well as Board president in 2003, 2007, 2012 and 2017.

Ms. Hanson has also held various officer positions on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Chapter of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), serving as Chapter President in 2004. Furthermore, Ms. Hanson was a special district employee for virtually her entire professional career, which included over 33 years of service with the San Dieguito Water District and later the City of Encinitas.

As can be seen, Ms. Hanson's involvement with special districts has been extensive on a personal, professional and political level. Throughout her career, Judy has been a long-time and tireless advocate for special districts from the platform of local control and fiscal conservatism. We are confident that, if elected, Ms. Hanson will continue to make many valuable contributions to LAFCO and represent special districts in a very positive way.

For these reasons, we urge you to vote for Ms. Judy Hanson for the LAFCO Special Districts Board Alternate. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,

David Kulchin
President, Board of Directors

ATTACHMENT A

**NOMINATION OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES
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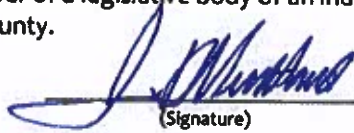
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(Signature)

James Murland
(Print Name)

January 16, 2019
(Date)

Board President
(Print Title)

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SAN DIEGO LAFCO

ERIN R. LUMP

Director, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District

(760) 215-0601
erin@erinlump.com

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, CSUSM, 2011
- Research, Critical Analysis, Social Behavioral Science Courses
Current California Real Estate License
- Real Estate Principals, Finance, Appraisal

OBJECTIVE

To Represent
Special Districts as the
Alternate Seat on the
LAFCO Commission

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

QUALITIES

Organized
Self-Motivated
Welcoming
Innovative
Problem Solver
Critical Thinker
Friendly
Happy
Professional
Creative
Well Spoken
Team Player
Trustworthy

Vice President of the Board of Directors

Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District | November 2014 - Present
- Chair of the Emergency Preparedness & Fire Services committee
- Served on the Finance, Insurance & Personnel & Public Information & Intergovernmental Relations Committees
- LAFCO Special District Advisory Committee since 2016

Realtor

Real Estate Professionals Group | March 2016 - Present
- Residential Real Estate
- Property Management

Vice President

Pacific Political, Inc. | April 2011 - March 2016
- Staff Management
- Website Design; Dreamweaver and Wordpress
- Graphic Design Services; Print and Web
- Social Media Marketing
- Volunteer & Employee Management
- Contribution & Database Administration
- Campaign Treasury Services
- Client Assistance
- Event Planning

Events Manager

Congressman Darrell Issa | February 2011 - March 2016
- Coordinator of High Dollar Fundraising Events
- Donor Lead Generation
- Email Marketing

Event Planner & Educational Instructor

Escondido Children's Museum - January 2007 - July 2010
- Guest Services & Database Management
- California Curriculum Standards Lesson Planning
- Marketing and Promoting the Museum
- Social Media & Website Maintenance

TECHNOLOGY

MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher), Wordpress, Adobe CS
(Dream Weaver, Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator)

INTERESTS

Politics, Graphic Design, Technology, Reading, Community Volunteer

www.erinlump.com

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ABOUT ERIN

Erin Lump was elected to the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District's Board in November of 2014. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Rincon Water Board, and serves on Rincon Water's Finance, Insurance & Personnel, and Fire/Emergency Preparedness committees. Erin is proud to represent Rincon Water as an elected member on the LAFCO Special District Advisory Committee.

A native of Escondido, Erin is a graduate of California State University San Marcos with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. Erin is a licensed California real estate agent and loves helping families find the right neighborhood to meet their needs. She is a recipient of the California Legislature's Leadership Certificate of Recognition and is actively involved in her community.

She and her husband Andrew are homeowners in the Felicita area of Escondido and are members of Emmanuel Faith Community Church. Erin & Andrew are excited to raise their two young children, Lily & Dean, in the community they love.



Dear LAFCO Members,

I would like to be considered for the special district alternate seat on the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). I have had the honor of representing you on the LAFCO Special Districts Advisory Committee since 2016. Being on this committee has allowed me to stay apprised of current LAFCO activities and processes. Additionally, I have become even more familiar with LAFCO procedure in the last year, since my district activated our latent powers as a sewer district.

Like you, being elected to a Special District has given me great insight into the important role local governments play in our community and I understand LAFCO's vital role in overseeing jurisdictional boundary changes. My priorities align with that of the commissions, and I would be honored for the opportunity to represent you and your special district.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erin Lump
Vice President, Board of Directors
Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District

Board of Directors

James B. Murtland, President
Erin R. Lump, Vice President
David A. Drake, Treasurer
Dr. Gregory M. Quist, Director
Diana L. Towne, Director



*A Public Agency Serving the
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General Manager

Greg Thomas

Board Secretary

Wanda Cassidy

General Counsel

Redwine and Sherrill

March 12, 2019

To: All Independent Special Districts in San Diego County

On January 16th, 2019 the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District Board of Directors unanimously nominated and recommended Erin Lump for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (SDLAFCO) Alternate Special District Member position. Ms. Lump has served on the SDLAFCO Special Districts Advisory Committee (SDAC) since 2016.

You should have received the Special District Ballot Form/San Diego LAFCO Regular and Alternate Member letter dated February 25th, which provides the details and due date to vote for the Alternate and Regular Special District Member positions. This letter follows the candidate's forum held February 20th at the San Diego Chapter of California Special Districts Association's quarterly dinner, which allowed statements by the candidates. Following that, per LAFCO Selection Committee Rules, the Nominating Committee recommended **Erin Lump** and Steve Castaneda for the Alternate position.

As a lifetime resident of San Diego County, Ms. Lump has been involved in civic and local matters for many years, as well as being one of the youngest elected representatives to a special district agency. I've additionally attached Director Lump's cover letter and resume for your reference.

I would welcome your support and vote for Erin Lump, as she is well qualified for the position, understands the role of special districts and LAFCO, currently serves on the Special District Advisory Committee (SDAC) and would ensure all special district interests are understood, communicated and protected! Thank you for your consideration and support!

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Greg Thomas
General Manager



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: MARCH 26, 2019
SUBJECT: MICROWAVE RADIO SYSTEM

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Contract and Authorize Chief Abbott to finalize and sign contract with Sun Wireless.

BACKGROUND:

The District currently owns a Microwave Radio System that ties all of our facilities' network communications together and is a critical link for Information Technology (IT) system. This system is 10-years-old and at the end of its useful service life. Over the last several years the District has spent thousands of dollars to repair this system; however, our new bandwidth needs exceed the capabilities of this current System, making replacement the most prudent option.

DISCUSSION:

The District's administrative and operations depend upon the Microwave Radio System for communication and access to network servers for conducting business. Due to the slowness of connection ability, it is imperative to upgrade the services currently in place. To maintain continuity within the system, the District will continue to contract with Sun Wireless as a sole source contractor to ensure successful operations. The District is utilizing Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant Funds and State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) to fund the project. Due to the funding periods of the grants, the District is splitting the project into two phases and in the February meeting first phase was approved, which is funded by the Neighborhood Reinvestment grant. SHSGP has approved the funding and this report reflects second phase of the project. The attached draft agreement reflects the work to be completed.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The second phase of the microwave upgrade will be \$33,194.50, of which the District will be receiving \$32,570 from the SHSGP.

MICROWAVE RADIO SYSTEM

MARCH 26, 2019

PAGE 2 OF 2

SUMMARY:

The District IT system depends upon a functioning Microwave Radio System as critical infrastructure. Due to the intricacy of the current system, the District will be contracting with original installing company as a sole source contract, as is allowed per the Purchasing and Contracting Policy, Sole Source, Section D(5). Staff is recommending approval of the attached proposal for the second phase.



NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SPECIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Special Services Agreement ("AGREEMENT") is hereby entered into between the **North County Fire Protection District** ("DISTRICT"), organized and operating under California Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq. and, Sun Wireless ("SERVICE PROVIDER"), a Communications Contractor, as follows:

Service Provider:	<u>Sun Wireless</u>
Address:	<u>4887 Ronson Court, Suite 1</u>
City:	<u>San Diego</u>
State:	<u>CA</u>
Zip:	<u>92111</u>
Phone:	<u>858-560-0400</u>
Email:	<u>esolberg@sunmicrowave.com</u>
Contractor's License #:	<u>820709</u>
TIN:	<u>46-0496803</u>

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by Section 13861 of the California Health and Safety Code and Section 20812 of the California Public Contract Code to contract with and employ persons specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform special services in the fields of accounting, administration, ambulance, architecture, custodial, economics, engineering, finance, insurance, labor relations, law, maintenance, mechanics, medicine, planning, science, technology and other services which are incidental to the operation of the District;

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT is in need of Microwave upgrade, installation, alignment and testing services;

WHEREAS, SERVICE PROVIDER is specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform the special services required by the DISTRICT and such special services are needed on a limited basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these recitals and the mutual covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY SERVICE PROVIDER: SERVICE PROVIDER shall competently perform the services described in the Scope of Special Services attached to this AGREEMENT as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by this reference ("Special Services"). SERVICE PROVIDER shall provide all labor, equipment, machinery, materials, transportation, bailment and other incidentals necessary to perform the Special Services.

2. **TERM:** SERVICE PROVIDER shall provide the Special Services for a period as follows: Hardware will be ordered within seven (7) days of receipt of NCFPD Purchase Order. Installation will begin within thirty (30) days of receipt of Hardware. Work will be completed within sixty (60) days of Hardware receipt.
3. **COMPENSATION:** For satisfactory performance of the Special Services for the term of this AGREEMENT, DISTRICT shall compensate SERVICE PROVIDER in the total amount of Thirty-Three thousand, one hundred, ninety-four Dollars and fifty cents (\$ 33,194.50), as a fixed fee. Upon submission of final invoice/payment application, the DISTRICT shall make a single payment to SERVICE PROVIDER in the amount of Thirty-Three thousand, one hundred, ninety-four Dollars and fifty cents (\$ 33,194.50), not to exceed such fixed fee.
4. **EXPENSES:** DISTRICT shall not be liable to SERVICE PROVIDER for any costs or expenses paid or incurred in performing the Special Services, except as are authorized in advance by DISTRICT in writing.
5. **INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT:** SERVICE PROVIDER, in the performance of this AGREEMENT is an independent contractor. SERVICE PROVIDER understands and agrees that neither SERVICE PROVIDER nor any of its personnel are in the employment of DISTRICT, whether as an officer or employee of DISTRICT and are not entitled to benefits of any kind or nature normally provided officers or employees of DISTRICT or to which DISTRICT'S officers or employees are normally entitled, including, but not limited to, State Unemployment Compensation or Worker's Compensation or PERS. SERVICE PROVIDER possesses the means and methods necessary to assume the full responsibility for the performance of the Special Services and their acts and/or omissions as they relate to such Special Services.
6. **TAXES:** DISTRICT will report as income the SERVICE PROVIDER'S compensation received from DISTRICT as required by Federal regulations. No part of SERVICE PROVIDER'S compensation shall be subject to withholding by DISTRICT for the payment of social security, unemployment or disability insurance or any other similar state or federal tax obligation.
7. **SERVICE PROVIDER'S PERFORMANCE:** SERVICE PROVIDER shall perform and warrants that it has the training, experience and capability to perform, the Special Services in a competent, workmanlike and timely manner consistent with the customary practices of other like firms performing similar services in the relevant area.
8. **AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS:** At any time during the normal business hours and as often as DISTRICT may deem necessary, SERVICE PROVIDER shall make available to DISTRICT for examination at DISTRICT'S place of business, all data, records, reports and all other materials respecting matters covered by this AGREEMENT and SERVICE PROVIDER will permit DISTRICT to audit and to make audits of all invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel and other data related to all matters covered by this AGREEMENT.

9. **TERMINATION:** Upon five (5) days prior written notice, DISTRICT may, at any time, with or without cause, terminate this AGREEMENT and compensate SERVICE PROVIDER for such Special Services satisfactorily rendered to the date of termination and for which compensation has not been made. Upon receipt of such written notice from DISTRICT, SERVICE PROVIDER shall stop further performance of the Special Services. Such written Notice shall be deemed given when personally delivered to SERVICE PROVIDER two days after depositing the same in the United States mail, certified return receipt requested and properly addressed to SERVICE PROVIDER at the address set forth below.
10. **HOLD HARMLESS:** SERVICE PROVIDER agrees to and defend, indemnify and hold harmless DISTRICT and its officers, agents and employees (collectively the "District Indemnitees") from every loss, liability, claim, demand, judgement, cost or expense, of any nature whatsoever, incurred or suffered by the District Indemnitees, or any of them, by reason of any personal injury (including injury, disease, or death) or property damage (including loss, damage, or loss of use of such property) arising out of or in connection with the negligent acts or omissions, recklessness, or willful misconduct of SERVICE PROVIDER, or anyone for whom it may be liable, in the performance of this AGREEMENT, except to the extent the same is caused by the negligent acts or omissions, recklessness, or willful misconduct of any District Indemnitee.

In any and all claims against District Indemnitees, or any of them, by any employee of SERVICE PROVIDER, any Subcontractor or any person directly or indirectly employed by SERVICE PROVIDER, SERVICE PROVIDER'S indemnity agreements as set forth in this Section shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for SERVICE PROVIDER, any Subcontractor or other persons under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee acts.

11. **INSURANCE:** Prior to commencing any performance of the Special Services under this AGREEMENT, SERVICE PROVIDER shall procure and maintain, at its sole cost and expense and at all times during the performance of the Special Services, policies of insurance providing coverage in the amounts and types set forth below, insuring against injuries to persons and/or damages to property which may arise out of or in connection with SERVICE PROVIDER'S negligent performance of the Special Services. Included in the Commercial General Liability insurance shall be contractual coverage sufficiently broad to provide insurance coverage of the matters set forth in Section 10, above. SERVICE PROVIDER shall not commence conducting the Special Services until it has provided DISTRICT with satisfactory evidence that such policies have been procured and are in effect. The policies of insurance shall be obtained from an insurer authorized to do business in the State of California. Proof of renewal shall be provided to DISTRICT before any such policy of insurance expires during the term of the AGREEMENT. SERVICE PROVIDER'S insurance policies shall be primary to any insurance or other coverage available to DISTRICT, which shall be deemed excess to SERVICE PROVIDER'S policies of insurance and non-contributing. All deductible amounts under SERVICE PROVIDER'S policies of insurance are payable by SERVICE PROVIDER and shall be in amounts not exceeding the amount specified in the liability certificate form. Each insurance policy required hereunder shall provide that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, reduced (other than by

endorsement), or cancelled except on thirty (30) days written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to DISTRICT (except 10 days' notice if cancellation is due to non-payment of premium). The Comprehensive General Liability and Automobile policies of insurance (or by endorsement) shall name DISTRICT Indemnitees (as defined in Paragraph 10) as additional insureds. The policies of insurance shall not preclude SERVICE PROVIDER from waiving the right of subrogation prior to a loss and SERVICE PROVIDER hereby waives all rights of subrogation against DISTRICT. Included in the liability insurance shall be a "Cross Liability" or "Severability of Interest" clause. To the extent SERVICE PROVIDER cannot procure occurrence policies of insurance, it shall procure insurance covering claims made as a result of the performance of this AGREEMENT with a reporting period of not less than three years following the completion of the Special Services. SERVICE PROVIDER'S contracts with Subcontractors shall each contain provisions making such Subcontractor subject to the same insurance requirements as required of SERVICE PROVIDER under this Section, unless other requirements are approved by DISTRICT in writing.

11.1. The types of insurance SERVICE PROVIDER shall obtain and maintain are:

11.1.1. **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE:** Upon execution of the AGREEMENT, SERVICE PROVIDER shall provide a certificate(s) of insurance showing that SERVICE PROVIDER has Commercial General Liability Insurance coverage in limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. Included in such insurance shall be contractual coverage sufficiently broad to insure the matters set forth in Section 10 of this AGREEMENT. The Commercial General Liability Insurance coverage shall include each of the following types of insurance:

11.1.1.1. **GENERAL LIABILITY:**

- 11.1.1.1.1. Comprehensive Form.
- 11.1.1.1.2. Premises-Operations.
- 11.1.1.1.3. Products/Completed Operations Hazard.
- 11.1.1.1.4. Contractual Insurance.
- 11.1.1.1.5. Broad Form Property Damage Including Completed Operations.
- 11.1.1.1.6. Independent Contractors.
- 11.1.1.1.7. Personal Injury.

11.1.1.2. **AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY:**

- 11.1.1.2.1. Comprehensive Form Including Loading and Unloading.
- 11.1.1.2.2. Owned.
- 11.1.1.2.3. Hired.
- 11.1.1.2.4. Non-Owned.

12. **ASSIGNMENT:** The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not assign the obligations of the SERVICE PROVIDER pursuant to this AGREEMENT.

13. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS: The Special Services completed herein must meet the approval of DISTRICT and shall be subject to DISTRICT'S general right of inspection to secure the satisfactory completion thereof. SERVICE PROVIDER agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws; rules, regulations and ordinances that are now or may in the future become applicable to SERVICE PROVIDER and the performance of the Special Services.
14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST REQUIREMENT: SERVICE PROVIDER agrees that SERVICE PROVIDER shall comply with and be bound by all laws and regulations governing the relationship of the SERVICE PROVIDER and DISTRICT under this AGREEMENT and in particular with the Conflict of Interest laws, found in Chapter 7 of Title 9 of the California Government Code, otherwise known as the Political Reform Act. As a condition precedent to the formation of this AGREEMENT, the SERVICE PROVIDER warrants and covenants that SERVICE PROVIDER is adequately informed regarding the duties and obligations imposed by the Political Reform Act and that to the best of the SERVICE PROVIDER'S knowledge and belief, there exists no conflict of interest within the meaning of the Political Reform Act that would disqualify SERVICE PROVIDER from participation in this AGREEMENT.
15. PERMITS/LICENSES: SERVICE PROVIDER shall secure and maintain in full force and effect such permits and licenses as are required by law in connection with the furnishing of the Special Services pursuant to this AGREEMENT.
16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/AMENDMENT: This AGREEMENT and any exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement among the parties and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous understanding or agreement with respect to the Special Services contemplated and may be amended only by a written amendment executed by both parties to the AGREEMENT.
17. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT: SERVICE PROVIDER shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass or allow harassment, against any employee or applicant for employment, including, without limitation, in regard to matters affecting hiring, salary, benefits, performance evaluation, discipline, promotion, retirement, and/or dismissal because of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, disability (including HIV and AIDS), medical condition (such as cancer), age, marital status, pregnancy, family care leave or political opinion. SERVICE PROVIDER and all subcontractors shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and executive orders regarding non-discrimination in employment. The principle of equal opportunity in employment will be demonstrated positively and aggressively.
18. NON-WAIVER: The failure of DISTRICT or SERVICE PROVIDER to seek redress for violation of, or to insist upon, the strict performance of any term or condition of this AGREEMENT, shall not be deemed a waiver by that party of such term or condition, or prevent a subsequent similar act from again constituting a violation of such term or condition.

19. ADMINISTRATOR OF AGREEMENT: This AGREEMENT shall be administered on behalf of and any Notice desired or required to be sent to a party hereunder shall be addressed to:

To DISTRICT: North County Fire Protection District
330 S Main Avenue
Fallbrook, CA 92028-2938
Attention: Stephen Abbott, Fire Chief/CEO
Sun Wireless

To SERVICE PROVIDER: 4887 Ronson Court, Suite 1
San Diego, CA 92111
Attention: Eric Solberg

20. NOTICE: All notices or demands to be given under this AGREEMENT by either party to the other, shall be in writing and given either by: (a) personal service or (b) by U.S. Mail, mailed either by certified mail, return receipt requested, with postage prepaid. Service shall be considered given when received if personally served or if mailed on the second day after deposit in any U.S. Post Office. The address to which notices or demands may be given by either party may be changed by written notice given in accordance with the notice provisions of this section. At the date of this AGREEMENT, the addresses of the parties are as set forth above.
21. SEVERABILITY: If any term, condition or provision of this AGREEMENT is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force and effect and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated in any way.
22. GOVERNING LAW: The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT with venue in San Diego County, California.
23. WARRANTY OF AUTHORITY: Each of the parties signing this AGREEMENT warrants to the other that he has the full authority of the entity on behalf of which his signature is made.

This AGREEMENT is entered into this **March 26, 2019**.

SERVICE PROVIDER **Sun Wireless**

AUTHORIZED SIGNER: _____

PRINT SIGNER'S NAME: ERIC SOLBERG

DATE SIGNED: _____

DISTRICT **NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

AUTHORIZED SIGNER: _____

STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO

DATE SIGNED: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM

DISTRICT COUNSEL _____

ROBERT JAMES, ESQ.

Exhibit A
SCOPE OF SPECIAL SERVICES
(Clear and concise description of the services to be performed)



Quotation Number: 1903-1315
Date: 13-Mar-19

California Contractors License #820709
4887 Ronson Court Ste. 1 - San Diego, CA 92111 - USA - Tel: 858-560-0400 - Fax: 858-560-0409

CUSTOMER			TERMS OF QUOTE		
Company	North County Fire Protection District	Name	Steve Marovich	Quote Valid:	60 Days
Address	330 South Main Ave			Pricing:	Firm, US Dollars
City/State	Fallbrook, CA	Part	2	Payment Terms:	30 Days
Zip Code	92028	Wireless			
e-mail	smarovich@ncfire.org	Job Name	Network Upgrade	Contact:	Eric Solberg

Item No.	Description	Part Number	Qty.	Total Price
<u>Sumac to Fire #2</u>				
1	Link HW for licensed Microwave 100 Mbps	IP20180202	9900 t 1	\$9,900.00
2	Installation, Alignment, Testing	INSALIT	3930 1	\$3,930.00
3	FCC license	FCC18	1800 1	\$1,800.00
	Shipping	SHIP	200 1	\$200.00
	Sales Tax at .0775	TAX	767.25 1	\$767.25
			TOTAL	\$16,597.25
<u>Sumac to Fire #4</u>				
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 - Includes 1 year warranty. 1 yr. extended warranty including software updates, maintenance, spares and labor = \$2900/link.
 - Contractors are required by law to be licensed and regulated by the Contractors' State License Board. Any questions concerning a contractor may be referred to the Registrar, Contractors' State License Board, P.O. Box 26000, Sacramento, California 95826.
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Quotation Number: 1903-1315
 Date: 13-Mar-19

California Contractors License #820709
 4887 Ronson Court Ste. I - San Diego, CA 92111 - USA - Tel: 858-560-0400 - Fax: 858-560-0409

CUSTOMER

TERMS OF QUOTE

Company	North County Fire Protection District	Name	Steve Marovich	Quote Valid:	60 Days
Address	330 South Main Ave			Pricing:	Firm, US Dollars
City/State	Fallbrook, CA		Part 2	Payment Terms:	30 Days
Zip Code	92028		Wireless		
e-mail	smarovich@ncfire.org	Job Name	Network Upgrade	Contact:	Eric Solberg

Item No.	Description	Part Number		Qty.	Total Price
<u>Sumac to Fire #2</u>					
1	Link HW for licensed Microwave 100 Mbps	IP20180202	9900	t 1	\$9,900.00
2	Installation, Alignment, Testing	INSALIT	3930	1	\$3,930.00
3	FCC license	FCC18	1800	1	\$1,800.00
	Shipping	SHIP	200	1	\$200.00
	Sales Tax at .0775	TAX	767.25	1	\$767.25
				TOTAL	\$16,597.25
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2	Installation, Alignment, Testing	INSALIT	3930	1	\$3,930.00
3	FCC license	FCC18	1800	1	\$1,800.00
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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: MARCH 26, 2019
SUBJECT: FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ELECTION DISTRICT MAPS

ACTION/DISCUSSION AGENDA - 17:00 TIME CERTAIN

BACKGROUND:

At the January 22, 2019 Board meeting, the District adopted the Embracement Resolution 2019-01, determining to move toward adoption of a District-based election process. Over the last 45 days the District has conducted two public hearings to gather public input on determination of election district boundaries, from which proposed election district maps will be developed. This is the first public hearing to review those draft election district maps.

DISCUSSION:

Staff has several election district boundary maps for consideration, which have been posted to the District's website and made available to the public on or before March 19, 2019. As the District has five elected Board of Directors positions, each map has five proposed election districts. Election District boundaries must be continuous and compact and must be comprised of "substantially equivalent" populations (within 10% variance between the highest and lowest general population count election Districts).

Additionally, to remedy potential future California Voting Rights Act violations, one or more "majority-minority districts" should be created when "a minority group is sufficiently large and geographically compact to form a majority of the eligible voters in a single-member district." This is accomplished by having at least 50% minority Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) in those affected/proposed election districts. Each of the proposed maps has been designed with this CVRA remedy in mind and shows the total population by number as well as the percentage Latino CVAP. Given the demographics of the District, only Latino CVAP was considered given the aforementioned rule by which a majority-minority election district can be considered.

With regard to development of all proposed election districts for consideration, Staff relied upon a set of general principles that guide districting, often referred to as "traditional districting principles." The Supreme Court has identified keeping "communities of interest" intact as a traditional districting principle, which is "a geographic area comprised of residents who share similar interests including, but not limited to, social, cultural, ethnic, geographic or economic interests, or formal government or quasi-governmental relationships, but not including relationships with political parties, incumbents or candidates." The North County Fire Protection District's communities of interest are its overlapping sets of neighborhoods, networks and groups that share interests, views, cultures, histories, languages and values.

Incumbency is also a factor in districting. As a result, the District cannot consider where current Board members live while drawing lines. Nor can it consider which election district compositions would favor incumbents or anticipated challengers. Finally, the Board cannot consider which election district compositions would generate the easiest playing field for any political party, now or in the future. That said, with adoption of the final map in a subsequent meeting, the District will also need to illustrate the planned election sequence for each election district, based upon the terms of the currently seated Board.

Given those parameters, in addition to creating a majority-minority election district as suggested to remedy CVRA, Staff has attempted to create election districts that roughly correlate to fire station first-due response areas. As the District has 5 fire stations, the proposed election districts could generally (although not completely) be described as respectively representing the downtown Fallbrook, Bonsall, Winterwarm, Pala Mesa and Santa Margarita/Rainbow areas. Staff is constrained from creating election districts that completely encompass these communities given the CVRA requirement to create election districts with approximately equivalent populations. Given the substantial amount of community conversation relative to the election district boundaries for the local school districts, it should be noted that some of the proposed downtown election districts simply cannot accommodate those same boundaries given the smaller total population served by the fire district (approximately 11,000 less).

A total of three proposed draft maps with associated demographic analysis have been presented for consideration. The total populations of each election district must contain "substantial equality of population." The Supreme Court has stated that deviation of up to ten percent (10%) will be treated as presumptively constitutional, meaning that it is assumed to be constitutional unless proven otherwise. Map #1 calculates deviance based upon the percentage of election district population deviance from the total population. Maps 2 & 3 calculate deviance based upon the election district population deviance from total population.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Provided that the District is able to develop election districts with the internal resources available, there should only be minimal expenses resulting from Staff time to develop associated map products and data analysis.

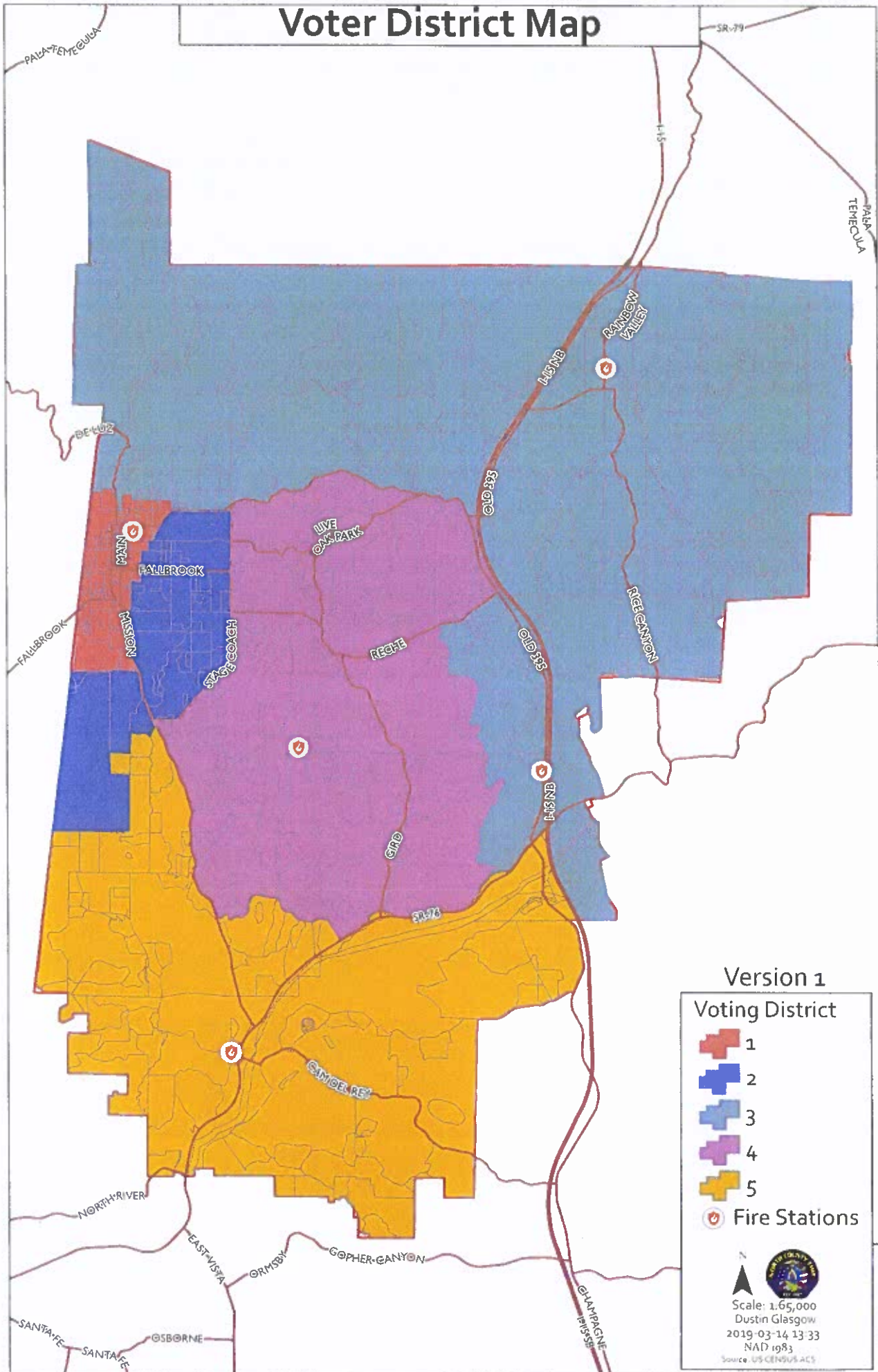
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Do the proposed boundaries adequately capture communities with similar interests?
2. Do the geographic boundaries of the proposed election districts correlate with the communities of interest?
3. Is there a preference as to methodology for determining population deviation between proposed election districts (total population vs. % population)?
4. How will the proposed boundaries affect election sequencing?

RECOMMENDATION:

The public may propose new maps and the Board may provide additional feedback to Staff for the development of new/revised maps. Those maps must be made publicly available at least seven (7) days (April 9th) prior to the next scheduled public hearing (April 16th). If no new maps are proposed at the next scheduled public hearing, the Board may select and approve an election district map and subsequent election sequence.

Voter District Map



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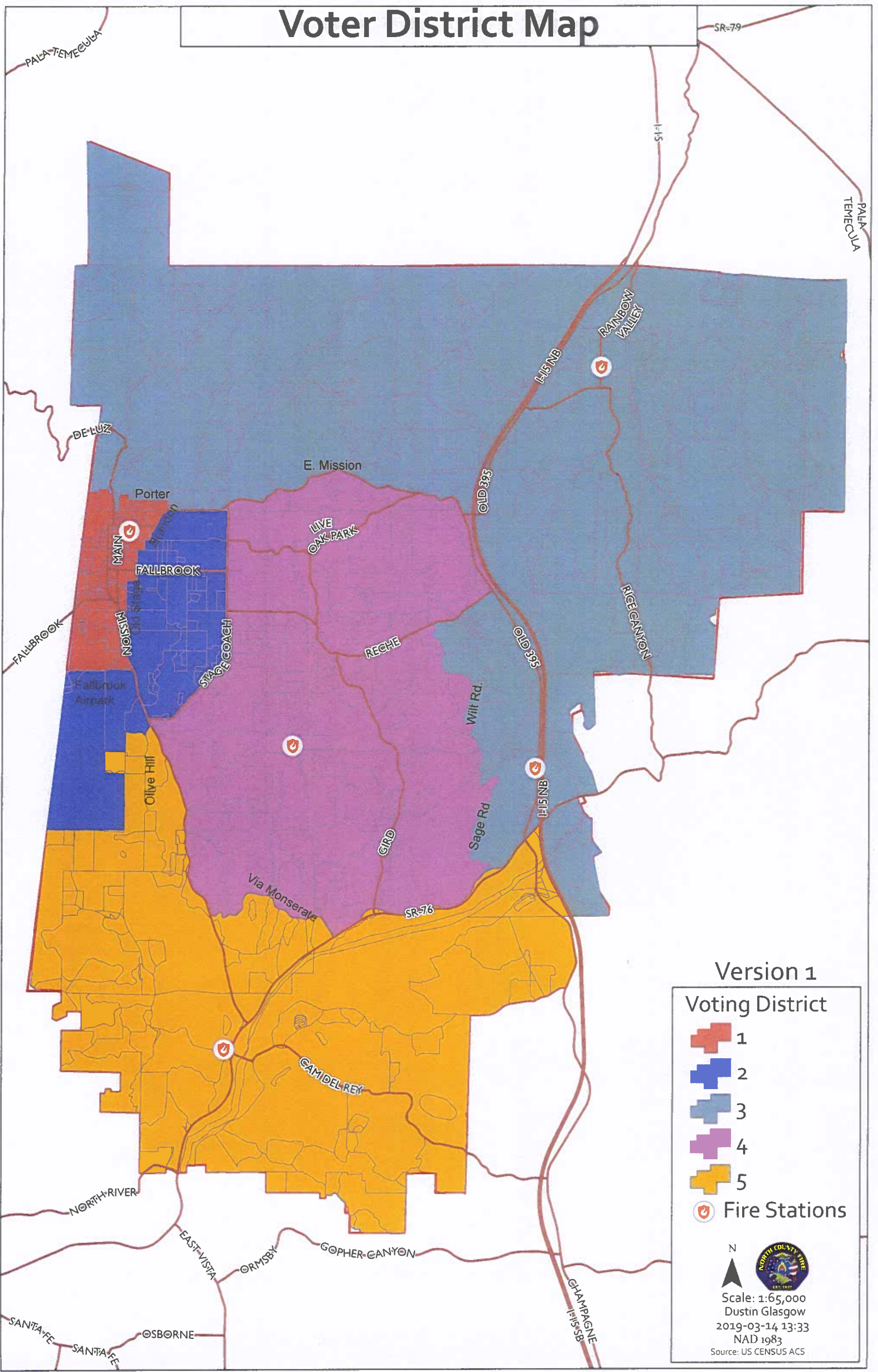
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NCFPD Election District
DRAFT Map 1
CVAP Analysis

District 1

	CVAP #	CVAP%	% Total Population	Deviation- % Pop.
Total Population (Sum)	12562		25.5%	5.5%
Total Population 18+	8480	67.5%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	5295	62.4%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	3185	37.6%		
White Alone 18+	4549	53.6%		
Black or African American 18+	258	3.0%		
American Indian 18+	92	1.1%		
Asian Alone 18+	165	1.9%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	31	0.4%		

District 2

Total Population (Sum)	8610		17.4%	-2.6%
Total Population 18+	6469	75.1%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	2158	33.4%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	4311	66.6%		
White Alone 18+	4997	77.2%		
Black or African American 18+	49	0.8%		
American Indian 18+	37	0.6%		
Asian Alone 18+	128	2.0%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	14	0.2%		

District 3

Total Population (Sum)	9583		19.4%	-0.6%
Total Population 18+	7584	79.1%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	1681	22.2%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	5903	77.8%		
White Alone 18+	6109	80.6%		
Black or African American 18+	95	1.3%		
American Indian 18+	43	0.6%		
Asian Alone 18+	305	4.0%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	37	0.5%		

District 4

Total Population (Sum)	11027		22.3%	2.3%
Total Population 18+	9077	82.3%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	1122	12.4%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	7955	87.6%		
White Alone 18+	8102	89.3%		
Black or African American 18+	62	0.7%		
American Indian 18+	41	0.5%		
Asian Alone 18+	260	2.9%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	12	0.1%		

NCFPD Election District
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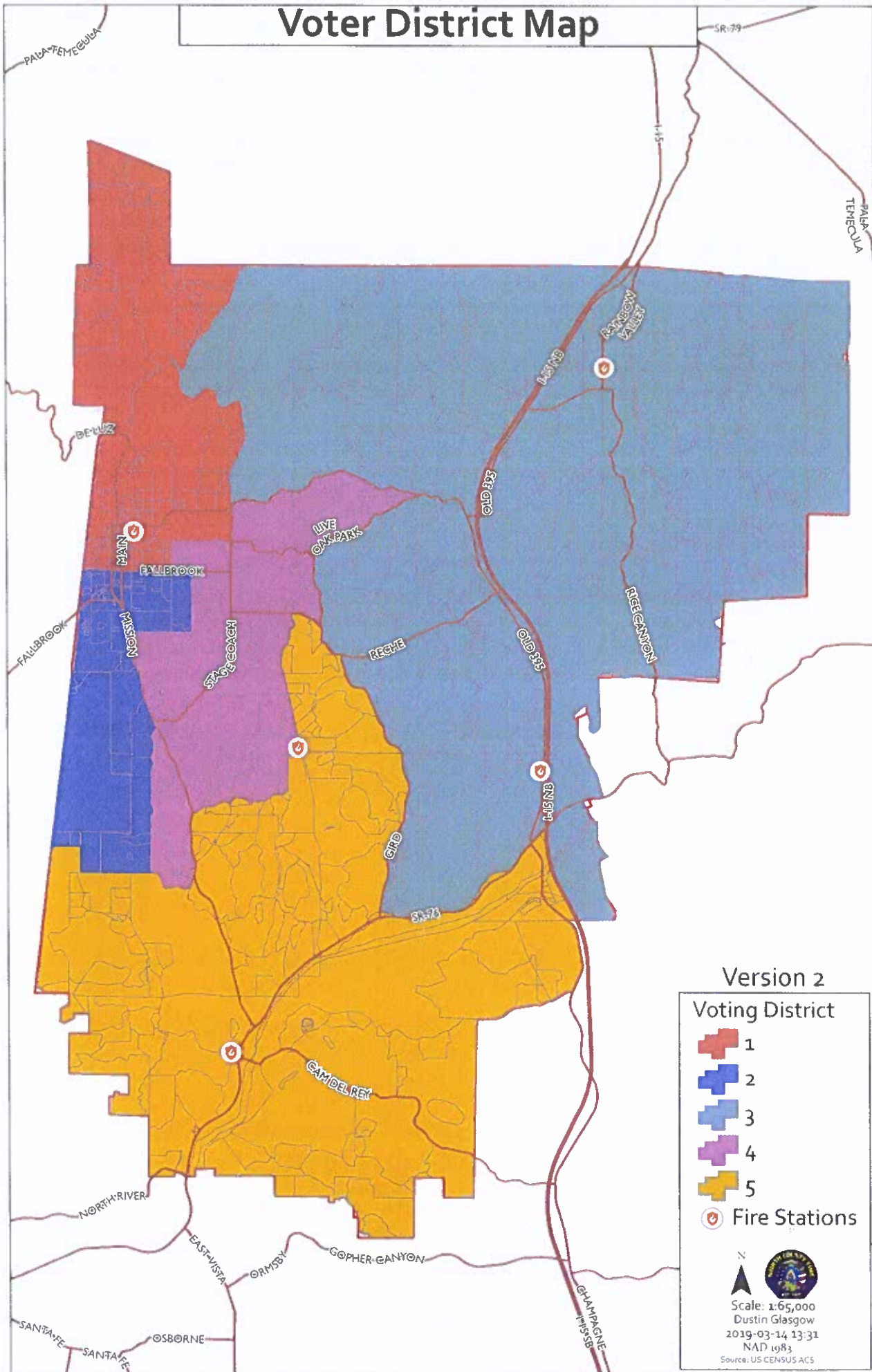
District 5

Total Population (Sum)	7573		15.3%	-4.7%
Total Population 18+	6096	80.5%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	946	15.5%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	5150	84.5%		
White Alone 18+	5208	85.4%		
Black or African American 18+	62	1.0%		
American Indian 18+	40	0.7%		
Asian Alone 18+	211	3.5%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	11	0.2%		

District Totals

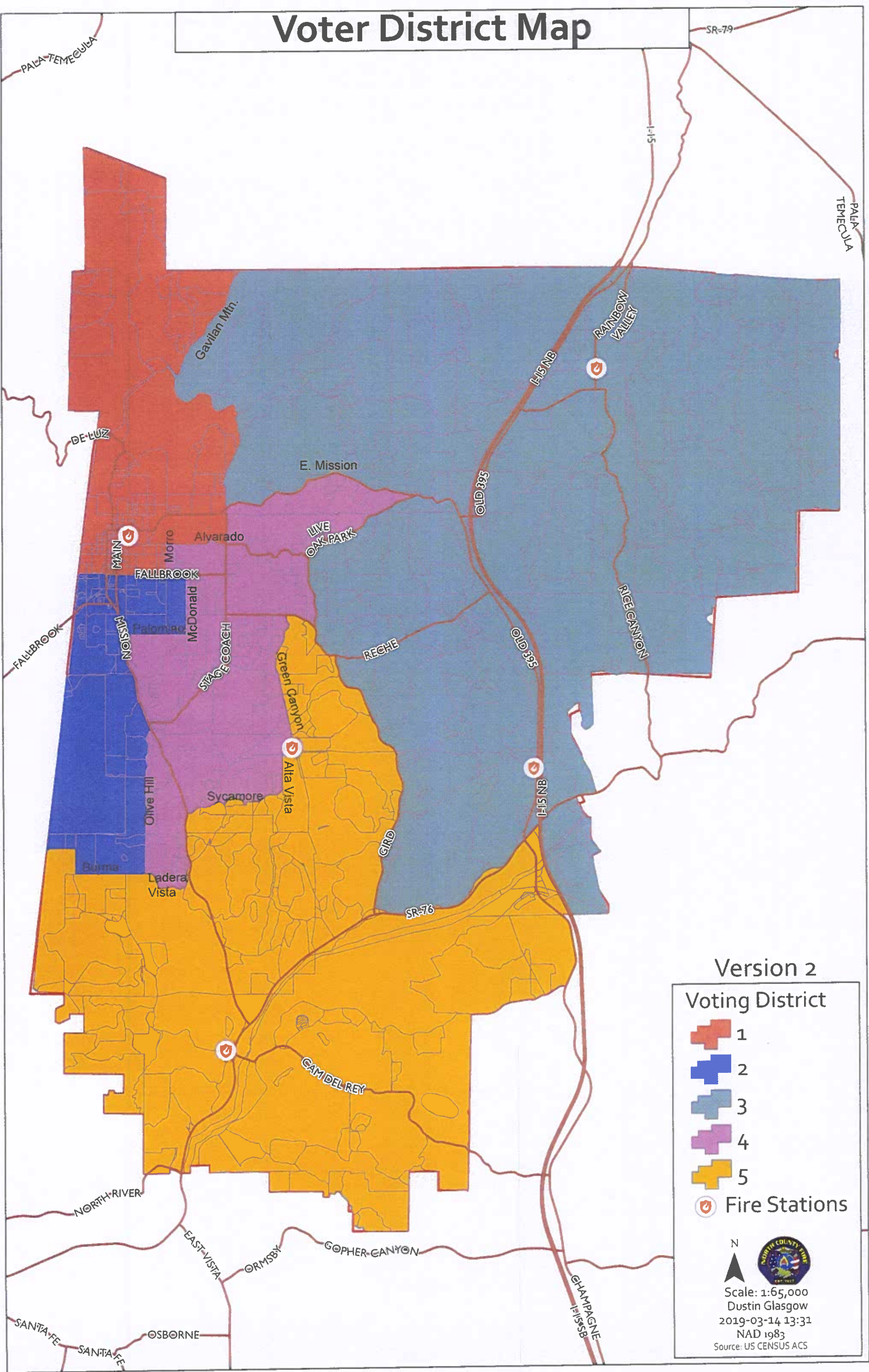
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Total Population 18+	37706	76.4%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	11202	29.7%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	26504	70.3%		
White Alone 18+	28965	76.8%		
Black or African American 18+	526	1.4%		
American Indian 18+	253	0.7%		
Asian Alone 18+	1069	2.8%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	105	0.3%		

Voter District Map








Voter District Map

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NCFPD Election District

DRAFT Map 2

CVAP Analysis

District 1

	CVAP #	CVAP%	% Total Population	Deviation- Total Pop.
Total Population (Sum)	9491		19.2%	4.0%
Total Population 18+	6903	72.7%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	3151	45.6%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	3752	54.4%		
White Alone 18+	4669	67.6%		
Black or African American 18+	64	0.9%		
American Indian 18+	62	0.9%		
Asian Alone 18+	119	1.7%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	22	0.3%		

District 2

Total Population (Sum)	10153		20.6%	-2.8%
Total Population 18+	7009	69.0%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	3870	55.2%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	3139	44.8%		
White Alone 18+	4106	58.6%		
Black or African American 18+	232	3.3%		
American Indian 18+	64	0.9%		
Asian Alone 18+	147	2.1%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	18	0.3%		

District 3

Total Population (Sum)	9768		19.8%	1.1%
Total Population 18+	7798	79.8%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	1457	18.7%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	6341	81.3%		
White Alone 18+	6492	83.3%		
Black or African American 18+	98	1.3%		
American Indian 18+	42	0.5%		
Asian Alone 18+	319	4.1%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	34	0.4%		

District 4

Total Population (Sum)	9774		19.8%	1.0%
Total Population 18+	7677	78.5%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	1612	21.0%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	6065	79.0%		
White Alone 18+	6435	83.8%		
Black or African American 18+	55	0.7%		
American Indian 18+	33	0.4%		
Asian Alone 18+	203	2.6%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	14	0.2%		

NCFPD Election District
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CVAP Analysis

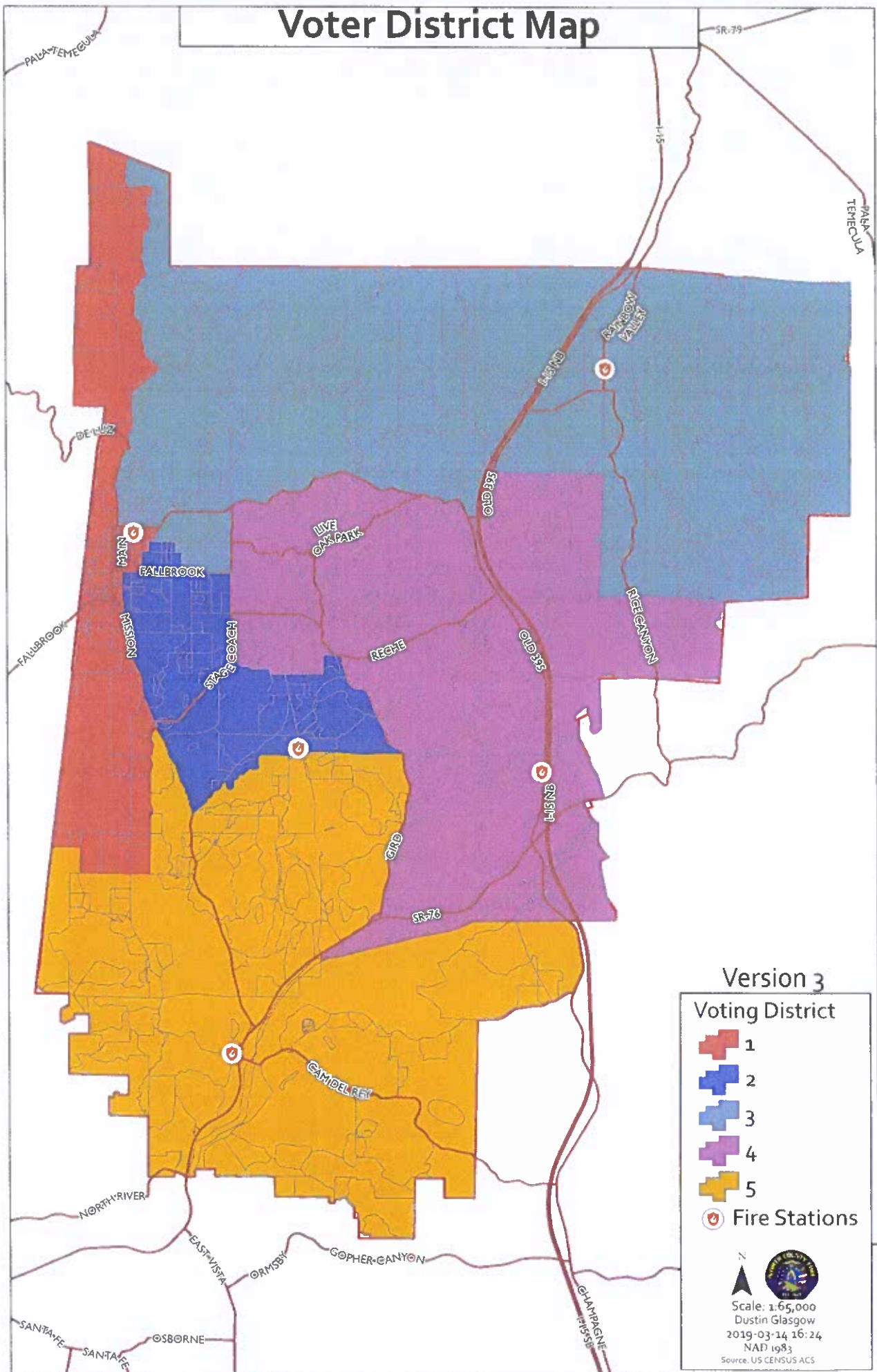
District 5

Total Population (Sum)	10169		20.6%	-2.9%
Total Population 18+	8319	81.8%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	1112	13.4%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	7207	86.6%		
White Alone 18+	7263	87.3%		
Black or African American 18+	77	0.9%		
American Indian 18+	52	0.6%		
Asian Alone 18+	281	3.4%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	17	0.2%		

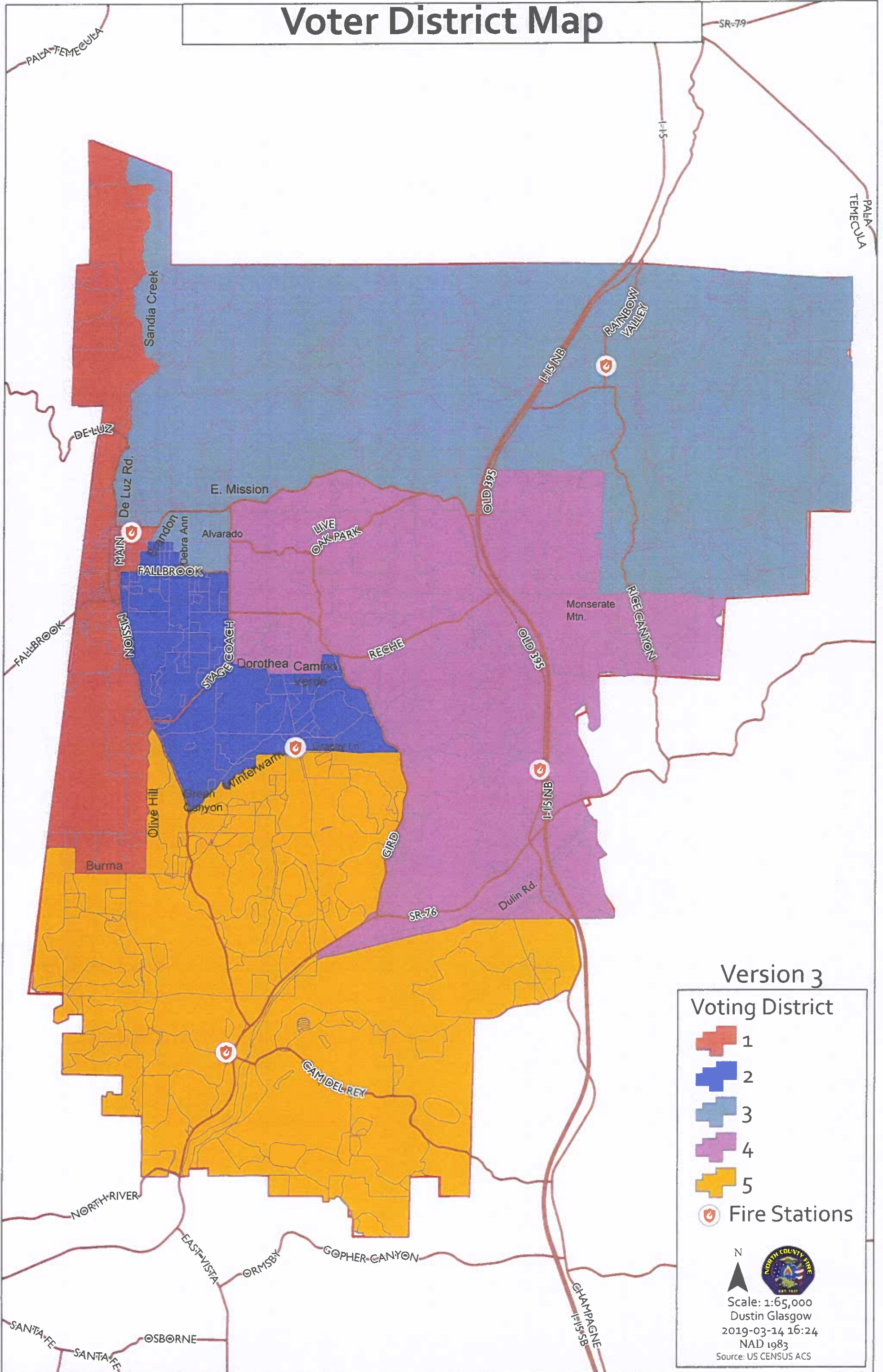
District Totals

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Total Population 18+	37706	76.4%		
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Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	26504	70.3%		
White Alone 18+	28965	76.8%		
Black or African American 18+	526	1.4%		
American Indian 18+	253	0.7%		
Asian Alone 18+	1069	2.8%		
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Voter District Map









Voter District Map




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NCFPD Election District
DRAFT Map 3
CVAP Analysis

District 1

	CVAP #	CVAP%	% Total Population	Deviation- Total Pop.
Total Population (Sum)	9980		20.2%	-1.1%
Total Population 18+	6807	68.2%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	3833	56.3%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	2974	43.7%		
White Alone 18+	3824	56.2%		
Black or African American 18+	248	3.6%		
American Indian 18+	57	0.8%		
Asian Alone 18+	144	2.1%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	22	0.3%		

District 2

Total Population (Sum)	9890		20.0%	-0.2%
Total Population 18+	7509	75.9%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	2463	32.8%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	5046	67.2%		
White Alone 18+	5790	77.1%		
Black or African American 18+	55	0.7%		
American Indian 18+	42	0.6%		
Asian Alone 18+	157	2.1%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	11	0.1%		

District 3

Total Population (Sum)	9648		19.5%	2.3%
Total Population 18+	7436	77.1%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	2579	34.7%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	4857	65.3%		
White Alone 18+	5568	74.9%		
Black or African American 18+	62	0.8%		
American Indian 18+	64	0.9%		
Asian Alone 18+	162	2.2%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	29	0.4%		

District 4

Total Population (Sum)	9799		19.9%	0.7%
Total Population 18+	7853	80.1%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	1172	14.9%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	6681	85.1%		
White Alone 18+	6748	85.9%		
Black or African American 18+	84	1.1%		
American Indian 18+	39	0.5%		
Asian Alone 18+	327	4.2%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	25	0.3%		

NCFPD Election District
DRAFT Map 3
CVAP Analysis

District 5

Total Population (Sum)	10038		20.3%	-1.7%
Total Population 18+	8101	80.7%		
Total Hispanic or Latino 18+	1155	14.3%		
Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	6946	85.7%		
White Alone 18+	7035	86.8%		
Black or African American 18+	77	1.0%		
American Indian 18+	51	0.6%		
Asian Alone 18+	279	3.4%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	18	0.2%		

District Totals

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Total Population 18+	37706	76.4%		
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Total Not Hispanic or Latino 18+	26504	70.3%		
White Alone 18+	28965	76.8%		
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American Indian 18+	253	0.7%		
Asian Alone 18+	1069	2.8%		
Native Hawaiian 18+	105	0.3%		

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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: MARCH 26, 2019
SUBJECT: FACILITY REPLACEMENT FUNDING-REVENUE MEASURE FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

ACTION AGENDA

BACKGROUND:

Approximately 18 months ago, the District completed a comprehensive facilities condition assessment, which identified that the District had approximately \$26M in facility improvement and replacement needs. The District subsequently began to contemplate ways of funding its deferred facility maintenance, which included a reduction in staffing, privatization of the ambulance service, increasing user fees, consolidation with other public entities and/or a revenue measure. Staff subsequently spent a considerable amount of time conducting community outreach to inform the public of our challenges and potential solutions, which culminated in a public opinion poll to gauge the public's willingness to support these various solutions.

At the January 2019 Board meeting, Strategy Research Institute provided a summary of the public opinion poll findings, which demonstrated that among the various options a limited revenue measure received the greatest degree of public support. Considering the resources potentially needed, the key stakeholders believed it was necessary conduct additional research to determine the impact of pending legislation, as well as the recommended approach to placing such a measure on the ballot (general vs. special election).

DISCUSSION:

Pending changes in new legislation (ACA-1) would modify the State Constitution to a 55% voter threshold for infrastructure projects for cities, counties and special districts. This not only increases chances for sufficient voter approval but could also potentially support funding sufficient to meet a greater proportion of the District's current facility needs. While such legislative change is generally favorable, the final disposition will not be determined until the 2020 General Election. Waiting until then may result in more favorable conditions; in so doing however, the District will have lost some of its current public outreach momentum and will most likely be faced with competing measures in the future. Conversations with the Registrar of Voter's office have established that our present consultant should have the requisite experience and capabilities to conduct a third-party mail ballot-only Special Election, which would be the preferred method of election presuming it is economically feasible.

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REVENUE MEASURE FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal impact is based largely upon timing with subsequent elections (Special vs. General). Public outreach consultation and district-wide mailings would be needed in either case and would cost \$45,000 (6 months of outreach plus 2 mailings). Similarly, a separate consultant would be needed in either case to conduct an engineering analysis, develop a financing strategy and ballot language, and would cost \$40,000. Holding a Special Election via mail ballot will cost \$150,000 via a private firm. Participation in a consolidated Primary Election in March 2020 is estimated to cost approximately one-fourth to one-third as much, although staff is still awaiting a more definitive estimate from the Registrar's office. These expenditures are currently unbudgeted and would need from contingency or unrestricted reserve funds.

SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends careful evaluation of the community outreach survey results, recommendations from SRI, the opinions of key stakeholders, viability of conducting a mail ballot election and the timing of pending legislation in making a determination if and when to move forward with a revenue measure to address the District's long-term facility challenges.



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

FIRE CHIEF/CEO

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: MARCH 26, 2019
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AGENDA

There are no additional Discussion Agenda Items for the March 26, 2019, Board Meeting.

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March 1, 2019

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

Re: General Counsel Board Report for March 1, 2019

Public Agencies Do Not Have to Create Records for PRA Requesters

The State Bar of California does not have to create records to fulfill a request for bar applicant data under the Public Records Act, an appellate court decided. In a recent decision in *Sander et al. v. State Bar of California*, the First District Court of Appeal affirmed the well-established principle that public agencies do not have to create records in response to PRA requests.

Sander is the most recent decision in a long series of cases in which petitioners California First Amendment Coalition, Joe Hicks and Richard Sander sought bar applicant demographic data. *Sander* is an economist and professor at the University of California at Los Angeles who studies the effects of admissions preferences in higher education.

In the original request, the petitioners sought the following bar applicant data:

- race or ethnicity,
- law school,
- transfer status,
- law school graduation year,
- undergraduate and law school GPAs,
- LSAT score and,
- bar exam performance.

A July 2016 trial was held to determine whether the bar applicant data being sought could be released while maintaining the applicants' privacy interests. The trial court heard testimony from several experts, including the petitioners' expert, who argued that the data could be anonymized through a series of data manipulations. The trial court denied the petition concluding that the State Bar, in essence, would be creating new records if it manipulated applicant data in the way required to maintain privacy.

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The Court of Appeal agreed, finding that it is a well-established principle that public agencies do not have to create records in response to PRA requests. The court acknowledged that the PRA requires agencies to gather and segregate disclosable electronic data. However, "segregating and extracting data is a far cry from requiring public agencies to undertake the extensive 'manipulation or restructuring of the substantive content of a record' such as Petitioners propose...." The court continued: "There is no doubt that a government agency is required to produce non-exempt responsive computer records..., [b]ut it cannot be required to create a new record by changing the substantive content of an existing record or replacing existing data with new data.

For public agencies, this is a reassuring opinion because it draws a more clear distinction between what the PRA requires (data compilation, extraction and programming) and the content restructuring that requesters often seek.

ROBERT H. JAMES

Attorney at Law



Robert H. James, General Counsel for the
North County Fire Protection District

RHJ/km

cc: Chief Steve Abbott



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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: MARCH 26, 2019
SUBJECT: WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:**

- **MARCH 13, 2019:** Letter from Cal Chief President re: 201 Rights
- **MARCH 8, 2019:** Emails re: ACA-1 and addition of Special Districts to special tax

● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:**

- **MARCH 20, 2019 EMAIL RE: PHONE CALL FOR LIFT ASSIST:**
Captain Ayers and Engineer Helman
- **MARCH 7, 2019 EMAIL FROM CAPTAIN FIERI RE: BOOT DRIVE:**
Thanks to staff for their involvement in the Drive.
- **UNDATED THANK YOU:**

Engine 111:

Captain Ayers
Engineer Baker
FF/PM Spencer

M111:

PM Medica
EMT Pena

- **UNDATED THANK YOU:**

Engine 111:

Captain Benoit
Engineer Bracci
FF/PM Spencer

M111:

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March 13, 2019

Dear CalChiefs Members:

Last week Sonoma County Counsel sent an email indicating that they were advised that the State has agreed to review requests from agencies that believe they have "201 rights." The email from Sonoma County Counsel asked that agencies provide the LEMSA a request that includes the basis for their position that they qualify as a 201 agency and they will send that to the State for a determination.

The basis for this requested 201 review is directly related to one of CalChiefs Office of Administrative Law petitions filed last month. CalChiefs believes that the regulation that California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) relies upon to complete this evaluation of 201 status is unlawful. The regulation that they use was not put in place through the proper process and is effectively an "underground regulation."

CalChiefs recommends that fire agencies carefully consider these requests for assessment of 201 provider status with legal counsel and encourage that you not reply to the request until such time as the Office of Administrative Law rules upon the petition filed that challenges this very regulation. CalChiefs believes strongly that there are no properly promulgated EMSA regulations as to what constitutes a 201 provider and until one is properly and lawfully put in place, agencies should avoid replying to these requests.

We encourage agencies who might have questions or concerns regarding this complex subject to contact CalChiefs directly. CalChiefs is working with subject matter experts and legal counsel to ensure that the rights and obligations of our members are protected.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Meston".

Jeff Meston
President
California Fire Chiefs Association

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Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:51 PM
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Cc: Rylan Gervase <rylang@csda.net>; Fred Luevano <fluevano@ncfire.org>; Robert H James Law <roberthjameslaw@gmail.com>; Loren Stephen-Porter <lstephen@ncfire.org>; Ed Hadfield (ehadfield@rincon-nsn.gov) <ehadfield@rincon-nsn.gov>; Don Butz <dbutz@lakesidefire.com>
Subject: ACA-1

Mr. Tannehill;

In the February 2019 edition of CSDA's *Take Action Brief*, the summary regarding ACA-1 notes that, "CSDA is working collaboratively with the author's office and anticipates special districts will be afforded equal access to the new infrastructure financing tool *in future amendments*." I would ask that you contact Cal Chiefs Executive Director, Tracey Hansen at (916) 923-9455 (office) or at traceyhansen@calchiefs.org. It is my understanding that both Cal Chiefs and the Fire Districts Association of California have taken a more assertive position on the current version of this bill.

Thank you;

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Loren Stephen-Porter

From: Kevin Mahr
Sent: March 20, 2019 14:40
To: Eric Ayers; David Helman
Cc: Loren Stephen-Porter; Chiefs
Subject: FW: Thank you from a resident

Dave and Eric,

Please see below and thank you for always providing excellent public service.

Kevin Mahr

Division Chief – Operations
North County Fire Protection District
330 S. Main Ave
Fallbrook, CA 92028
760-723-2015 (Office)
760-802-4181 (Cell)

From: Charlie Swanger <cswanger@ncfire.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:31 PM
To: Eric Ayers <eayers@ncfire.org>; David Helman <dhelman@ncfire.org>
Cc: Barry Krumwiede <bkrumwiede@ncfire.org>; Kevin Mahr <kmahr@ncfire.org>
Subject: Thank you from a resident

Good afternoon,

I received a call from a resident who wanted me to pass on a "HUGE" Thank You to Ayers & Helman for the lift assist last night. He really appreciates you helping he & his wife out (she'll be 100 this year).

Scotty said to include your superiors, so they know what a great job you are doing.

Thanks,
Charlie Swanger
Administrative & IT Support
P: 760-723-2033 - Fax: 760-723-2045



North County Fire

330 S. Main Ave – Fallbrook, CA 92028

Loren Stephen-Porter

From: Anthony Fieri
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:47 AM
To: NCFD
Subject: Thank you for your help

Fire Family,

I'd like to thank you for taking the time to come out and stand in the rain, collecting money for the Burn Institute. I will have our numbers soon and let you all know how we did. I greatly appreciate the large support we had by both on and off duty personnel.

The off duty rockstars:

Collin Baker
Jorge Gonzalez
Sean Devine
Dustin Glasgow
Andrew Bastien
Chris Stratton
Ben Lian
Adrian Del Castillo
Callan Dawson
John Choi
Sam Russel
Anthony Fieri

The on duty rockstars:

Pete August
Jason Bracci
Kyle Krenz
Eugenia Soulier
Brendon McReynolds
Joel Hammer
Nick Crilly
Ryan Lewis
Eric Ayers
Dave Helman
William Mertz
Rob DeCamp
Danny Sahagun
Rob Hager
Doug Debrauwere
Chany Reth
Ezra Truman
Rich Berry
Tyler Ruiz
Josh Kortekaas
Grant Medica
Richard Quevedo

Charlsea Ewing
Tommy Harrington
Bruce Moore

And a special thanks to Chief Abbott for his armored truck transportation service of delivering the money to the Burn Institute.

Thanks again,

Anthony Fieri

Sometimes,
the people
we count on the most
are the ones
who hear "thank you"
the least.

Since you're
one of those facilities,
I hope you always know
how much
you are appreciated.

Your facility has provided transportation to the hospital 3 times.
Once to Fallbrook and twice to Temeculah Valley. Each
time your staff was gracious and helpful, which made the trying
time much less stressful. Thank you very much. You're
appreciated.

Bill: AYERS
BAKER
SPENCER
MILL: MEDICA
PENNA

Brandon ? The Crew,

I really appreciate you guys
for reviving me. I wouldn't be writing
this letter if you hadn't. I feel like
what you guys do is underrated,
and that people don't thank people like
you enough. I know I was heavily
intoxicated, and that my dumb
decisions could've held you and your
crew back from doing something more
important.

I'm just super grateful for you guys
showing up when you did because
I felt my brain shutting down.

All my love and grace goes out
to you and your crew for helping
me. I am very admirable of what
you do.

Surely,

EIII: BENJIT
BRACCI
SPENCER

MIII: PENA
RESCH

Flight Simulator For Pilots Who Fight SoCal Wildfires Might Be Delayed – To Pay For Trump's Border Wall



The 146th Airlift Wing based at Air National Guard Station Channel Islands uses C-130J aircraft to fight Southern California fires. (Screenshot by KPCC/LAist)

President Trump wants to carve out a cool \$3.6 billion from the the Pentagon's military construction budget to pay for his long-promised border wall. And this week Congress got its first look at the upgrades that could be delayed on bases to free up those billions of dollars. The [21-page list](#) set elected officials' hands wringing across the country. Big ticket items that may now be put on hold include: airplane hangars, hospitals, waste treatment facilities, and fire stations. **POSSIBLE SOCAL CUTS**

Here in Southern California, a unit often called upon to help fight wildfires awaits the fate of flight simulator critical for training pilots. The Air National Guard Station at Channel Islands is home to the 146th Airlift Wing. The 146th has been expecting a new \$8 million C-130J flight simulator. But that funding is now in doubt. It comes down to timing. The contract for the flight simulator is due to be awarded after a self-imposed Pentagon cutoff date — and that makes the project vulnerable. In a statement accompanying the list, the DoD said it will pull funding only from projects with award dates after Sept. 30, 2019. The 146th's flight simulator project isn't due to be funded until July 2020. California pilots now have to travel to the East Coast to train on a C-130J simulator, said Lt. Col. Tom Keegan, public affairs officer for the

California National Guard. That's why a simulator is needed out West. "Having a simulator on the West Coast would allow these folks to do emergency procedure training that wouldn't have to be done in the jets themselves," Keegan said. "It would reduce costs and would allow for much more repetition of training exercises."

The pilots of the 146th use C-130J aircraft specially outfitted to fight fires. The planes are equipped to drop thousands of gallons of bright-red Phos-Chek fire retardant onto hotspots.

"[The C-130J simulator] definitely helps with readiness. We look forward to it coming," Keegan said. "If it's delayed, that would be too bad. But we're hopeful."

The 146th Airlift Wing activated in November to help CalFire contain the Woolsey Fire.

WHAT APPEARS ON TRACK

White House and defense officials have said projects that have funding diverted to the wall will not be canceled, just pushed back. It's not clear if they will be first in line for the next round of appropriations.

There are many more Southern California projects on the Pentagon's list, but most are expected to move forward because they're far enough along in the construction pipeline to avoid the border wall carve-out.

Such projects that appear to be on track include training and medical facilities at the Marine Corp's Camp Pendleton, north of San Diego, and landing pad and security upgrades at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

The Navy is prepping for a lot of construction on Coronado Island, and expecting funding to replace a pier in San Diego to the tune of \$49 million dollars. These are projects Congress has already approved, but the Department of Defense has yet to award the contracts.

Closer to L.A., there are a couple upgrades planned for the Naval Weapons Station in Seal Beach. The biggest is a new causeway, boat channel and turning basin for \$118 million bucks.

Naval Air Station Pt. Mugu is making plans for a new energy systems lab with a \$22 million price tag.

In northern San Bernardino County, in the Mojave Desert, new construction is expected at the Army's Fort Irwin, home to the National Training Center for all the armed forces.

Fort Irwin is in line for a \$29 million "Multipurpose Range Complex" and land acquisition.

It's notable that the Pentagon has exempted military barracks, family housing, and dormitory construction from cuts.

Newsroom [investigations](#), [a survey](#), and Congressional hearings recently exposed substandard and sometimes dangerous living conditions for military families on base. Mold, rats, bad wiring and terrible plumbing were just some of the complaints.

DoD made clear in its release this week that no funding for housing upgrades will go to the President's border wall.

The House Armed Services Committee plans to hold hearings on how military readiness will be impacted when funding is diverted away from base facility upgrades to the border wall construction. **A BATTLE ROYALE**

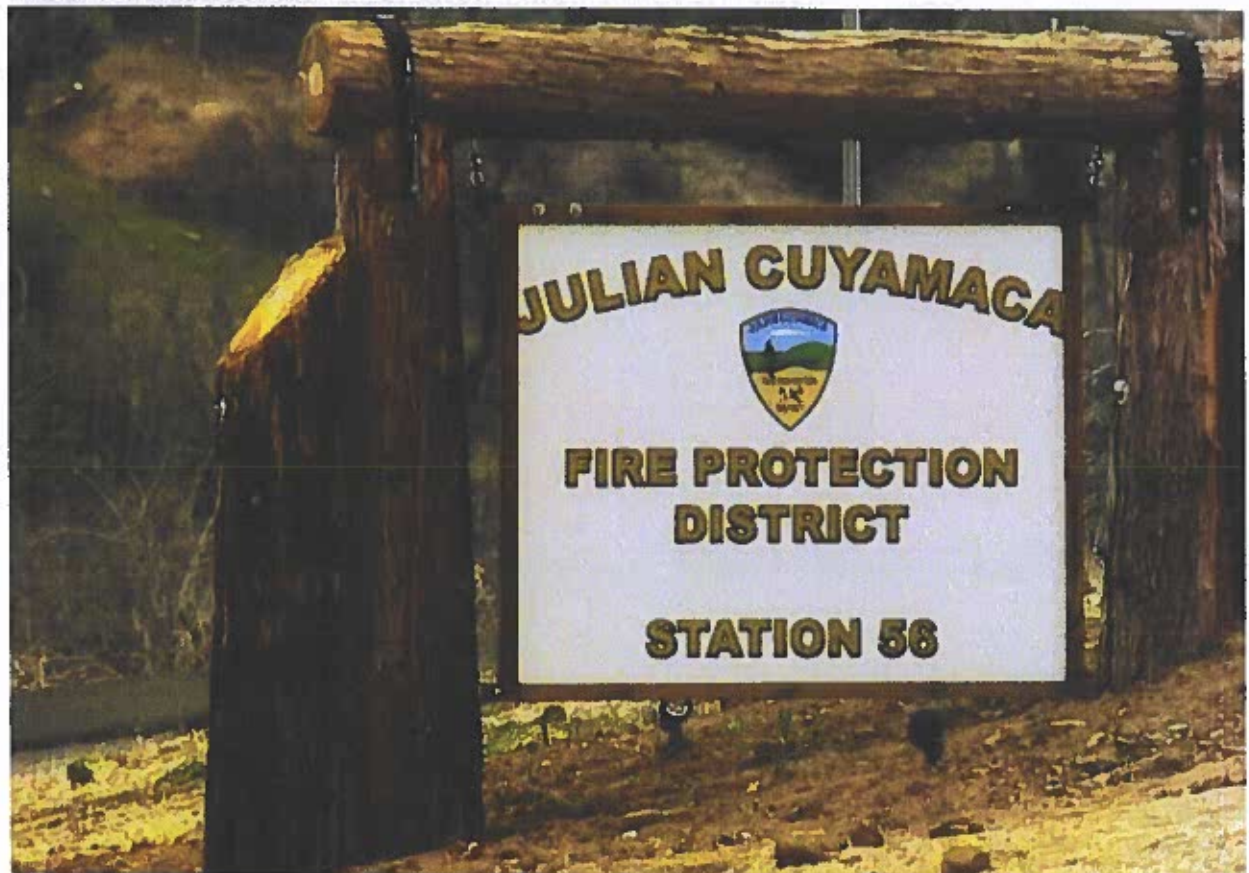
Conflict over border wall funding led to the longest partial federal government shutdown in history, starting in December. President Trump later backed off the budget showdown with Congress, and instead declared a state of emergency. The White House argues the move allows Trump to pull funding from military construction to pay for the wall. But Trump's emergency declaration has faced sharp critics. Two members of the House committee shared their assessment with KPCC/LAist, following the Pentagon's announcement. "The President is using his fake emergency in order to circumvent the Constitution and Congress to illegally fund his pet project border wall," said Orange County congressman Gil Cisneros, a Democrat and Navy veteran. "Department of Defense officials have testified to me that the President's plan of action would negatively affect military readiness, our bases, and our service members and their families." Fellow Democratic Katie Hill, who is also in her first term, called the President's maneuver, "outrageous." "Any pull of military funding from California that has already been authorized and appropriated — like Camp Pendleton and Fort Irwin — is a hit to us all," said Hill, who represents areas in north L.A. County, including Santa Clarita and Palmdale. Rep. Paul Cook, a Marine Corps veteran and Republican member of the Armed Services Committee, did not respond to a request for comment. His district includes Fort Irwin in San Bernardino County. The House and Senate will have another chance to vote on the state of emergency next week. It's unlikely they will meet the two-thirds threshold to override a presidential veto.

One thing to keep in mind: Many members of Congress are now facing the loss of big chunks of military construction money. That includes many Republicans, opening the door for more GOP votes against the president.

Julian residents vote to dissolve volunteer fire department



Julian Cuyamaca Fire Protection District



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JULIAN, Calif. — Eastern San Diego County residents voted Tuesday to dissolve the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District and merge with the County Fire Authority.

Measure A passed with the approval of 55.56 percent of voters.

The San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission voted 3-2 in September to disband the district and the volunteer firefighting force. Residents living in the district decried the decision at the time and collected signatures to urge the county Board of Supervisors to call a referendum on the dissolution, which the board did in December.

At the time, the commission cited future budget issues as the reason to dissolve the fire protection district, as the commission believed it would not have the capital to sustain the volunteer force. Since then, every member of the commission has been replaced either by vote or resignation.

The newly completed group was in favor of keeping the volunteer force, but remained subject to the whims of residents in the district.

The county will serve the area with contracted assistance from Cal Fire. Cal Fire Local 2881, the organization's union, currently backs the proposal, arguing that Cal Fire would only have an agreement to respond to wildfires with traffic accidents and medical calls falling to the wayside if it fails.

The county Registrar of Voters sent out mail ballots for the election last month.

Julian-Cuyamaca Voters Deciding Future Of Volunteer Fire Department

Priya Sridhar

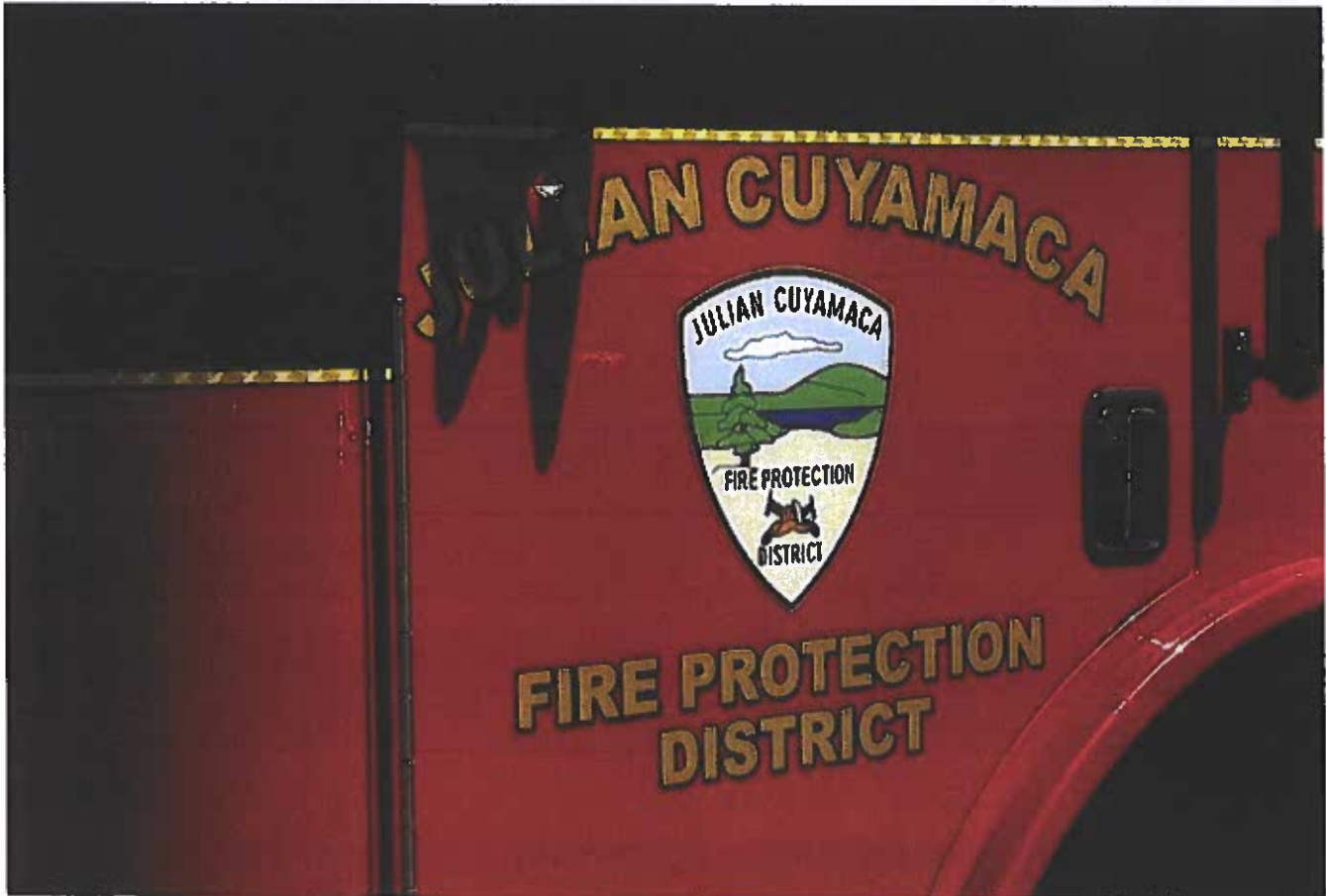


Photo by [Nicholas McVicker](#)

Above: A parked Julian-Cuyamaca Fire-Prevention District truck, Julian, CA, Sept. 26, 2018.

The fate of the [Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District](#) is now in the hands of voters with Measure A.

A "yes" vote on the initiative would dissolve the district and its volunteer force. Fire protection would then be handed over to the [San Diego County Fire Authority](#).

"There are a lot of small government people up here who just don't trust anything bigger than their neighbor," said Michael Hart, editor of [The Julian News](#). He has been covering the fire department for years, most recently following a complicated series of events leading up to the special election.

"The average person that lives in Julian is confused because they don't know what to believe," Hart said.

Last year, the Fire Protection Board voted 3 to 2 to dissolve the district and consolidate with the County Fire Authority. The County Fire Authority, which contracts with [CAL FIRE](#), moved into the Julian fire station in June.

In the fall, the commissioners from the [San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission](#) voted to dissolve the district. LAFCO's rules, however, state that if 25 percent of registered voters in the district sign a petition, a special election will be held on the issue. The volunteer firefighters and their supporters were able to gather enough signatures to call for an election.

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[RELATED: Julian Residents Force Vote For Volunteer Fire Department](#)

It gets even more complex.

The Fire Protection Board members who voted to dissolve the district are no longer on the board. Now all the board members support the volunteers.

Bill Everett is one of the new board members.

"Things certainly have changed," he said. "We now have a board that is really supportive of our fire district and really supportive of our firefighters and really doesn't believe that the dissolution of the district is going to provide the district with the best possible emergency services."

While the volunteers now have more support, money is still a concern. The old board had voted for dissolution because of financial concerns. Since then, Julian residents voted against a measure to increase funding for the volunteer district from \$50 per household to \$200 per household.

Despite that, the new board believes they have enough money to sustain the volunteers.

"We're just simply going to make it work. That's part of what our strategic plan is about to make sure that we have the financing and the funding to be able to provide the service that we say we're going to provide," Everett said.

Not everyone in Julian thinks the volunteers are the community's best option. Carl Englund heads up the [Yes on Measure A](#) campaign. He thinks it makes more sense to work with the county.

"It doesn't seem rational to most people that we would turn down \$2 million a year and a full time 24/7, 365 days a week professional fire organization," he said.

[The union that represents CAL FIRE firefighters](#) also supports Measure A. They say if it fails, there won't be an automatic aid agreement for responding to emergencies in the area. Patrick Walker is the vice president of the union chapter for San Diego County. He says CAL FIRE would respond to wildfires, but not traffic accidents or medical calls.

"What it is, is the 99 other calls we have to go to, the person that crashes on the sled or crashes on the 78 coming to visit... those are the calls we need to be concerned about," he said.

Ballots in the special election are due on March 19. Ballots are expected to be counted later this week.

To view PDF documents, [Download Acrobat Reader](#).

Environmental group questions use of bulldozers to fight wildfires

Paul Elias, The Associated Press

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California wildfires are creating their own weather, including the firenado. With winds strong enough to tear roofs off houses, these whirling menaces can be devastating. USA TODAY Network, Ventura County Star

Bulldozer drivers cut 305 miles of fire lines through scenic forest land last year in a desperate bid to stop a massive wildfire's advance on a Northern California city, an effort an environmentalist group said Thursday was largely ineffective.

The Oregon-based Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics & Ecology organization released a report detailing bulldozer use during the July wildfire that killed eight people and destroyed 1,000 homes in and around Redding. One dozer driver died and another was seriously hurt.

The report concluded that flying embers driving the fire rendered almost useless the bulldozers' cutting of "catlines" to clear trees and vegetation in its path.

Ventura County wildfire coverage:

- [Official Thomas Fire report blames power lines for monster blaze](#)
- [Progress continues on debris cleanup from Woolsey and Hill fires](#)
- [On the scene with crews cleaning up after Woolsey, Hill fires](#)

"Numerous catlines were carved into the hills and ridgelines north, south and west of the city trying to stop the spread of the fire, but almost all of them were breached by flying embers that were lofted in hot, dry, fast-moving winds that spread flames over the catlines," the report said. "Months after the wildfire was over, the damage left behind by the vast network of catlines is now revealing itself."

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is in charge of fighting most of the state's wildfires and led the firefighting effort in July. Cal Fire spokesman Scott Mclean didn't respond to phone and email requests for comment.

Cal Fire routinely sends in "suppression repair" crews behind the bulldozers

almost as soon as the fire moves through and the ground cools off. Those crews use an array of heavy equipment, including dozers, to repair damage caused creating the catlines.

They replace barbed-wire cattle fences, gates and crushed culverts; smooth out dirt roads torn apart by heavy equipment; flatten the berms created by bulldozers and put hiking trails back in shape.

When necessary, they work with Native American tribes to repair damage to archaeological sites or clean the pink liquid that suppresses flames out of waterways.

But the environmental group's report says those repair efforts aren't enough to fix most of the damage, including the creation of "ghost roads" that scar pristine forests and remain for years.

"Catlines displace soils and destabilize slopes, denude native vegetation and help spread flammable invasive weeds, degrade water quality and closed canopy forest habitat, destroy Native American artifacts and heritage sites, and despoil the scenery of fire affected wildlands," the report concluded.

MORE: [Water agencies band together, seek changes after Woolsey, Thomas fires](#)

The nonprofit group, which gets funding from the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation and other environmental organizations, advocates ending "warfare on wildfires" by ecologically managing them.

The group called on firefighters to keep the bulldozers in the garage when hot and heavy winds are fueling wildfires, especially in remote areas where few people live.

"Using 'big iron' bulldozers can cut a lot of fireline quickly and brutally, and in the right places and conditions these catlines can stop wildfire spread," the report said. "But during extreme conditions that drive large wildfires like the Carr Fire — conditions that are becoming more frequent due to climate change — catlines are becoming increasingly ineffective in stopping wildfire spread."

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The Legislature Introduces Clean-Up Bill SB 778 to Fix SB 1343 Harassment Training Requirements – What This Means for Your Agency | California Public Agency Labor & Employment Blog



This Special Bulletin was authored by [Gage C. Dungy](#).

NOTE: This update incorporates further amendments to SB 778 and serves to remind clients that these are only proposed fixes to the existing SB 1343 harassment prevention training requirements that are not yet law. SB 778 is subject to change again before becoming law. If SB 778 becomes law, we will notify you immediately. In the meantime, employers must comply with the training requirements and deadlines imposed by SB 1343, which took effect January 1. We have taken the unusual step of updating you about the status of pending legislation because we are aware that many clients are currently assessing whether and when to re-train their employees.

On December 6, 2018, LCW published a Special Bulletin titled, "[DFEH Provides Guidance on Impact of New SB 1343 Harassment Training Requirements: Some Questions Answered, Many Still Remain – Including Possibility that ALL Supervisory and Nonsupervisory Employees Need to Be Trained or Retrained Again in 2019](#)". That bulletin informed clients that the DFEH published still valid guidance regarding SB 1343, including a mandate that all nonsupervisory employees to undergo harassment training in calendar year 2019, even if they received the training in 2018. The Legislature is now considering SB 778, clean-up legislation introduced on February 26, 2019, to address employer concerns about some of the onerous requirements of SB 1343, as interpreted by the DFEH. The proposed bill language is available at: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20190200SB778

If SB 778 Passes in Its Current Form, Compliant Harassment Prevention Training Provided After January 1, 2018 Will Suffice Until Calendar Year 2021.

The DFEH published a notice in November 2018, titled "[*Sexual Harassment and Abusive Conduct Prevention Training Information for Employers*](#)", that said all covered employees would be required to undergo harassment prevention training by the end of calendar year 2019. The DFEH premised this mandate on the following language in Government Code section 12950.1(a):

"An employer who has provided this training and education to an employee after January 1, 2019, is not required to provide training and education by the January 1, 2020, deadline."

Unfortunately, this awkward statutory language, and the interpretation given to it by the DFEH, requires any employer who already provided otherwise compliant harassment prevention training in 2018 to re-train the same employees again in 2019.

SB 778, in its present form, would replace the above-referenced sentence in Government Code section 12950.1(a) with the following sentence:

"An employer who has provided this training and education to an employee after January 1, 2018, is not required to provide refresher training and education until after December 31, 2020."

There is Strong Indication that SB 778 Will Become Law

SB 778 is a "committee bill" in the State Senate, meaning all of the members of the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee, including legislators from both parties, approved of the bill. At this point, there is no indication of any opposition to the bill and all signs point to it passing.

SB 778 does not include an "urgency" clause that would allow it to take immediate effect upon signature of the Governor. As presently worded, the legislation would not take effect until January 1, 2020. There is some support in the Legislature for an urgency clause to be added, but urgency legislation requires 2/3 approval of both the Senate and Assembly. Nevertheless, the fact that SB 778 is a committee bill with bi-partisan support leaves open the possibility that could happen.

While SB 778 is Not Yet Law, Here's What Agencies Should Do Now:

Employers Who Provided Harassment Prevention Training in Calendar Year 2018 May Consider Waiting to Reschedule Training This Year

SB 778 will hopefully be welcome news to employers who were confronted with the awkward result from SB 1343 requiring follow-up refresher training this year when already provided last year in 2018. While not yet law, the fact that SB 778 has bipartisan support is a good indicator that it will become law.

Therefore, employers who provided otherwise compliant harassment prevention training in 2018 may wish to consider delaying refresher training until SB 778's fate is determined in the Legislature. LCW will publish updates on SB 778 on its blog as information becomes available.

Assuming that SB 778 becomes law, employers should consider scheduling future training for supervisory and non-supervisory employees on the same two-year track to ensure that employees are receiving consistent training to the extent possible.

Employers Who Either 1) Are On a Two-Year Track to Provide Supervisory Employees Harassment Prevention Refresher Training in Calendar Year 2019, or 2) Did Not Provide Non-Supervisory Employees With Compliant Harassment Prevention Training in 2018 Still Need to Still Provide Such Training in 2019.

Employers who did not provide otherwise compliant harassment prevention training in 2018 still need to provide the training this year. SB 778 would not provide any relief for such employers.

Provide Harassment Prevention Training to New Hires Within Six Months.

Importantly, employers must provide new employees with harassment prevention training within six (6) months of hire. Therefore, regardless of whether your agency provided harassment prevention training to employees in 2018, any new supervisory or non-supervisory employees would still need to receive this training within 6 months of their hire date if that timeline falls in calendar year 2019.

LCW, which has offered effective harassment prevention training for decades, offers SB 1343 training. For more information on our training programs, contact our Training Coordinator Anna Sanzone-Ortiz at asanzone@lcwlegal.com or (310) 981-2051 or Director of Marketing and Training Cynthia Weldon at cweldon@lcwlegal.com or (310) 981-2000.

If you have any questions about this Special Bulletin, please contact attorneys in our Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fresno, Sacramento, or San Diego offices for further guidance.

Investigators determine that a power line caused the Thomas Fire - Wildfire Today

Author: Bill Gabbert

The fire burned 281,893 acres near Santa Barbara, destroyed 1,063 structures, and caused the death of one civilian and one firefighter



Thomas Fire, Ventura, CA, Los Padres National Forest, 2017. USFS photo.

The Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) has determined that an arcing power line caused the Thomas Fire that destroyed 1,063 structures and caused the death of a civilian and a firefighter.

Investigators found that strong winds on December 4, 2017 forced Southern California Edison power lines to come in contact with each other, resulting in

molten metal falling to the ground which ignited vegetation. The common term for this is "line slap."

Measured east to west the Thomas Fire spread for over 42 miles, stretching between Fillmore and Santa Barbara in Southern California.



Map of the west side of the Thomas Fire. The red line was the perimeter on December 23, 2017. Click to enlarge.

CAL FIRE Fire Apparatus Engineer Cory Iverson of the San Diego/San Diego County Fire Authority was overrun by fire and killed December 14, 2017 while battling the blaze. A 70-year-old woman died in a car accident while fleeing the fire on December 6, 2017.

At one point nearly 9,000 emergency personnel were working on the fire.

The investigative team was comprised of four agencies: CAL FIRE, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, and the U.S. Forest Service.

It's Official: For the First Time in Nearly a Decade, California Is Drought-Free

BY: [Tribune News Service](#) | March 15, 2019

By *Alejandra Reyes-Velarde*

For the first time since 2011, the state shows no areas suffering from prolonged drought and illustrates almost entirely normal conditions, according to a map released Thursday by the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Former Gov. Jerry Brown issued an executive order in 2017 that lifted the drought emergency in most of the state, leaving some breathing a sigh of relief. But he cautioned Californians to keep saving water as some parts of the state were still suffering from extreme drought.

Now, two years later, that deficit seems to have been erased, thanks to an exceptionally wet winter.

"The reservoirs are full, lakes are full, the streams are flowing, there's tons of snow," said Jessica Blunden, a climate scientist with the National Climatic Data Center at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "All the drought is officially gone."

The Drought Monitor, which collects data from scientists from the National Drought Mitigation Center, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and dozens of weather agencies, last showed a drought map that was clear in December 2011.

In updating the map, scientists consult with hydrologists, water managers, meteorologists and other experts to determine the amount of water in the state's reservoirs, the snowpack level and other key measurements. With the wet winter streak going strong, their reports have been good.

In January, storms filled up many of the state's water reserves almost to capacity and added about 580 billion gallons of water to reservoirs across the state. That month, the snowpack in the Sierra Nevada, a major source of California's water supply, doubled -- and then doubled again in February.

"California has been getting a tremendous amount of rain, storms and snow," Blunden said. "It's just been extremely wet and it's been so wet ... that we've been able to alleviate drought across the state."

A year ago, just 11% of the state was experiencing normal conditions while 88.9% of the state was "abnormally dry," according to the drought report. Some parts of Los Angeles and Ventura counties were still colored dark red, meaning they were experiencing "extreme drought."

Even last week, a small portion of Northern California was labeled as having "moderate drought" conditions. But as of Thursday, 93% of the state was experiencing normal conditions and none of it was in drought, Blunden said.

Small portions in the far northern and southern parts of the state were still marked as "abnormally dry," but elsewhere, the map registered no drought conditions at all. In San Diego County, reservoirs were only 65% full, which contributed to the dry conditions in that area, Blunden said.

And conditions are expected to return to normal next week in Northern California, she said. With another storm expected within a week in San Diego, that area also would likely come out of its dry spell entirely.

After a cold winter in Southern California, the Santa Ana winds are returning, while a high pressure

system will help raise the temperatures, said Jimmy Taeger, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

The winter chill set records in downtown Los Angeles, which recorded its coldest February in nearly 60 years. There had never been a February since July 1877, when record-keeping began in downtown L.A., that the temperature failed to reach the 70-degree mark.

In contrast, the highs for this weekend in the Los Angeles area are expected to hit 78. In San Diego, the mercury could reach 75 degrees Sunday for the first time since late January.

The warm weather is rolling into the region on strong winds. In Los Angeles, the weather service issued a wind advisory Thursday morning, noting that winds between 15 and 25 mph would roll through, with gusts up to 40 mph from Malibu to the Hollywood Hills.

Temperatures might be creeping up, but as for the rain, Taeger said "we're not completely over with it yet."

Offshore winds will subside, bringing a 40% chance of a storm coming through San Diego over Wednesday and Thursday. Next weekend will bring more warm temperatures, but another storm could materialize toward the end of March, forecasters said.

The rainy trend has extended across the United States, making for vast improvements in drought conditions, especially in the Western part of the country. Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming, for example, have made significant progress, though much of those states are still classified as abnormally dry and are still experiencing drought conditions, Blunden said.

But storms are raging in some areas. A blizzard is moving over Colorado and Arizona, and New Mexico on Wednesday had heavy thunderstorms, which could significantly alleviate drought conditions in the next few weeks.

Californians have a lot to be happy about, she said, but Blunden warned that could change.

"Dry conditions can easily creep back in," she said. "That's why we adjust the map every week. The conditions change -- and they can change fast sometimes."

Brown's declaration was made after record rainfall in 2017. Then, in 2018, the state broke more records following an extremely dry winter.

"We did see such major drought for five years," Blunden said. "All of these storms came along and alleviated the drought. Everybody thought we were out of the woods, but then it came right back.

"I think drought conditions can sneak up on you very quickly. It is good to be cautious and always think about conserving water."

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San Diego County conservation agency awarded \$1.5 million for wildfire preparedness

City News Service

A San Diego-area conservation organization has been awarded \$1.5 million by the state to augment efforts to reduce local wildfire threats and impacts, the agency announced Wednesday.

The funding for the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County is part of \$20 million in block grants allocated to eight bodies throughout the state by the Department of Conservation and the California Natural Resources Agency through the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program.

Since 1941, the San Diego-area organization has administered an array of services aimed at improving forest health, reducing wildfire fuel, creating so-called defensible space and educating the public about the importance of such efforts.

“With these newly awarded funds, we can now take these successful programs to the next level by creating a regional fire protection plan that includes our fire-agency forest priorities and ensures our communities are prepared and ready to combat the devastating effects of California wildfire,” Sheryl Landrum, the agency’s executive director, said.

“Fire is now an unfortunate component of the California environment, and we all must be diligent in making our communities more fire resilient,” Landrum said.

The Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program is part of the state's efforts to improve forest health, protect communities from wildfire and implement the California Forest Carbon Plan, building on priorities identified by the Forest Management Task Force and state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Prescribed fire gains momentum

By UC Agriculture and Natural Resources - March 13, 2019, 11:43:34 AM

March 13, 2019 – As Californians know too well, the 2018 wildfire season was historically severe. But for *prescribed* fire — fire set deliberately to achieve management objectives — 2018 was historically important.

California’s fire management regime needed change — a strong conviction to that effect had developed in state government by 2018. The previous year’s fire season had been unusually fierce, with the wine country fires rampaging in the north and the Thomas Fire, the state’s largest-ever wildfire until that time, raging in the south. Leaders throughout state government recognized that climate change was exacerbating the state’s perpetual wildfire problem — and would continue to do so. So it was that advocates for prescribed fire found the Legislature and former Gov. Jerry Brown broadly receptive to policy proposals that might mitigate the wildfire crisis. “Conversations were wide open,” says Nick Goulette, former chair and current member of the steering committee at the Northern California Prescribed Fire Council. “Committees said ‘Anything is on the table. What do we need to do?’”



In September 2018, the Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association conducted a burn at the McI near Cape Mendocino in Humboldt County, targeting about 350 coyote brush that had invaded rangelands.

They did a lot. It started in May, when Gov. Brown issued an executive order on forest health that, among its many provisions, instructed the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), as well as the California Air Resources Board (CARB), to increase opportunities for projects in prescribed fire (Brown 2018). Then in September, the Legislature passed and the governor signed four pieces of legislation related to fire and forest health law, Senate Bill (SB) 901, provides Cal Fire \$1 billion over five years for forest health and prevention activities — including \$35 million a year for prescribed fire and other fuel reduction projects (the \$1 billion in funding is generated by California’s greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program). The same law specifies that Cal Fire and UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) will cooperate to deliver technical assistance on wildfire resilience to nonindustrial timberland. SB 1260 requires Cal Fire to cooperate on prescribed burns with public and private landowners and also instructs Cal Fire to create a program for pre-certification of “burn bosses” — individuals who direct operations at prescribed fires — so that vetting of burn bosses needn’t be conducted for each proposed burn. SB 1260 also, along with Assembly Bill 2091, aims to ease the way prescribed burners to purchase private insurance.

In recent years, prescribed fire has played a very modest role in California’s land management practices. It wasn’t always so. Native American tribes conducted burns to manage resources before Europeans arrived in the Americas. As recently as the 1980s, Cal Fire burned 30,000 to 65,000 acres a year (Quinn-Davidson 2018). In recent times, however, Cal Fire has burned less than 10,000 acres a year, and the acreage treated by all prescribed burners — Cal Fire,

nongovernmental organizations, tribes, private landowners and so forth — has been inad to slow the ongoing buildup of fuels across California’s forests and rangelands. Now, how change is afoot — and the new laws and the executive order are only part of the story. To sure, important policy changes now being implemented by Cal Fire are mandated by 201 governmental directives, but changes at the agency also seem part of a cultural shift in a toward prescribed fire. This cultural shift — which Lenya Quinn-Davidson, a Humboldt Co UCCE fire advisor, has watched develop over her years as a prescribed fire practitioner — itself been nurtured through partnerships established among stakeholders across the pre fire landscape. Today, prescribed fire seems on course to play a larger role in California’s management regime and — ideally — to reduce the risk that wildfire seasons such as the two become a permanent phenomenon.

Why to burn (and why not)

Prescribed fires can be conducted to achieve a variety of management objectives. For exa they can reduce fuel loads in forests so that high-intensity fires become less likely. Prescr can establish diverse ecosystems in which threatened species thrive. In other contexts, tl help control invasive species. A recent study involving researchers from UC Irvine and UC suggests that burning off water-hungry vegetation in the Sierra Nevada could increase California’s water abundance (National Science Foundation 2018; Roche et al. 2018). Pre-burns may also, by reducing the overall severity of wildfires, decrease the potential for er and sedimentation after fires. Over time, because low-intensity fires produce much less a pollution than do infernos feeding on dense accumulations of fuel, prescribed fire could e improve average air quality (Long et al. 2017; Schweizer et al. 2017).

Prescribed fire, then, can be a powerful tool for land management. But for a formidable s reasons described by Quinn-Davidson and Goulette, California has made only modest use prescribed fire in recent years. According to the state’s Forest Carbon Plan — a May 2018 document developed by state agencies that partially underpinned Gov. Brown’s executive — only 17,500 acres of nonfederal land in California have undergone “forest restoration a treatment” in the average recent year. Moreover, “forest restoration and fuels treatment” not just prescribed fire but mechanical thinning as well.

The greatest impediment to prescribed burning in California is the climate — the state’s h summers and damp winters allow “burn windows” only during brief periods at the beginn end of each fire season, and during intermittent periods over the rest of the year (Quinn-Davidson and Varner 2011). Even when conditions would seem to allow prescribed burnir permits are required from Cal Fire during fire season (typically, from May 1 through Octol and from air quality management districts at all times. Cal Fire has often been skittish ab issuing permits because, according to Goulette, “they worry about liability. What if they d out [an escaped] fire you started?” Permits from air quality management districts, meanv can be challenging to obtain because of the state’s persistent air pollution problem — anc permits can be rescinded at the last hour if CARB declares a “no burn” day. (In 11 of the air basins, local air districts issue permits for specific burns but CARB decides whether bu

allowed at all. In the remaining four basins, local air districts have authority to declare the “burn” and “no-burn” days.) The state also suffers from a shortage of people trained in conducting prescribed burns. The bottom line is that, though California desperately needs to reduce fuel loads across its forests, the state has lagged far behind other areas — Quinn-Davidson points to the Southeast and the Great Plains — in its willingness to embrace prescribed fire.

But things are changing fast — especially at Cal Fire, an agency that sits at or near the center of any prescribed fire discussion in the state. All prescribed fires on nonfederal land in California require a Cal Fire permit during fire season. Advocates for any policy change related to fire, Goulette says, must negotiate with Cal Fire. That’s why prescribed fire supporters are glad — according to Craig Thomas, the recently retired conservation director at Sierra Forest Land Trust — “Prescribed fire is back in the realm for Cal Fire. They are regaining their burning skills.” In November of last year, Ken Pimlott — the since-retired chief of Cal Fire — was telling the radio program “Science Friday” that “Putting prescribed fire back out on the landscape at the same scale to ... actually make a difference is a high priority” (Science Friday 2018). In accordance with SB 901, Cal Fire is now establishing 10 year-round crews dedicated solely to prescribed fire and fuels reduction.

Thomas is grateful for the new crews — but he’d like to see more of them. “We need a robust Cal Fire prescribed burn crew,” he says, “in every county with significant vegetation.” Goulette, meanwhile, argues that Cal Fire should institute what he calls an “objective permitting process” to make permit issuance more predictable. Hugh Scanlon — Cal Fire’s former unit chief for Humboldt and Del Norte counties — finds Goulette’s permitting suggestion generally reasonable. He cautions, however, that any statewide permitting process must be broad enough to account for the variable conditions — climatic conditions especially — that can exist across the state. Otherwise, a permit might be denied in one part of the state because conditions are worse in that different part.

Burning together

The new laws, the executive order, the changes at crucial agencies — all of it seems bound up with the recent cultural shift that Quinn-Davidson discerns in California’s attitude toward prescribed fire. The cultural shift in turn seems inseparable from partnerships established in recent years among key players in fire policy and practice. An example is the Northern California Prescribed Fire Council — the first organization of its kind in the West — which Quinn-Davidson cofounded in 2009 and directs today. A key element of the council’s work, Quinn-Davidson has been building relationships among Northern California’s large users of prescribed fire, including federal and state agencies, tribes, nongovernmental organizations and so on. A key has been demonstrating to Cal Fire, among others, that prescribed fire enjoys widespread support in Northern California and in fact is already in use.

A more ground-level cooperative initiative is the Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association, a group that Quinn-Davidson formed last year with Jeffery Stackhouse, a Humboldt County

livestock and natural resource advisor. Prescribed burn associations are collectives of pro owners who pitch in to burn one another's land. Burns conducted under this model produ the land management benefits usually associated with prescribed fire and also provide bu training to nonprofessionals. In a state such as Nebraska, Quinn-Davidson reports, one encounters nonprofessional but well-trained individuals who have participated in as many burns through prescribed burn associations. In California, such associations are new. But Davidson and Stackhouse are working to expand them — with help from a grant program administered by UC ANR and originating with the federal Renewable Resources Extension Funds from the grant program have helped Quinn-Davidson and Stackhouse further their objectives with the prescribed burn association in Humboldt County — and also perform c efforts in other counties, where they have conducted prescribed fire programs that includ daylong indoor workshop and a day of real, live burning. This June, again with the help o distributed through the grant program, the pair will host a prescribed fire training sessior Humboldt County for UCCE advisors and specialists.

Another node of cooperation is known as the Fire MOU Partnership. This initiative, accord its underlying memorandum of understanding, focuses on cooperation among entities “to increase the use of fire to meet ecological and other management objectives” (USDA 201 partnership includes a broad range of organizations, from Cal Fire to the U.S. Forest Serv the Nature Conservancy; since its 2015 inception, the partnership has grown from 12 to members. Thomas was the primary drafter of the memorandum of understanding, though Forest Service, Cal Fire and Scott Stephens — the widely known UC Berkeley forestry exp also provided input. “What’s exciting,” Thomas says, “is that the air districts are joining. Previously, the fire managers and the air quality regulators weren’t as collaboratively eng

Collaboration will need to flourish if California, so often ahead of national trends but laggi regions in controlled burning, is to take full advantage of prescribed fire’s benefits. “We a think we know best,” Quinn-Davidson says of her state and its people — but “we’re gainir humility, which we need to do. We’ve got a lot to lose.”

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FDAC LEGISLATIVE ALERT

**California Senate Bill 1205, Hill (Mandatory Inspections
& Compliance Reporting)
Reporting Template Development
*Provided to FDAC from CalChiefs***

On September 27, 2018, SB 1205 became effective, and added a new section to the California Health and Safety Code which affects every fire department or fire district in the State. Existing state law requires every fire department or district providing fire protection services to inspect every building used as a public or private school annually. This same annual inspection requirement is applicable to hotels, motels, lodging houses, and apartment houses.

This new bill also requires every fire department or district to annually report to its administering authority their compliance with the annual inspection requirements of the California Health and Safety Code. The bill also requires the administering authority to formally acknowledge receipt of the compliance report in a resolution or a similar formal document. SB 1205 holds jurisdictional policy makers accountable to make progress on fire prevention resource requests, and ensures fire department funding allocations account for the longstanding needs of resource deficient fire prevention bureaus.

Lead by the Northern California Fire Prevention Officer's Association, several resources were identified and developed to assist Departments with this new requirement, and to help standardize the reporting it requires across the State. Standardization in reporting can bring benefits to the California Fire Service, including: Recognition of the fire prevention profession, the importance of fire prevention

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inspections throughout our State, the ability to complete comparative analysis by policy makers across agencies and jurisdictions, and other positive outcomes.

Moving forward, use of this template will help to communicate how safe every jurisdictions schools and multi-family dwelling units are with regards to fire safety. It will also strengthen and advocate the need for increased funding for fire prevention activities each year, one of the California Fire Service's required core competencies.

As always, the California Fire Prevention Officers would like to formally thank our parent organization, the California Fire Chiefs Association for their efforts to provide the California Fire Service the opportunity to formally recognize the accomplishments and needs of our profession. The California Fire Prevention Officers also appreciate the engagement of our leadership and our members, and we encourage all interested parties to provide your feedback.

If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,

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Cal Fire recommends aggressive plans to reduce fire risk in California, Bay Area

KGOBy David Louie

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SAN JOSE, Calif. (KGO) -- With as much rain that has fallen recently in the Bay Area, that's going to foster tree and vegetation growth. That, in turn, could lead to higher fire risk later in the year.

Cal Fire has proposed an [aggressive plan](#) to reduce fuel loads in 35 high-priority areas, including several in the Bay Area. They include the Highway 17 corridor in the Santa Cruz mountains, the Kings Mountain Road area west of Woodside, and Aptos.

The proposal goes now to Governor Gavin Newsom for review.

Cal Fire Division Chief Rich Sampson says there are three projects in the San Mateo-Santa Cruz unit with a preliminary projected cost of \$950,000. The goal is to have all of the 35 projects completed by the end of the year.

He characterized the work as both to reduce the risk of wild land fires and forest management.

To achieve the completion by year's end, the work would have to be fast-tracked to identify funding, to comply with permitting and possible environmental impact review, and to find private contractors to do the work in conjunction with Cal Fire crews, including seasonal firefighters and Department of Corrections crews.

Along Highway 17, a major concern is keeping the four-lane road open, even during a fire event.

By removing brush and trees along the road and clearing access roads, the work would prevent fires from burning adjacent to Highway 17 while providing fire crews reliable access to fire zones and providing escape routes for residents.

The Santa Cruz mountains have a history of wild land fires, including the Bear Creek Fire and the Loma Prieta Fire in recent years.

The Santa Clara County FireSafe Council has been working on reducing fire risk for several years but has had difficulty with funding. Local FireSafe Councils will work with Cal Fire as the 35 priority projects proceed.

Cal Fire developed a rating system to determine a fire risk score and a sociologist-economic score. It also was able to determine the number of

communities and the population that would be affected by each of the proposed projects.

Patty Ciesla, program manager of the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council, told ABC7 News that the work will likely create some inconveniences on the Highway 17 project, such as a lane closure when crews are doing work along the roadway. However, the result will be a fire-safe highway that will not be vulnerable to closure in the event of a major wild land fire.

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SUMMARY TABLE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

	Recommendation	Priority	Lead	Type
1	Direct CAL FIRE Units to complete priority fuel reduction projects.	I	CAL FIRE	Administrative
2	Authorize incident response to implement rapid treatment of fuels.	I	CAL FIRE	Administrative
3	Increase housing availability for fuel crew staff.	I	OES	Administrative
4	Suspend regulatory requirements as needed to complete fuels reduction projects in 2019.	I	All regulatory agencies	Regulations
5	Assess funding and personnel capacity within CAL FIRE and other departments and determine areas for additional investment and administrative actions to maximize effectiveness of current workforce.	I	CAL FIRE / CCC / DPR / CAL HR	Administrative
6	Align community education campaigns across all state and local entities.	I	Forest Management Task Force	Policy
7	Execute State Agency MOU for fuels reduction.	M	All relevant agencies	Policy
8	Identify options for retrofitting homes to new wildland urban interface standards.	M	CAL FIRE	Policy
9	Create incentives for fuels reduction on private lands.	M	All regulatory agencies	Regulations
10	Continue developing methodology to assess communities at risk.	M	CAL FIRE	Administrative
11	Jumpstart workforce development for forestry and fuels work.	M	CAL FIRE / CARB	Administrative
12	<u>Develop mobile data collection tool for project reporting.</u>	M	CAL FIRE	Administrative
13	Coordinate with air quality regulators to enable increased use of prescribed fire.	M	CAL FIRE / CARB	Administrative
14	Develop technology tools to enable real time prescribed fire information sharing.	M	Forest Management Task Force	Policy
15	Certify the California Vegetation Treatment Program Environmental Impact Report.	L	Board of Forestry and Fire Protection	Administrative
16	Develop scientific research plan regarding management and mitigation with funding recommendations.	L	Forest Management Task Force	Policy
17	Provide technical assistance to local governments to enhance or enable fire hazard planning.	L	Forest Management Task Force	Policy
18	Update codes governing defensible space and forest and rangeland protection.	L	CAL FIRE	Regulations
19	Request the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection review the Forest Practice Act and Rules and make recommendations on changes needed to restore forest health.	L	Board of Forestry and Fire Protection	Regulations

Key: Priorities are identified as follows: I = immediate term, M = medium term, L = long term

Wind topples large tree onto passing motorcyclist

Connatix

FALLBROOK, Calif. -- High winds toppled multiple trees in Fallbrook Friday, seriously injuring a motorcyclist and blocking roadways.

Around 2:10 p.m., a tree fell onto a passing motorcyclist near West Elder Street and South Mission Road, according to North County Fire Protection District officials. The rider was flown by helicopter to Palomar Medical Center to be treated for life-threatening head injuries.

California Highway Patrol officials say the man is a 41-year-old Vista resident who was riding a 2013 Harley Davidson Soft Tail. As of late Friday, he was still listed in critical condition.

"Lights flashing red, white and blue. Lights everywhere. There were so many vehicles and it was very congested and it looked like something really bad had happened," neighbor Alexis Spence told FOX 5.

The roadway was affected for approximately one and a half hours during the investigation.

The combination of strong winds and soil softened by recent rains knocked down two other tall trees in the community Friday -- one near Olive Hill and Aqua Hill roads and one near De Luz and Patton Oak roads. County crews worked for several hours to clear the blocked roadways.

Fire officials reminded drivers to be cautious on roadways near large trees and to park cars an adequate distance from trees that could fall.

Anyone who witnessed the accident involving the motorcyclist is encouraged to contact California Highway Patrol at 858-637-3800.

Driver seriously hurt in crash off Sandia Creek Drive in De Luz

Valley News

DE LUZ - It took emergency crews nearly an hour Wednesday, March 6 to rescue a severely injured motorist whose car veered off a rain-slick rural road in De Luz and plunged about 100 feet down a steep, brushy embankment.

The four-door sedan crashed off Sandia Creek Drive north of Rock Mountain Road in De Luz about 3 p.m., said John Choi, a fire captain with North County Fire Protection District.

Emergency personnel used ropes to get to the spot where the vehicle came to rest, freed the driver from the wreckage and hoisted the victim out of the ravine in a litter, Choi said.

Medics took the motorist to Palomar Medical Center in Escondido for treatment of life-threatening injuries.

No information about the victim was immediately available, and it was unclear what caused the solo car crash.

As Wildfire Season Nears, California Power Companies Get a Warning

After PG&E's bankruptcy and downgrades, S&P says more could follow if the state doesn't reform utility regulations.

BY: [Liz Farmer](#) | February 28, 2019

After two devastating wildfire seasons, California's largest utility is bankrupt -- and it might not be the last.

Faced with as much as \$30 billion in liabilities for its equipment allegedly sparking wildfires in 2017 and 2018, [Pacific Gas & Electric \(PG&E\) filed for bankruptcy](#) protection last month. Now, S&P Global Ratings is warning that, thanks to extreme weather and weak protections for power companies in the state, more utility upheaval could follow.

"Without any regulatory reform, we view it as entirely possible that another electric utility could face a devastating wildfire during the 2019 wildfire season," wrote analysts Gabe Grosberg and Rebecca Ai. "Depending on the magnitude and severity, its board of directors could similarly determine that the best course of action would be to file for a voluntary bankruptcy before year-end 2019."

Grosberg and Ai went on to warn that, absent regulatory changes, S&P could downgrade the investor-owned utilities of Edison, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric to junk status before the wildfire season starts this summer.

The regulation at issue is a California law known as inverse condemnation, which essentially holds utilities responsible for wildfire damage caused by their equipment -- whether the companies acted negligently or not. S&P says the law "creates new risks that were never envisioned when investor-owned utilities were established."

State investigators are looking into whether PG&E equipment ignited the Camp Fire in 2018, the deadliest blaze in state history. The company is also [being sued](#) by victims of that fire and of other Northern California fires in 2017. A recent state report found PG&E's equipment was not involved in the [deadly 2017 Tubbs Fire](#). But the state has previously concluded that PG&E did start 18 other, less destructive wildfires that year. As a result, S&P slashed the utility's credit rating in January to junk status.

Utilities in California have been talking to state legislators about amending the law, says Barry Moline, executive director of the California Municipal Utilities Association. But lawmakers are unlikely to change it. "They recognize the conundrum that if you've done everything right, you still get blamed," he says. "The concern they have is if they change law, then their constituents who may be damaged won't be made whole after a disaster. And that probably is a stronger driver than the idea of sticking the payments to a utility."

Adding to the financial liability pressure is climate change, which scientists say is creating hotter, drier conditions that fuel larger wildfires. For utilities, the risk is that their power cables and other equipment could inadvertently spark a fire. "What climate change does," Michael Wara, an expert on energy and environmental policy at Stanford University, recently told *The Economist*, "is make the consequences of small errors much greater -- greater to the point where they threaten the financial viability of the utility."

Utilities in other states are facing similar exposure to climate change. Florida, for example, has been throttled by hurricanes in recent years. But S&P pointed out that Florida utilities are responsible for

recovering the costs of their own assets -- not everyone else's.

Only Alabama has an inverse condemnation law similar to California's. But it typically doesn't face the same kind of flooding and wildfires that can put utilities on the hook for widespread damages.

In the meantime, Moline says utilities in the state are pushing lawmakers and others to help mitigate the potential effects of wildfires by reforming land use, forest management, and emergency evacuation and fire response procedures.

"This is one of those situations where you can't point a finger at one place and say, 'That's the problem,'" he says. "The best solution will be reached when everybody drops their swords and sits down at the table and decides we all have to contribute to protect the public."

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PG&E Woes Continue: Report Says Company Delayed Safety Upgrades in California

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By J.D. Morris

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. pushed back Wednesday on a new report alleging the company repeatedly delayed planned safety upgrades to a transmission line in the area where California's deadliest and most destructive wildfire started last year.

PG&E proposed maintenance work along its Caribou-Palermo transmission line in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 but kept pushing the project back, according to a report in the Wall Street Journal -- a characterization the company disputed. PG&E told The Chronicle that the planned work was not maintenance-related and instead involved compliance with certain regulatory requirements.

A transmission tower along the line in question is located at one of the points in Butte County where state officials say the horrific Camp Fire began Nov. 8, ultimately killing more than 80 people and incinerated more than 18,800 buildings. That tower was not included in the proposed work described by the Journal, according to PG&E.

The cause of the historic blaze is still under investigation, but speculation has centered around PG&E ever since the company reported that a Caribou-Palermo transmission tower malfunctioned near the origin point just before the fire started. PG&E's financial condition rapidly deteriorated in the wake of the fire, culminating with the company's filing for bankruptcy protection last month where it cited potential liabilities from 2017 and 2018 wildfires that could exceed \$30 billion.

The Journal reported that PG&E planned to replace many "towers, wires and hardware pieces" along the Caribou-Palermo transmission line and intended to start in June of last year but never began work.

PG&E has not denied that it postponed planned work along the transmission line but disputed the Journal's characterization of it as "maintenance." The company told The Chronicle that the project was not related to fixing any wear and tear along the line and was instead about complying with design-related requirements from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, or NERC, an organization designated by federal regulators to set mandatory standards for the electric grid.

A 2013 assessment determined that 127 of 455 spans along the Caribou-Palermo transmission line had clearance issues under new NERC guidelines. PG&E planned to replace lattice with steel pole H-frames on 61 structures, re-tension and replace hardware on seven, and add new conductors and hardware on another 21, according to a filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which regulates operators of electric transmission lines.

The work included in the project PG&E planned for the Caribou-Palermo line "generally involves increasing the height of transmission structures and/or adjusting the tension of the conductor," company spokeswoman Lynsey Paulo said in an email. She stressed that the tower near the Camp Fire ignition point "and its adjacent spans" were never included in the plans because they were determined to be compliant with the relevant regulations.

Still, Steven Weissman, a former California utility regulator, said PG&E's delays were a "red flag" that suggested the company may not have done enough to keep important projects on schedule. And the fact that the tower by the Camp Fire started was not included in the plans does not resolve all possible concerns, said Weissman, now an emeritus lecturer at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy.

"Just because PG&E did not put this particular tower on its list ... doesn't mean it shouldn't be on the list," he said. "We don't know that one way or the other."

According to PG&E's filings, most of the spans were scheduled to be completed last year, while almost two dozen were scheduled to be finished this year on the \$30.3 million project. The system was scheduled to be operative by December.

PG&E changed the target end date "primarily due to the work requiring more operational and engineering work than anticipated," Paulo said in an email.

"The current project scope includes some tower replacements along the line," she said. "There are numerous engineering and construction implications associated with tower replacements, including the need to minimize impacts on steep terrain found along the line while laying foundations. There are also permitting impacts from replacing towers."

The Journal also reported that PG&E shut off the entire 56-mile Caribou-Palermo line in December after a "close inspection" unearthed "problems with the line's structural foundations and hardware supporting wires."

Paulo confirmed the line was turned off "as a precautionary measure" when the company identified repairs that "required action."

"The Caribou-Palermo line will remain out of service until verified to be fully safe," she said. "PG&E's electric system is configured in such a manner that allows for this line to remain out of service without disrupting power to local communities."

PG&E has already made "significant progress" complying with the NERC recommendation that prompted its plans for the Caribou-Palermo line, Paulo said. The company has spent \$700 million addressing about 85 percent of the 11,500 discrepancies it identified and expects to finish the remaining work in 2022, when the total cost is expected to top \$1 billion, she said.

Shares of PG&E Corp., which is still publicly traded despite its bankruptcy filing, dropped sharply after the report, closing at \$17.80, down 3.8 percent. The stock has plummeted in value since the Camp Fire.

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Bankrupt and Untrusted, California Utility Spends Millions on Lobbying and Donations

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By Thomas Fuller and Ivan Penn

Eight years ago, federal investigators announced that a “litany of failures” by California’s largest utility had caused a massive gas explosion that killed eight people, injured 58 and incinerated a neighborhood in the San Francisco suburb of San Bruno.

Two days after that announcement, under blue skies at a baseball diamond on the edge of San Francisco’s financial district, the city’s mayor, Ed Lee, threw out the first pitch for a charity event sponsored by that same utility, Pacific Gas & Electric.

“PG&E is a great local company who gets it,” the mayor, who died in 2017, said at the event.

For critics of PG&E, Mr. Lee’s praise was a symbol of a recurring frustration: Despite evidence that the company was responsible for repeated safety violations and involved in deadly wildfires, lawmakers in California continued to benefit from political donations from the company.

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No Committee Exception to Brown Act Public Comment Requirement for Special Meetings

While the Ralph M. Brown Act provides a “committee exception” to the public comment requirement for public entities’ regular meetings, the exception does not apply to special meetings, a California appellate court said in a recently published decision. The Second District Court of Appeal reversed a trial court’s determination that a city acted properly when it barred a member of the public from addressing its full council at a special meeting held after a committee meeting on the same topic at which the member of the public had spoken.

This opinion in [*Preven v. City of Los Angeles*](#) establishes a further distinction between the procedures public entities must follow when holding special meetings, as opposed to regular meetings. It also puts the onus on the state Legislature to bring the Brown Act requirements for special meetings and regular meetings into greater harmony, if it deems it necessary.

The appellant, Eric Preven, addressed a meeting of the Los Angeles City Council’s Planning and Land Use Management Committee, which is comprised of five members of the 15-member City Council, regarding a proposed real estate development near his residence. After the Committee voted unanimously to make a report and recommendation of approval to the full City Council, Preven sought to address the full Council at a special meeting held the following day, at which it was to consider approval of the Committee’s recommendation. However, citing Preven’s prior opportunity to speak at the Committee meeting on the matter, the City refused to allow Preven to address the full Council during the special meeting.

The appellate court determined that the City could not bar Preven from speaking at the special meeting based on his prior opportunity to speak at a separate and distinct committee meeting. The Brown Act expressly requires public entities to provide the public an opportunity to speak “before or during” the consideration of an item at both special and regular meetings. One exception is made in the Government Code, which says the public entity need not provide an opportunity for public comment “on any item that has already been considered by a committee, composed exclusively of members of the legislative body, at a public meeting wherein all interested members of the public were afforded the opportunity to address the committee on the item, unless the item has been substantially changed since the committee heard the item, as determined by the legislative body.” The court concluded the “committee exception” only applies to items scheduled at a regular meeting of the legislative body and not to items heard at a special meeting.

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Calif. fire officials announce forest management focus

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection announced a plan that would dramatically increase the removal of dead trees

By Sudhin Thanawala
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — After successive years of devastating wildfires, California's fire agency announced a plan Tuesday that would dramatically increase the removal of dead trees and other forest management efforts with the help of the National Guard.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection released a list of 35 priority fuel-reduction projects it wants to start immediately across the state over roughly 90,000 acres. That's double the acreage the agency aimed to cover in the current fiscal year, CalFire Deputy Chief Scott McLean said.



In this Nov. 10, 2018, file photo, the Camp Fire burns along a ridge top near Big Bend, Calif. California fire officials want to dramatically increase the removal of dead trees and other forest management practices to reduce fuel for wildfires and are calling on the National Guard to help with the effort. (AP Photo/Noah Berger, File)

The agency is also seeking National Guard assistance to coordinate the work. McLean said it was the first time he could recall turning to the National Guard for help with clearing trees and vegetation.

"It just goes to show you how committed everybody is," he said.

The deadliest U.S. fire in a century destroyed much of Paradise — a city of

27,000 people in Northern California — in November 2018 and killed 86 people. California also experienced devastating wildfires in 2017, including a blaze that killed 22 people and destroyed more than 5,500 structures around the wine country city of Santa Rosa.

Republican President Donald Trump has repeatedly criticized California's Democratic officials for not doing a good enough job managing its forests and has threatened to cut off California's federal disaster funding.

The 35 projects are based on input from local Calfire units and would reduce wildfire risk to more than 200 communities, according to Calfire. They include removing dead trees, clearing vegetation, and creating fuel breaks, defensible spaces and ingress and egress corridors.

The projects prioritize communities at high risk from wildfires but also with significant numbers of vulnerable groups such as the elderly or poor. They include work around the city of Redding, which was also devastated by wildfire last year, and in Butte County, where Paradise is located.

An estimated 15 million acres of forest land in California are in need of thinning or other restoration work, so the 35 projects are just a start, Calfire officials said. The agency wants to establish incident bases with the National Guard close to vulnerable communities to coordinate fuel-reduction projects.

Kathryn Phillips, director of Sierra Club California, said many of the recent fires were driven by high winds, so clearing trees and vegetation in forests is not the solution. Calfire should focus more on clearing brush immediately around homes and ensuring their roofs and attics are safe from flying embers, she said.

"We need to make sure we're doing the things that we know will protect homes," she said.

Calfire is also calling on officials to identify options for retrofitting homes as part of its recommendations released Tuesday.

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SD County areas on list of high-priority fire projects

By: Allison Horn

SACRAMENTO (KGTV) - Cal Fire identified Tuesday high-priority projects to protect more than 200 areas at high risk of a fire, including those in San Diego County.

The East County neighborhoods of Crest and Guatay were among the 35 communities considered to be in urgent need of attention in a list released by Cal Fire.

Both communities have community fuel breaks that need to be cleared, a Cal Fire report showed. The Guatay fuel break covers 128 acres over 15 communities, affecting 221,282 people. The Crest fuel break covers 60 acres over 3 communities and affects 5,278 people, according to the survey.

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Crews may need to remove hazardous dead trees, clear vegetation, create fuel breaks and community defensible spaces, and establish ingress and egress corridors.

More than 25 million acres of California wildlands are under 'very high' or 'extreme fire' threat, according to Cal Fire. The agency also cited the encroaching construction of new homes in wildland areas as a growing threat, putting more people and property at risk.

"California is increasingly at risk of wildfire, and certain populations are particularly vulnerable given the location of their communities and socioeconomic factors such as age and lack of mobility. The tragic loss of lives and property in the town of Paradise during last year's Camp Fire makes that clear," CAL FIRE Director Thom Porter said. "California needs an all-of-the-above approach to protect public safety and improve the health of our forest ecosystems."

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California Supreme Court Holds That Air Time is Not a Vested Right, Passes on Reexamining “California Rule” | California Public Agency Labor & Employment Blog



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The California Supreme Court issued a long-awaited decision in *Cal Fire Local 2881 v. CalPERS*, a case addressing whether the Legislature’s elimination of “air time” as an optional benefit for members of CalPERS unconstitutionally impaired a vested contractual right. Holding that the air time benefit was not entitled to constitutional protection, the Court took a pass on reviewing a much bigger question: Whether the so-called “California Rule” for modifying pension benefits should remain intact.

In 2003, the California Legislature enacted Government Code section 20909, providing eligible CalPERS members the option to purchase up to five years of non-qualifying service credit. This optional benefit is commonly referred to as “air time.” CalPERS members choosing to exercise this option did so by paying an amount arrived at by actuarial estimates to cover the member and employer’s liability for the additional service credit. The legislative intent was that such a purchase would not impose any cost on the employer, though as time would tell, employers were burdened with additional costs when the amount paid by the member for the purchase was based on faulty actuarial estimates.

Within a decade, the Legislature reversed course, eliminating a member’s option for the air time benefit as part of the California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA). However, the change only applied prospectively, and any member who exercised their option to purchase air time while it was available retained the additional service credit.

In response to PEPRA’s elimination of the air time benefit, state firefighters brought suit through their union, asserting that the opportunity to purchase

air time was a vested right protected by the contract clause of the California Constitution and could not be eliminated during their employment. The lawsuit did not challenge the validity of eliminating the option to purchase air time for persons who were not employed by the state at the time of PEPRA's enactment.

Ordinarily, the protection of the contract clause to statutory terms and conditions of public employment only arises where the statute or ordinance establishing the benefit and the circumstances of its enactment clearly evince a legislative intent to create contractual rights. However, courts of this state historically extended the protection of the contract clause to public employee pension benefits even in the absence of a clear manifestation of legislative intent. Moreover, case law evinces a vested protection not only for pension benefits already earned by the public employee, but also the employee's expectation that the same pension benefits can continue to be earned for the remainder of employment. This latter part became known as the "California Rule," which holds that public employee pension benefits vest on the first day of service and cannot be reduced at any time during employment absent the introduction of an equally advantageous benefit.

The *Cal Fire* case presented two issues. The first issue was whether the opportunity to purchase air time was a constitutionally protected vested right. The second and potentially broader issue was whether PEPRA's elimination of the air time benefit constituted an unconstitutional impairment of public employees' contractual rights, if such contractual rights existed in the first instance.

Many were hopeful that in analyzing the second issue, the Court would reexamine the California Rule, either modifying, abandoning, or affirming it. However, the Court did not get that far.

Taking up only the first of the two issues presented, the Court held that the opportunity to purchase air time was not a vested right protected by the constitutional contract clause. The Court found that the 2003 statute did not reflect an intent by the Legislature to create a contractual right for public employees or that the option for air time would not be subject to repeal.

In addition, although public employees may hold an implied vested right to deferred compensation that is attributable to the performance of service, the Court found that the air time benefit was not connected to any actual service. The option for air time was not, unlike ordinary pension benefits, a contractually binding offer to induce an employee's service to the state. Pension benefits, the classic example of deferred compensation, flow directly from a public employee's service, and their value is roughly proportional to the time of that service. The Court found no basis to conclude that the opportunity to purchase air time was granted as deferred compensation for an employee's work during any period of employment prior to an election to purchase the service credit. The amount of additional credit was at the employee's discretion and not dependent on corresponding service to the state.

In its decision, the Court stated that "[w]e have never held, however, that a

particular term or condition of public employment is constitutionally protected solely because it affects in some manner the amount of a pensioner's benefit." In doing so, the Court reaffirmed prior decisions holding that "a term and condition of public employment that is otherwise not entitled to protection under the contract clause does not become entitled to such protection merely because it affects the amount of an employee's pension benefit."

Because the Court held that the opportunity to purchase air time was not a vested right, it did not reach the issue of whether PEPRA's elimination of the air time benefit unconstitutionally impaired the contractual rights of public employees. As for the California Rule, the Court held that its holding "precludes such a re-examination." Therefore, for the time being, the California Rule remains untouched.

A number of additional cases involving the California Rule are awaiting review by the California Supreme Court, including *Marin Association of Public Employees v. Marin County Employees' Retirement Association*, *Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Association v. Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association*, and *Hipsher v. Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association*. Although the Court decided the *Cal Fire* case narrowly, the California Rule may be front and center in a later case.

Firefighter suicides reflect toll of longer fire seasons and increased stress

Nina Agrawal



Cal Fire Battalion Chief Ernie Marugg, left, hugs Will Mitchell, whose son Ryan Mitchell killed himself in November 2017 after working a shift at Cal Fire's San Diego unit. (Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

Capt. Ryan Mitchell had just finished three punishing weeks of firefighting. He had deployed to fires far from home, then returned only to dash out to another one.

Mitchell's parents and 16-month-old son came to visit him at the station.

"He didn't look good. He was tired, he was thin, his eyes were shallow. He wasn't his usual self," Mitchell's father, Will, recalled.

Two days later, Mitchell reported to Cal Fire's San Diego unit headquarters in El Cajon for his regular 72-hour shift.

After he finished, on Nov. 5, 2017, he drove east to the Pine Valley Creek Bridge, among the highest in the U.S.

He parked his car, walked to the edge of the bridge and jumped.

Mitchell, 35, was one of at least 115 firefighters and emergency medical service workers in the U.S. who died by suicide in 2017, according to data compiled by the Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance, which tracks such figures nationwide.

The figure, probably an undercount, is a startling one, and one that many worry portends an epidemic as ever-lengthening fire seasons, more frequent mass casualty events and increased strain on emergency personnel take their toll.

The suicide rate among such workers has been estimated at 18 per 100,000 people, exceeding the rate in the general population of 13 per 100,000, according to a [report](#) by the Ruderman Family Foundation and federal data.

Documented suicides have been rising since around 2005 and exceeded 100 each year from 2014 to 2017, according to the behavioral health alliance.

More firefighters took their own lives than died on the job over that span, though line-of-duty deaths often eclipse suicides in the media and public consciousness.

A small but dedicated group of people in California and across the country is working to change that.

In the last few years these advocates have sought to increase awareness about firefighters' mental health, pushed departments to offer more firefighter-appropriate help and stepped in as counselors themselves.

Firefighter Jason McMillan discusses the stress first responders must deal with, often in the wake of personal tragedy.

In Los Angeles County, Supervisor Kathryn Barger last year ordered the fire chief, sheriff and other first-response departments to review the behavioral health services offered to employees.

"These brave men and women are faced with grueling situations each and every day," Barger said at a Board of Supervisors meeting.

"They sacrifice so much to save the lives of others," she said. "It's time that we pay them the same respect, and save theirs."

In Mitchell's case, there were no glaring signs of struggle.

Division Chief Daryll Pina, one of Mitchell's mentors at the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said the two had an hourlong

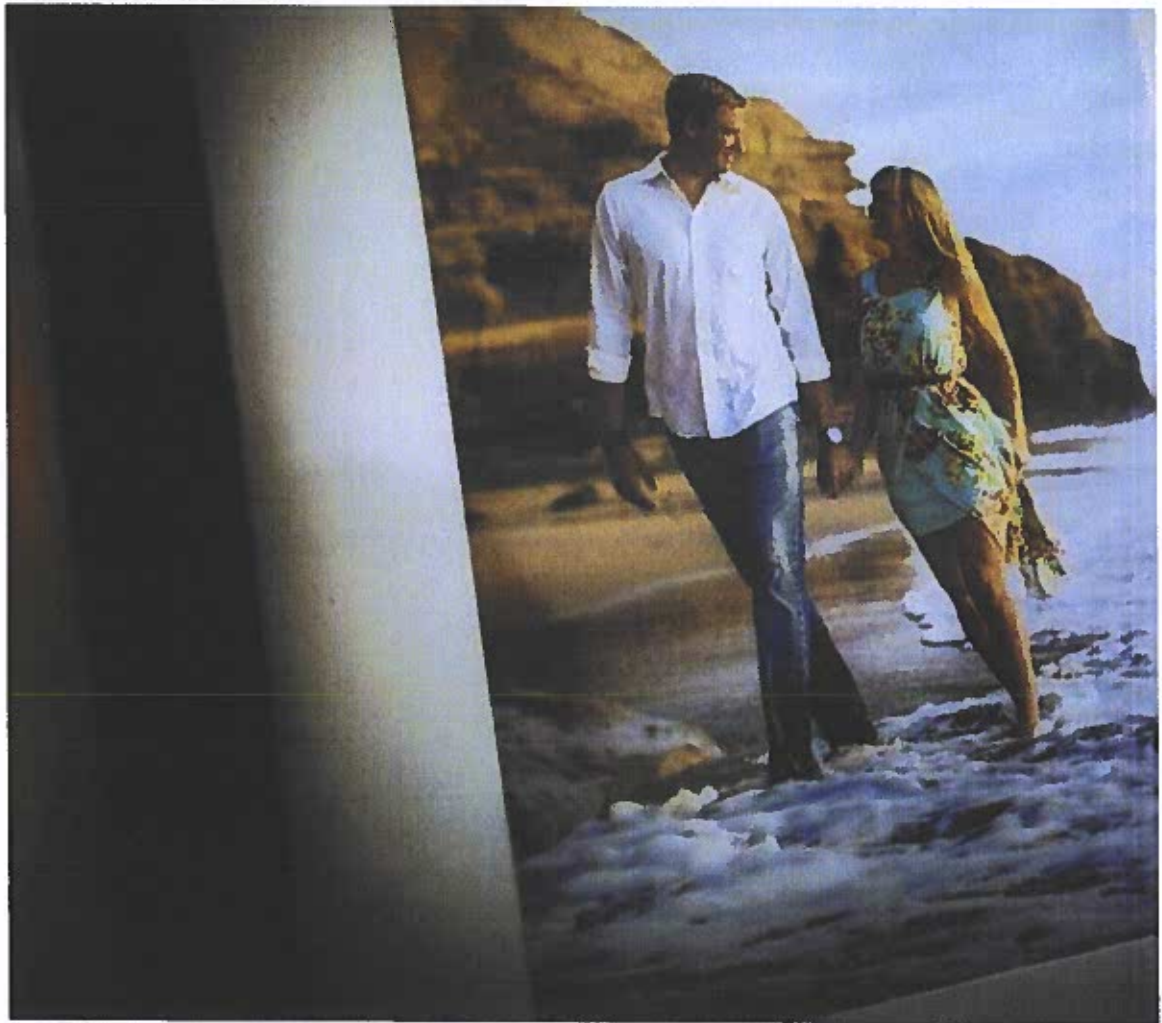
conversation a couple of weeks before Mitchell died.

Mitchell, who had been a firefighter for more than 12 years, talked about the demands of being a captain, Pina said. He was thinking of applying for a transfer to work on a helicopter. And he had separated from his wife.

“But I never felt like he was at this point in his life, that he was struggling” with thoughts of suicide, Pina said.

Mitchell loved his job, his father said. A former U.S. Forest Service hotshot and an avid surfer, he was in great physical condition, too.

“Ryan wasn’t clinically diagnosed, was not regularly reaching out and asking for help, was not on drugs,” Will Mitchell said. “It’s just, something snapped.”



A family photo of Cal Fire Capt. Ryan Mitchell and his wife, Denelle. (Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

Firefighters and emergency medical services workers, like members of the military, routinely witness horrific, traumatic events — a daily reality not always understood by the public, psychologists say.

“It’s chronic, repeated exposure to everyone’s worst day,” said Sara Jahnke,

director of the Center for Fire, Rescue and EMS Health Research at National Development and Research Institutes Inc., a nonprofit health research group.

On any given shift, that could mean a child drowning, a family killed in a car accident or an active shooter.

“And it all is happening in their backyard -- not uncommonly to people that they know,” Jahnke said.

The nature of shift work can make things worse, as firefighters may be scheduled or recalled to work on holidays and birthdays, putting stress on family relationships.

The culture and expectations surrounding firefighters don't help.

“When people call 911 they want someone there who's going to be brave and heroic and handle the situation,” said Jeff Dill, a retired fire captain in Illinois who is a licensed counselor and founder of the Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance.

Any time the stresses of the job get to be too much, Dill said, “we bury it.”

Secreting those stresses away, time and time again, eventually takes its toll.

Studies have shown that the prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder, binge drinking behaviors and depression — each of which is associated with a greater likelihood of suicidal thoughts — is higher among firefighters than the general population.

Anxiety and sleep disturbances are also common, said Marc Kruse, clinical psychologist with the Austin Fire Department and Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services in Texas.

The issues are often intertwined.

“You can certainly imagine where difficulties within the job, perhaps not having effective coping strategies ...would lead to post-traumatic stress or depression, which might result in alcohol use, which could lead to the end of a relationship” or loss of a job, Kruse said.

“If it cycles down, [that] could lead to someone attempting suicide,” he said.

According to one national survey of more than 1,000 firefighters, nearly half reported having suicidal thoughts. One in five reported planning a suicide.

In California and across the country, fire chiefs, labor leaders and counselors have committed new resources to support firefighters before they get to that point.

On a warm November afternoon, a white mobile trailer labeled “Woolsey Peer Support” was parked next to the briefing area at the Woolsey fire command post in Camarillo.

Lauren Dale, an ocean lifeguard specialist for the L.A. County Fire Department, walked the grounds approaching firefighters with a blank birthday card.

“Do you guys mind signing this?” she asked a group that had come from Texas to help fight the fire. “It’s for a captain who’s going to miss her kid’s birthday.”

Filling the card was just one task Dale had undertaken in her role as a “lead peer counselor” at the Woolsey fire. Her main responsibility was providing firefighters with informal, confidential, peer-to-peer counseling.

“A lot of it is just validating their emotions and trying to be empathetic,” Dale said.

Many of those fighting the Woolsey fire had responded to the Borderline Bar and Grill shooting in Thousand Oaks just 12 hours earlier. Some of their own families had to evacuate from the fire’s path, and several lost homes.

The firefighters recovered bodies, saw pets that had been trapped in pens and now walked family after family through the wreckage of their former homes.

Peer support helps firefighters cope.

“We’ve been there,” said Capt. Scott Ross, also a peer counselor. “We’ve been away from home as long as they have. We’ve seen devastation.... We’re a trusted friend and co-worker that understands what they’re going through, and that’s a big part of it.”

Sometimes peer supporters refer firefighters to professional counselors. When they do, it’s crucial that those professionals understand the job, firefighters say.

“Firefighters report they go into a counseling session and they start telling their story, and the counselor starts to cry because they’re unprepared for the level of traumatic experience that the firefighter has,” said Capt. Frank Leto, deputy director of counseling at the Fire Department of New York.

New York and Austin hire and train staff counselors like Kruse, but L.A. County relies on contract clinicians who have participated in ride-alongs and in-station briefings to learn about firefighters’ everyday experiences.

In San Diego and elsewhere in the state, Cal Fire has worked to beef up peer support and reduce the stigma around using it.



Cal Fire firefighter Jason McMillan, left, returns to work in San Diego after a trauma retreat. McMillan fought fires alongside Capt. Ryan Mitchell, who died by suicide in 2017. (Katie Falkenberg / Los Angeles Times)

Jason McMillan, a San Diego-based Cal Fire firefighter and member of the honor guard, fought fires alongside Mitchell and engineer Cory Iverson, who died in the Thomas fire of 2017.

He recalled standing watch as Ashley Iverson bade goodbye to her husband.

“It was beyond emotional. And I knew there was nothing I could do or say to help her,” McMillan said. “There is no way really to deal with it.”

McMillan, 35, had extreme anxiety and was depressed. He had already been wrestling with his ex-wife’s miscarriage, their divorce and fear that he would never measure up as a firefighter.

The deaths of Mitchell, Iverson and other firefighters he knew personally put him over the edge.

“It was too close to home,” he said. “I would try to almost dodge going on fires or going on calls ... because of being terrified.”

He got assigned a desk job but was paralyzed by the thought of returning to an engine. At one point he found himself sitting on his bed with a gun in his hand

and thoughts of suicide running through his head.

“I could see myself sitting there doing it, but I wouldn’t do it,” he said.

In July, he told his chief he couldn’t return to work.

A peer supporter reached out and connected McMillan to a trauma retreat.

After McMillan returned, he posted a note on Facebook about his experiences. Will Mitchell responded, telling McMillan he was proud of him and glad another family wouldn’t go through tragedy like his did.

“That really hit home,” McMillan said.



Will Mitchell, left, whose firefighter son Ryan took his own life in 2017, hugs Jason McMillan, who fought fires alongside Ryan Mitchell and recently took part in a trauma retreat to deal with his anxiety and depression. (Katie Falkenberg / Los Angeles Times)

The two are now joined in their mission to make firefighters more aware of behavioral health and to remove the shame associated with seeking help.

Will became a volunteer fire chaplain so he could offer help to firefighters in his son’s unit. McMillan, who returned to work in the fall, has made a habit of simply talking with his crew about the calls they go on.

In November, McMillan was sent to the Woolsey fire. One of his first assignments was to protect a nursery and avocado grove. The year before, Iverson's strike team had been working near an avocado orchard when he became trapped.

"I heard 'avocados' and in my head was like, 'Nope, I'm not doing that,'" McMillan said.

But this time he didn't run or panic. He knew he could do the job.



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San Gabriel repairman keeps typewriters alive and clicking

Martin Quezada, 61, repairs typewriters at his shop in San Gabriel. A renewed interest in the machines is bringing him more work.

California Supreme Court Leaves Pension Rule Undisturbed



In a much-anticipated decision, the Supreme Court of California held that the opportunity to purchase additional retirement service (ARS) credit by current members of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) is not a constitutionally protected vested right. The case, [Cal Fire Local 2881 et al. v. CalPERS](#), was considered to have the potential to address the key question of whether employers can alter “core pension rights” in their contracts.

Ultimately, the court declined to tangle with the “California Rule,” which are past court decisions that have protected public worker pensions from being reduced without new benefits in exchange for the loss of income. It held that the right to purchase ARS (or “air time”) is not a right protected by the contract clause of the constitution, and therefore the opportunity to purchase ARS credit could be altered or eliminated at the discretion of the Legislature.

It is important to note that this decision does not alter the rights of employees that have already purchased air time credit.

Beginning in 2003, many public employees were granted the opportunity to purchase up to five years of air time by making appropriate payments to their pension fund. Participating employees could therefore receive pension benefits calculated on the basis of up to five years' more public employment than they actually worked. In 2012, [PEPRA](#) (the Public Employee Pension Reform Act) effectively repealed the statute granting public employees the opportunity to purchase ARS credit, although it did not alter the rights of employees who had already purchased such credit.

Cal Fire Local 2881 joined other parties to sue in an effort to reinstate the perk, arguing that the right to purchase air time could not be withdrawn without breaking the California Rule. Two issues were presented to the California Supreme Court: the first was whether the opportunity to purchase ARS credit was a “vested right” — a right protected by the constitutional contract clause. The second issue, which would arise only if the opportunity to purchase ARS credit is entitled to constitutional protection, is whether the Legislature's elimination of that benefit in PEPRA constituted an unconstitutional impairment of public employees' vested rights. The court affirmed the decisions of the

trial court and the Court of Appeal, concluding that the opportunity to purchase ARS credit was not a right protected by the contract clause.

The court found no indication in the statute conferring the opportunity to purchase ARS credit that the Legislature intended to create contractual rights, and said “[f]urther, unlike core pension rights, the opportunity to purchase ARS credit was not granted to public employees as deferred compensation for their work, and here we find no other basis for concluding that the opportunity to purchase ARS credit is protected by the contract clause.”

The court made clear its intention to steer clear of addressing the California Rule, stating in the opinion authored by Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, “...we have no occasion in this decision to address, let alone to alter, the continued application of the California Rule.”

For more information about this decision, contact Legislative Analyst – Attorney Mustafa Hessabi at mustafah@csga.net.

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Newsom to boost 2019 Cal Fire budget; lawmakers urge more | The Sacramento Bee

By Wes Venteicher

California is [facing the worst wildfire conditions](#) in its history with fewer engines and firefighters than it had 40 years ago, says a group of lawmakers and fire unions asking Gov. Gavin Newsom for an extra \$84 million to beef up the state's fire response.

Cal Fire has 31 fewer engines than it had in 1975 yet it is responsible for more land, provides protection for more cities and faces drier forests and a longer fire season, said Sen. Mike McGuire, D-Healdsburg, one of the lawmakers advocating for more fire money.

He's urging the governor to put even more money toward hiring firefighters and buying equipment than the [proposal Newsom offered when he released his first budget](#) in January. Newsom wants to hire 131 more firefighters and buy 13 new engines at a cost of about \$40 million. That would give the department about 6,000 firefighters, according to budget documents.

It's "simply not enough," McGuire said.

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"California has to step up and respond to our new reality of mega wildland fire events," he said. "And while there is no silver bullet, it's simply unacceptable that we're operating at 1975 engine levels in Cal Fire. We need to become more proactive and effective, and to do that, we have to have more engines on the road all year around."

When the destructive Wine Country fires ignited in his district in fall 2017, responders put out requests for 300 engines in the first 12 hours; only 130 arrived, said McGuire.

California wildfires in 2018 [killed more than 100 people](#), destroyed more than 22,000 buildings and burned over 1.8 million acres of land, making it the worst fire year on record, trailed closely by 2017.

"This coming year has all the indications of being just as possibly catastrophic as last year and the year before," Cal Fire Director Thom Porter told a Senate committee in January.

Staffing shortages forced firefighters to stay on assignments 45 to 60 days at a time last year, stretches that taxed their physical health and [imperiled mental health and morale](#), Porter said at the hearing.

"We had hundreds and hundreds of firefighters that did not go home almost all summer long," Porter said. "They missed a lot of family events and it's taking a toll now."

Cal Fire is working on projecting how many engines and firefighters it expects it will need in the years to come — it could be more than it had in the 1970s, Porter told the committee.

Right now, each of Cal Fire's 343 engines is responsible for an average area of about 90,000 acres. In Camino, a single Cal Fire engine is responsible for arriving first to fires in a 150,000-acre area where bark beetles have killed huge swaths of trees, according to the department.

"[Absolutely there's not enough](#)," said Tim Edwards, president of the union that represents Cal Fire firefighters, Cal Fire Local 2881. "There's not enough engines and there's not enough personnel staffing

our current engines.”

Edwards said divorce rates have “skyrocketed” as firefighters’ spouses have been left to manage families alone.

Newsom’s proposal, which would add year-around engines, is part of a larger request to increase Cal Fire’s budget by about \$95 million, dedicating money to speed up the [procurement of Black Hawk helicopters](#), seven C-130 air tankers, 100 fire detection cameras, forest thinning and health and wellness services for firefighters. The request would bring Cal Fire’s annual budget to about \$2.6 billion.

While new equipment and technology are valuable, firefighters need to be on the ground digging lines to extinguish fires, Porter and other experts said.

“All of our aircraft are geared toward slowing a fire down so we can put boots on the ground,” Porter told the committee.

He described the 13-engine investment as a “no-regrets starting point,” noting that when firefighters aren’t on fires they can thin forests, complete training and do other needed work.

Local fire departments contribute additional engines to fight major fires through a mutual aid system. There are about 6,000 engines total in the state, said Jeff Meston, president of the California Fire Chiefs Association. Still, many requests for engines have gone unfilled and the state has paid for private engines at higher rates.

Matt Almy, an assistant program budget manager at the Department of Finance, described the proposal to the committee as a strategic investment given limited resources, saying the department would be coming back to look at spending more money as Cal Fire develops a long-term plan.

The administration’s proposal would cost about \$33 million per year following the 2019-2020 investment of \$40 million.

McGuire said his proposal to return to Cal Fire’s peak staffing levels would cost about \$84 million in the first year and around \$60 million per year after that. Edwards said staffing 31 engines would require at least 279 firefighters.

He said he expects support from many lawmakers who pushed a \$50 million proposal last year to help firefighters move engines to fire-prone areas before fires start, a strategy known as pre-positioning. He said he has support from six senators and four assembly members along with Local 2881, California Professional Firefighters and California Fire Chiefs Association.

“Wildland fire has hit the communities of dozens of state senators and assembly members throughout the state, and there is deep concern about our ability to respond to the new normal,” he said.

PG&E delayed repairs for years on transmission line linked to lethal Camp Fire

PG&E had planned as far back as 2013 to replace an aging complex of transmission equipment linked to the origin area of the lethal inferno that roared through Butte County in November 2018, but has yet to initiate the upgrade, according to documents filed with state regulators.

The power facilities that weren't repaired for years stretch through Butte, Yuba and Sutter counties in Northern California and include what's known as the Caribou-Palermo line that carries 115 kilovolts, according to official filings with the state Public Utilities Commission.

The disclosures raise fresh questions about PG&E's safety efforts as they relate to the company's creaky complex of electricity lines and towers.

"PG&E keeps telling us they are now a new company and they are changing their ways. But how can we believe them?" said state Sen. Jerry Hill, whose district includes parts of Santa Clara County. "They have said this numerous times before."

In 2010, PG&E caused a fatal gas explosion that killed eight and destroyed a San Bruno neighbor that is in Sen. Hill's district. Federal investigators determined the explosion resulted from a disastrous combination of PG&E's flawed record keeping, shoddy maintenance and the PUC's lazy and ineffective oversight of PG&E.

"PG&E proposes to replace six consecutive lattice-steel towers with new towers on the Caribou-Palermo power line," former PG&E regulatory executive Brian Cherry wrote in a July 2013 advice letter to the state PUC.

The towers had been knocked over in a winter storm.

"Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall of 2013, or as soon as possible thereafter, with completion in winter of 2013, or as soon as possible after construction begins," according to the advice letter.

In 2016, PG&E again indicated that wide-ranging repairs were needed on the same Caribou-Palermo 115 kilo-volt transmission line, along with several other power lines in Northern California.

"The purpose of this project is to replace aging facilities, address overloads and improve the reliability of electric service to customers in Butte, Yuba, and Sutter Counties," PG&E stated in an April 2016 filing with the state PUC. The time frame for those repairs on the same line wasn't disclosed.

The complex of lines stretches 59.5 miles, according to the documents.

PUC documents showed that energy officials had been warning about the fast-aging line for the better part of a decade.

"In 2010 and again in 2015, the California Independent System Operator transmission plan identified the need to improve and upgrade this system to address potential overloads and power outages that would affect customers in the service area," according to a May 2017 PUC filing and the improvements that were again proposed for the same line.

In December, PG&E revealed that it had suffered equipment failures on the Caribou-Palermo line near the origin point of the lethal Butte County inferno, also known as the Camp Fire.

PG&E sought bankruptcy protection from its creditors on Jan. 29, listing \$51.7 billion in debts, because it faced a forbidding mountain of debts and wildfire-related liabilities that arose from the lethal infernos that torched Northern California in 2017 and 2018. A bankruptcy judge held hearings on Wednesday regarding the case, but key issues under contention were deferred until March.

“They had failed record keeping with San Bruno, and now with their electrical system, it appears to be more of the same for PG&E,” Sen. Hill said. “One of the questions is, if PG&E was given money to carry out these repairs, why didn’t they spend it? Or did they divert the money to something else?”

Last Year Was the Deadliest for Pedestrians Since 1990

Pedestrian deaths continue to climb, even as other traffic fatalities decline. Nearly half of the deaths occurred in just five states.

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- Last year, 6,227 pedestrians died in the United States, marking the highest number since 1990.
- Over the last decade, pedestrian deaths have risen by 35 percent while other traffic deaths declined by 6 percent.
- The Governors Highway Safety Association attributes the rise to more people driving, population growth, and the prevalence of SUVs and smartphones.

Pedestrian deaths have been on the rise for a decade, reaching their highest level since 1990 last year. According to preliminary estimates, there were 6,227 U.S. pedestrian deaths in 2018.

"While we have made progress reducing fatalities among many other road users in the past decade, pedestrian deaths have risen 35 percent," said Jonathan Adkins, the executive director of the [Governors Highway Safety Association](#) (GHSA), which produced the estimates. "The alarm bells continue to sound on this issue. It's clear we need to fortify our collective efforts to protect pedestrians and reverse the trend."

Pedestrian deaths make up a bigger share of overall traffic deaths than they did a decade ago. The GHSA predicts they will account for 16 percent of all traffic deaths in 2018, compared to 12 percent in 2008.

In fact, the number of overall traffic deaths that *don't* involve pedestrians declined by 6 percent over that 10-year span, compared with a 35 percent increase in pedestrian deaths.

The numbers varied considerably by state, the GHSA found. Nearly as many states saw their pedestrian deaths decrease in 2018 as increase. In fact, just five states -- Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia and Texas -- accounted for nearly half (46 percent) of all the pedestrian deaths in the country.

The safety group suggested several trends that might be contributing to the number of pedestrian deaths:

- The increase in driving linked to the economic recovery.
- Population growth. The 10 fastest-growing states in the country also saw the number of pedestrian deaths increase at a faster pace than the country as a whole.
- The [increasing prevalence](#) of SUVs on the road. The number of SUV-related pedestrian deaths increased by 50 percent between 2013 and 2017, compared with a 30 percent increase in pedestrian deaths involving passenger cars.
- The growing use of smartphones, which contribute to distracted driving.

The safety group also noted that pedestrian deaths at night were increasing at a much higher rate than daytime fatalities. Three-quarters of all walkers who died in traffic crashes in 2017 were struck at night.

More than a third of the pedestrian deaths occurred on local streets; 8 percent happened on county roads; 25 percent on state highways; 16 percent on federal highways; and 10 percent on interstate highways. Pedestrians are prohibited on interstates, but the GHSA noted that several of the fatalities there involved motorists who were standing outside of their cars after breakdowns.

GHSA based its estimates on preliminary data from the first six months of the year that was shared by state highway safety offices.

Firefighter decon challenges? Try a communication intervention.

Routine firefighting can expose firefighters to substantial cancer risk. A [study in 2015](#) estimated that firefighters have a 14 percent increased lifetime cancer risk compared to the general public.

The decon challenge

Protective gear — pants, jackets, boots, gloves, facemasks, helmets and hoods — gets contaminated from emergency vehicle diesel exhaust and from toxic smoke arising from fire incidents. Exposure can occur from the off-gassing of toxins while removing gear post-fire or absorption through the skin from contact with dirty gear.

Using cleansing wipes on skin and field decontamination of dirty gear can significantly reduce these toxic exposures, but researchers have found that [firefighters often don't perform systematic decontamination procedures](#). The reasons for this vary but often relate to group norms, attitudes and perceived barriers.

The researchers' hypothesis

Firefighters work in what researchers call high-reliability organizations, where the environment is high-risk and the organizational culture places emphasis on peer-support, teamwork and expertise. Group norms exert a very strong influence in that setting.

If firefighters believe that post-fire decontamination is effective, if they perceive their group of peers recognize the value of it, and if they can overcome any time or resource barriers to performing decontamination, then the researchers would expect to see an increase in post-fire decontamination behaviors.

The intervention

The program to increase decontamination behaviors relied on face-to-face presentations delivered by a member of the research team to audiences of 12-18 firefighters at a time. They presented it to 226 firefighters in the Palm Beach County and Boynton Beach Fire Departments (Florida).

The program had these parts:

- An overview of firefighter cancer risk (PowerPoint presentation, 5-7 minutes).
- Role of firefighter culture in addressing cancer risk. The messages were designed to show changing norms and culture, for example “clean gear as a badge of honor” (PowerPoint presentation, 7-8 minutes).
- Overcoming logistical barriers to decontamination. (PowerPoint presentation, 5-7 minutes).
- Overview of specially designed campaign materials available for use around fire stations. The messages promoted the seven steps to decontamination and the new norm of clean gear. (5 minutes)
- Videos showing the spread of toxins from bunker gear using invisible dye and highly respected firefighters talking about culture change and the decontamination

process.

Intervention takeaways

- Researchers measured a significant increase in firefighters' intention to clean their gear following the presentation.
- Firefighter attitudes, perceived norms, and self-efficacy in overcoming barriers all showed substantial increases towards gear cleaning.
- A key element of the intervention was featuring highly respected firefighters delivering the principal messages and demonstrating the desired decontamination procedures. Peer influence in high reliability organizations like the fire service cannot be underestimated.
- The high occupational demands of the firefighters, who often were running 20 to 30 calls each day, made the reduction of barriers to decontamination behavior a key component in the intervention.



Key takeaway

An intervention that succeeds in increasing firefighters' intention to perform post-fire decontamination procedures should result in decreased exposure to carcinogens and consequently a decrease in cancer risk from those exposures.

Attorney-Client Privilege Successfully Argued by City in PRA Case

A recent California appellate court decision underscores the sanctity of the attorney-client privilege — holding that even an *in camera* review of claimed privileged communications is not permitted. This applies even though a court can require a public agency to provide a privilege log to justify a claim that requested records are exempt from disclosure as a public record.

In an unpublished decision issued Feb. 6, the Fourth District Court of Appeal reversed a lower court's ruling that a public agency had to turn over records for an *in camera* review, pursuant to the Public Records Act. An *in camera* review allows a judge to privately review records in the judge's chambers to determine if the records are actually exempt. It should be noted that this ruling is an unpublished decision and cannot be cited as precedent, but is instructive as to how the courts may view similar situations.

In [*City of Hemet v. Superior Court*](#), the City claimed that several emails responsive to a request by Concerned Citizens of Hemet were exempt from disclosure because they were privileged attorney-client communications. The trial court judge ordered the City to produce a privilege log of the exempt records, but found the privilege log inadequate and ordered the City to produce the records for an *in camera* review. The City appealed the order and sought an immediate stay from the appellate court to protect the confidentiality of the attorney-client communications.

The Court of Appeal agreed that the privilege log was inadequate because it provided a conclusory statement that the records contained protected communications between the City and its legal counsel. According to the court, a more descriptive statement, such as "transmission of strategic documents/pleadings including analysis and legal assessment," would have been sufficient. However, the Court of Appeal held that *in camera* review of the communications themselves was not an appropriate remedy to address the inadequate privilege log stating "The trial court should have ordered supplemental privilege logs and imposed appropriate sanctions as necessary if the [City] continued to provide inadequate information."

The requester argued that the City waived its attorney-client privilege when it agreed to an *in camera* review, failed to produce the records and did not produce an adequate privilege log. The Court of Appeal rejected this argument outright and found that there were only three bases for a waiver of attorney-client privilege: disclosing the privileged communication in a non-privileged context; failing to claim the privilege when the holder of the privilege has standing and opportunity to do so and failing to assert the privilege in a timely response to an inspection demand.

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San Diego is hiring over 200 firefighters to combat overtime cost

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San Diego is planning a firefighter hiring spree to shrink ballooning overtime costs that are creating budget problems at City Hall.

The city's goal is to increase the number of firefighters from about 900 to more than 1,100 over the next five years. That may be a challenge, with retirements on the rise and more firefighters leaving for other agencies with higher pay, a union leader said.

About half of the 220 additional firefighters will be needed to staff five new fire stations scheduled to begin operations within the next five years and to staff six new roving fire engines that will be deployed in areas with poor emergency response times, according to city finance documents.

The rest of the new firefighters will help create a "relief pool" to cover shifts when firefighters take vacation or call in sick, shifts that are covered now by full-time firefighters forced to work overtime hours.

The lack of adequate staff, combined with stricter rules on the use of vacation time and other policy changes, has increased the city's cost for firefighter overtime by about 50 percent during each of the last two fiscal years, the documents show.

In each of the fiscal years 2014 through 2017, San Diego spent between \$29.7 million and \$32.5 million on firefighter overtime. That jumped to \$45.4 million in fiscal 2018 and is

projected to climb to \$45.9 million in the current fiscal year.

The primary cause of the spike is firefighters taking significantly more vacation time in recent years to comply with a city mandate that they reduce their accrued vacation time to the city's 330-hour maximum by June 30 of this year.

Since the mid-1990s, city firefighters have been allowed to exceed that maximum because staffing challenges made it difficult for them to take vacation time.

San Diego operates under a "constant staffing" model, where each engine company must be fully staffed at all times, making vacations hard to schedule.

In addition, because a typical firefighter works 10 shifts a month of 24 hours each and then has 20 days off, they have an easier time than other city employees taking vacations without using any of their accrued vacation time, city officials said.

But a new labor agreement that took effect in July 2016 requires firefighters, some of whom had accumulated nearly 2,000 hours of vacation time, to take enough vacation to lower their total accrued time to 330 hours or less by June 30.

City officials were concerned about carrying so many vacation hours, valued at many millions of dollars, on the city's books as a long-term financial liability.

The new policy has forced many firefighters to take significantly more vacation time than normal during the last three years, requiring many more overtime shifts by other firefighters who had to cover for them.

That overtime can be lucrative.

For example, two fire captains received nearly \$200,000 each in overtime pay during 2017, according to the open-government website Transparent California. Also, two fire engineers received about \$150,000 each in overtime that year, the most recent for which data is available.

Most didn't take home that much. Overtime payouts to San Diego firefighters averaged more than \$30,000 in 2017.

Those payouts were in addition to the annual salaries received by firefighters. A firefighter with four years experience, for instance, receives a base salary of more than \$65,000.

Another factor in the overtime upsurge is a new city policy that calculates firefighter overtime pay more generously.

Starting in July 2017, city officials agreed to begin counting paid vacation shifts toward the total number of hours a firefighter must work to be eligible for overtime pay.

Under federal law, firefighters are not entitled to overtime pay for exceeding eight hours of work in a day, or 40 hours of work in a week, like most hourly workers. Instead they get overtime for any hours worked beyond 216 in a 28-day period.

Most fire agencies have counted paid vacation shifts toward that 216-hour total. But San Diego had not until the recent change, said Jesse Conner, president of the labor union representing city firefighters.

"The city had said you have to be physically at work for at least 216 hours to get overtime," Conner said last week. "They weren't breaking the rules; they were interpreting them liberally."

Another factor in the overtime spike is a new policy aimed at preventing devastating wildfires, like those San Diego experienced in 2003 and 2007.

“Policies changed where we now staff rigs under certain weather conditions if there’s a fear that there is a high probability of wildfire,” Conner said. “The faster we can put resources on a smaller fire, the less chance we have of battling a career fire.”

The 111-firefighter relief pool San Diego plans to create would help reduce the amount of overtime these new policies have prompted, Chief Colin Stowell told the City Council.

To begin creating that relief pool, Stowell added an extra firefighter academy this spring and has scheduled three academies each in fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022. Each academy has space for 36 recruits, and the city typically hosts one or two academy classes a year.

City officials say that, going forward, they will need two academies each year to keep up with retirements and attrition, and that the third academy each year will help build the relief pool.

Councilman Scott Sherman praised the city’s plan.

“I can’t emphasize enough how we need to get to full staffing with firefighters,” he said during a budget hearing earlier this month.

“It’s more than just we’re paying for all this overtime every year. I don’t want tired firefighters climbing a ladder to go rescue somebody out of a burning building. I want people who are rested up.”

Conner said the firefighters union supports the hiring plan.

“The more relief personnel you have available, the fewer vacancies you would have to fill on overtime,” he said.

But he predicted the overtime savings may be smaller than some expect.

The city must provide new firefighters with fringe benefits, like health care, that eat into the savings, he said. The city avoids those costs when it pays existing employees overtime.

Conner said the city will have no problem filling each of the additional academies, but he is concerned that the number of firefighters might not increase by more than 200.

More firefighters have begun leaving for other agencies, primarily because of low pay, he said, and because San Diego is the only fire agency in the state that does not provide pensions to new firefighters.

The city stopped providing pensions to new hires, except police officers, after city voters approved Proposition B in 2012.

San Diego replaced its pensions with 401(k)-style retirement plans that some workers, especially those not planning to spend their entire career with the city, prefer to pensions because they are portable.

But firefighters tend to prefer pensions because they usually make firefighting a career.

Proposition B also mandated a five-year freeze on pay hikes that makes firefighter compensation relatively low in San Diego. Conner said a union survey of other agencies shows that city firefighter pay is last among the 18 fire agencies in San Diego County and last among 24 comparable firefighting agencies elsewhere in the state.

“We’ll absolutely be able to add the people, but the problem is keeping them,” Conner said.

“Some start looking around and wondering why we aren’t like those other departments. We have a continued stream of people that we train up, spend a lot of money on and then they leave.”

The five-year pay freeze may also affect the city’s ability to hire another 108 firefighters to new stations slated to open during the next five years and to six new roving engines.

The new stations, which require 12 full-time firefighters each, are slated for University City, Black Mountain Ranch, Fairmont Avenue, Paradise Hills and the UC-San Diego campus.

The roving engines, which require eight full-time firefighters each, will begin operating during the fiscal year that begins this July. City officials plan to deploy three roving engines the first year, and three more during fiscal 2021.

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