

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO

SUBJECT: BOARD MEETING PACKAGE

DATE: October 24, 2017

Enclosed is your Board package for the Regular October 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 **FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, 990 EAST MISSION ROAD, FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA.**

Please note this month's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully,



Stephen Abbott
Fire Chief/CEO



PROUDLY SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF FALLBROOK, BONSALE AND RAINBOW



NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

AGENDA FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2017 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT — PRESIDENT MUNSON** (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 Presiding Officer may limit comments to three minutes per speaker (Board of Directors Operations Policy § 4.7.2.1.2.).
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2. **EMPLOYEE BADGE PINNING CEREMONY — CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 3-4)
Recurring Item: Badge Pinning Ceremony for newly promoted individual.
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3. **SELECT AWARDS FOR BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM — CHIEF ABBOTT AND B/S STEPHEN-PORTER** (pgs. 5-10)
Quarterly Event: Select individuals to be recognized for Third Quarter 2017 awards.
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ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

4. **APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 2017** (pgs. 11-16)
Standing Item: Review and approve minutes from September meeting as presented.
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5. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017** (pgs. 17-36)
Standing Item: Review and Accept Financial Report for September as presented.
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6. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES:** (pgs. 37-38)
Standing Item: None
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7. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT 1ST QUARTER EMERGENCY SERVICE OVERTIME TRACKING REPORT** (pgs. 39-42)
Quarterly Report: Review and accept report that indicates overtime expenditures are at approximately 47% of budgeted amounts, after reimbursed for mutual aid.
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8. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT 3RD QUARTER CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY PROGRAM RESULTS** (pgs. 43-56)
Quarterly Report: Review and accept report that reflects customer satisfaction reports returned are 94% in the "excellent" range, with 24% (73) surveys returned.
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Note: The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that no qualified individual with a disability shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, District business. If you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the District Office 72 hours prior to the meeting at (760) 723-2012.



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ACTION ITEMS:

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

9. **APPROVE MEETING SCHEDULE AND PLACE FOR NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2018 — CHIEF ABBOTT AND B/S STEPHEN-PORTER** (pgs. 57-58)

➤ Annual Item: Review and approve new meeting schedule for 2018.

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 Discussion Items for the October 24, 2017 Board Meeting. (pgs. 59-60)

STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

- **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** (pgs. 61-62)
 - "When is an Employee Not Acting as an Employee: The Coming and Going Rule? – Part 1"
- **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** (pgs. 63-66)
 - BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM - SEE ITEM # 3.
- **NEWS ARTICLES** (pgs. 67-130)
- **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** (pgs. 131-132)
- **STAFF:**
 - Chief Abbott
 - Other Staff
- **BOARD**
- **BARGAINING GROUPS**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**



AGENDA FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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CLOSED SESSION

The Board will enter closed session to discuss items 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. ANNOUNCEMENT — PRESIDENT MUNSON

(pgs. 133-134)

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

**CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6
Non-Safety Group Negotiations – Chief Abbott**

➤ FFA NON-SAFETY GROUP NEGOTIATORS DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:
CHIEF ABBOTT, DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

CS-3. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957

➤ CHIEF ABBOTT DISTRICT NEGOTIATOR:
DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

CS-4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION — PRESIDENT MUNSON

ADJOURNMENT

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is: Tuesday, **December 12, 2017** at 5:00 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 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, during normal business hours or may be found on the District website, subject to the Staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting. The date of posting was **October 20, 2017.**"

Board Secretary Loren Stephen-Porter:

Date:

October 20, 2017



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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2017
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 Policy § 4.7.2.1.2).*

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NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: CHIEF ABBOTT & DEPUTY CHIEF MAROVICH
DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2017
SUBJECT: BADGE PINNING CEREMONY

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA

BACKGROUND:

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

DISCUSSION:

The following individual will be present during the October 24, 2017, Regular Board Meeting. Fire Chief Stephen Abbott will take this opportunity to officiate over the Badge Pinning Ceremony.

It is the distinct pleasure of the organization to present the following individual for promotion:

Barry Krumwiede

Battalion Chief

Barry Krumwiede:

Barry Krumwiede began his career at North County Fire in 1994 and holding the positions of Volunteer Firefighter, Reserve Firefighter, Firefighter Paramedic, Engineer and Captain. He was promoted to Battalion Chief September 6th.

He has been involved in various projects, programs and training for the organization through the past 23 years.

He enjoys spending time and traveling with his family.

He looks forward to his new position and is thankful for the opportunity and the challenges that lie ahead.

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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO AND B/S STEPHEN-PORTER
DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2017
SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM REPORT – SELECTION OF INDIVIDUALS

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board select individual(s) to be recognized for their efforts during the Third Quarter of 2017.

BACKGROUND:

In 2007, the Board instituted a Program designed to recognize excellent performance by members of the organization. On a quarterly basis, the Board selects employees to be recognized, based on feedback received during the quarter. The District has been fortunate to receive positive feedback on a number of employees' activities this past quarter, upon which they may make their selection from the individuals and groups below.

SECOND QUARTER RECOGNITION – INFORMATION RECEIVED ON INDIVIDUALS:

For the Third Quarter of 2017, the Board received information on the following individuals/crews for their outstanding efforts:

- **UNDATED THANK YOU CARD:**

E111:

Captain Berry
 Engineer Bracci
 Engineer McInerney

RA 111:

FF/P Dye
 LTAF Tusa

- **UNDATED THANK YOU CARD:**

E111:

Captain Berry
 Engineer Bracci
 FF/PM Krenz

RA 111:

FF/P Dye
 LTAF Peña

E114:

Captain Krumwiede
 Engineer Baker
 FF/PM Hager
 FF/PM Lewis

- **JULY 12, 2017 – WOW CUSTOMER SERVICE:**

Engineer/AC Tom Harrington

- **UNDATED THANK YOU CARD – MEDICAL AID CALL:**

Station 1 – C Crew Cap/PM Bradshaw
 Eng/PM Ruiz
 FF/PM Symmes
 LTAF Tusa

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The previous quarter awards are within budgetary standards.

SUMMARY:

The Staff joins the Board in acknowledging the extraordinary efforts of these members and requests the Board select three individuals/groups/crews for recognition at the Regular August Board Meeting to stay within budgetary standards.

ENGINE 1111 -

R. BERRY

J. BRAZZI

S. McINERNEY

MEDIC 1191 -

M. DYE

N. TUSA

TO STATION 1 B-CREW,

ON SATURDAY, JULY 16, MY HUSBAND CALLED 911 BECAUSE I WOKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT IN EXCRUCIATING PAIN. NCF B-CREW RESPONDED AND TOOK EXCEPTIONAL CARE OF ME.

THEIR EFFICIENCY & PROFESSIONALISM MADE A SCARY SITUATION MUCH MORE BEARABLE.

PLEASE LET THEM KNOW HOW VERY GRATEFUL I AM FOR EVERYTHING THEY DID FOR ME. YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD TO HAVE SUCH AN AWESOME CREW!

Sincerely,

P.S. IT WAS A KIDNEY STONE!!
BUT I'M FEELING MUCH BETTER NOW!

Station 1-B:

Captain Berry
Engineer Bracci
FF/PM Krenz
LTAF Dye
LTAF Peña

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Station 4-B:

Captain Krumwiede
Engineer Baker
FF/PM Hager
FF/PM Lewis

*Proudly serving the
communities of
Fallbrook, Bonsall & Rainbow*

*B-CREW SORRY NOT BY NAME?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
SHERRY COULD FOLLOW EASY (BLUE JEWEL)
USE THIS CK FOR GOOD CREW
MEALS, LITE ON TREATS & BEER
AGAIN THANK YOU*

*We are pleased to have been of service
in your recent time of need.*

*If we can be of further assistance to you,
please do not hesitate to call on us.*

Best Wishes,

*STATION 1 & 4
"B" CREW*

Loren,

This is good stuff!

Greg

From: Joseph Bradshaw
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 7:34 AM
To: Joseph Harlin
Cc: Greg Wilson; Kevin Mahr; Stephen Abbott; Steve Marovich; Eddie Jones
Subject: RE: Wow customer service

Joe,

Thank you for sharing this. Tom and you do a great job on the squad together and I can't tell you how much it helps me as the station 1 captain. I will be forwarding this up as this definitely warrants it.

Joey

From: Joseph Harlin
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:25 PM
To: Joseph Bradshaw <jbradshaw@ncfire.org>
Subject: Wow customer service

Joey.

Hey just wanted to share with you a neat thing I witnessed today on a call. While on that assault call at the laundry mat Tom and I were waiting around while sheriff interviewed bystanders and witnesses. Tom noticed several kids inside the laundry mat hanging out with their parents watching all the commotion outside. Tom went over to the market next door and grabbed a box of fudge pops. brought them over and shared them with all the children and parents inside. Both the parents and individuals inside all began to say how neat it was and thanked him for his generosity.

The kids eyes lit up and began walking around handing out popsicles to people. You could tell it made a huge difference in bringing down the tension in the environment. I know how much this department and you appreciate customer service and thought this example shouldn't go unnoticed.

Joe Harlin

Station 1, C Crew

J. Bradshaw

T. Ruiz

K. Symmes

N. Tusa

Thank you all so
very much for your
kindness, in taking
such good care of
my husband. Truly
angels in blue...

Sincerely,

1 **September 26, 2017**

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

4 Vice President Thuner called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

5 **THE INVOCATION GIVEN BY Chief Marovich**

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

7 **ROLL CALL:**

8 **Present:** Directors Harris, Hoffman, Luevano and Thuner.

9 **Absent:** Director Munson.

10 **Staff Present:** Fire Chief/CEO Abbott, Attorney James and Board Secretary Stephen-
11 Porter. In the audience were: Deputy Chief Marovich, D/C Mahr, B/Cs McReynolds and
12 Wilson, members of the public and Association.

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14 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

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

18 2. **EMPLOYEE BADGE PINNING — CHIEF ABBOTT:** Chief Abbott presented for installation
19 the following promoted employees: Paul Moritz, Engineer/PM, Joel Hammer, Captain/PM.
20 A brief background of each was presented. At the conclusion of the introductions, all
21 members were given an opportunity to introduce family and friends available for the event
22 and were pinned and congratulated by the Board.

23 3. **AWARDS FOR BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM — B/S STEPHEN-PORTER AND CHIEF**
24 **ABBOTT:** At a previous Board meeting, the Board selected the following individuals/groups
25 to be recognized for their extraordinary efforts: **MAY 17, 2017 – EMAIL RE: SIDEWALK CPR**
26 **TRAINING:** F. Schoenheit, Engine 1111: J. Bradshaw, T. Ruiz, C. Spenser and Engine 1112:
27 A. Fieri, B. Itzaina, B. Lian, Engine 1115: G. Mann, J. Hammer, J. Harlin and Squad 1183:
28 T. Harrington, P. Moritz; and **March 9, 2017 Letter from the Fallbrook Woman's' Club re:**
29 **Assistance with Attic Sale:** Captain Choi, FF/PM Leo Espinoza and Unidentified Explorers.

30 Brief discussion ensued regarding the Sidewalk CPR program and its effectiveness.
31 Individuals/groups that were present at the meeting were presented with awards/gift cards,
32 thanked and congratulated by the Board.

34 ACTION AGENDA

35 CONSENT ITEMS:

- 36 4. REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR AUGUST 2017
- 37 5. REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
- 38 6. REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2017
- 39 7. REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES - NONE

40 Vice President Thuner inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 4-7.
41 There being no discussion, Vice President Thuner asked for a motion to approve the
42 Consent Agenda. On a motion by Director Harris, seconded by Director Luevano, the motion
43 to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented, passed unanimously.

45 ACTION ITEMS:

- 46 8. PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 (5:15 P.M.): REVIEW AND
47 APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2017/18 AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2017-12 – DFC

48 MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT: Vice President Thuner opened the Public Hearing, inquiring
49 if there were any public comment. There being no public comment, the Public Hearing section
50 was closed. Chief Marovich presented his report on the Final Budget and Resolution 2017-
51 12 to the Board for adoption, noting the Budget must be adopted by October 1st to comply
52 with state law. A brief review of the alterations from the Preliminary Budget, including
53 increases and decreases in line items was given as noted in the Budget document, noting
54 that the Budget is balanced. On a motion by Director Luevano to approve the Final Budget
55 and Resolution 2017-12 as presented, seconded by Director Hoffman, the Budget and
56 Resolution 2017-12 were approved unanimously, with the following **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:**
57 Directors Harris, Hoffman, Luevano and Thuner; **Noes:** None; **Absent:** Director Munson.

59 9. REVIEW AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISION TO BOARD RECOGNITION

60 PROGRAM — CHIEF ABBOTT: Ms. Stephen-Porter presented the proposed revisions to the
61 Program, reviewing the historical Program parameters and the stated desires of the Board
62 for the revisions. Based on the current Budget, the proposed revisions will not impact the
63 line item for the Program. The revisions include: [1] Continue with the monthly input to the
64 Board, the quarterly awards and acknowledgments as the Program is currently constituted;
65 [2] Increase number of awards per quarter to up to four (4). Board Members, may from time-
66 to-time, award more than four awards in a quarter, but the amount is not to exceed sixteen
67 (16) awards in any calendar year; [3] Permit the award of "Team" awards for teams or crews
68 who have been acknowledged together to be increased from \$75 per award to \$100. When
69 a "Team" award is made, the monetary portion of the award will be provided to the ranking
70 officer (e.g. Captain), who will determine with the Team input, how to utilize the award on
71 behalf of the Team/Crew; [4] The amount awarded to individuals who are selected will
72 continue to be \$50. On a motion by Director Luevano, seconded by Director Hoffman, the
73 motion to approve revision to the Board Recognition Program passed unanimously.

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75 **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

76 10. CAPITAL PLAN REPLACEMENT/RESERVE STUDY — CHIEF ABBOTT: Chief Abbott
77 presented the Capital Plan Replacement/Reserve Study, the goal of which was to identify
78 the short and long-term needs for the District's facilities. The Report provides an overview
79 of the current condition of all District facilities, with the exception of Station 5 (as it is a new
80 facility) and the new Administrative Building. The Report identifies both short term repairs
81 requiring attention as well as funding recommendations for long-term capital repairs and/or
82 replacement. Chief Abbott noted some highlights of the Report: [1] The Current
83 Replacement Value (CRV) for all facilities covered under this report is \$31.7M, and \$37.7M
84 for all District facilities; [2] The current NCFPD funding plan (0.3% of CRV) is not sustainable.
85 Maintenance should be funded at 1 to 1.5% of CRV to keep pace with the "general facility
86 deterioration rate" of 1.5%; [3] Fire Station 4 in all system elements is within two years of
87 reaching a nominal service life; and [4] The remaining District stations have "good" to "fair"

88 Facility Condition Indices, meaning that existing maintenance programs have minimized
89 deterioration. He also noted that the overall fiscal impact to the District, if the District were
90 to completely replace these existing facilities vs. major remodels, would result in a debt
91 service equal to approximately \$1.1M-\$1.6M annually based on a 30-year term. A/P Jones
92 noted there were several items not addressed in the report, including: [1] Are the facilities
93 located in the right spot, considering the District needs and Standards of Cover and
94 anticipated growth; [2] Are the facilities adequate and functional given the constituency and
95 do they meet the changes in building standards, or needs as it relates to number of staff and
96 type of vehicles and equipment required to be housed at that location; and [3] The problem
97 that the facilities do/will not meet the current or future business needs and capabilities,
98 especially as the District population continues grow or differing equipment may be needed.
99 In-depth discussion ensued regarding the cost of facilities, including: remodeling vs.
100 replacement; what level of reserves are required for either remodeling or replacement; other
101 factors affecting District funding; what the District has done to economize and to seek no
102 cost funding, such as grants; outside and uncontrollable factors that influence
103 reimbursement for services and other factors affecting the District's funding, both historical
104 and topical. It was the consensus of the Board to have Chief Abbott return with a plan for
105 completion of Priority 1 and 2 repair items.

106 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

107 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel James presented his letter "Emails and Text
108 Messages on Personal Accounts and Devices May Be Public Records Subject to Disclosure
109 – Part 3." Brief discussion ensued noting that Staff and Board members are encouraged to
110 move to only using District email for District communications. This is informational only, no
111 action required.

112 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

113 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:** See Item No. 3.

114 ● **NEWS ARTICLES:** Brief discussion ensued regarding articles. This is informational
115 only, no action required.

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- 117 ● **COMMENTS:**
- 118 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**
- 119 ● **STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO:** Chief Abbott noted that the District is putting
120 together a Public Outreach Team, with Captain Choi heading the Team. It will
121 comprehensive, providing dissemination of information, serving as a flow for information
122 back to the District, and providing other fire prevention and public outreach information.
123 Chief Abbott has continued the Coffee with the Chief meetings, although the last meeting
124 had no attendees. Chief Abbott invited the Board the Bonsall Chamber of Commerce
125 recognition event on September 28th at 5:00 p.m. He also invited the Board to the Open
126 house on October 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Station 1. Chief Abbott brought the Board
127 up-to-date on concerns regarding possible action by the County, which may result in
128 adjusting response time, the District's EOA and Sphere Of Influence and involvement with
129 the County Fire Authority. He will bring updates to the Board as they are available.
130 Informational only, no further action required.
- 131 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: CHIEF MAHR:** Chief Mahr updated the Board on
132 the REMS Team and their activities on a fire in Oregon, noting that the District has one of
133 the few Teams on the West coast. He updated the Board on other teams out of the District
134 on fires.
- 135 ● **BOARD: DIRECTOR HOFFMAN:** Director Hoffman made an inquiry about the Taussig
136 study and questions. Chief Abbott requested that everyone respond as soon as possible
137 and he will provide Mr. Taussig with the information so they may move forward. **DIRECTOR**
138 **LUEVANO:** Director Luevano informed the Board he will not be in attendance at the October
139 meeting. He thanked Staff for their diligence in controlling costs, as demonstrated by the
140 rollover funds.
- 141 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS:** No comments.
- 142 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.
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CLOSED SESSION

145 CS-1. There are no Closed Session Items for the September 26, 2017 Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:19 p.m. by Director Harris and seconded by Director Hoffman, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on October 24, 2017, at 17:00. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Loren Stephen-Porter

Board Secretary

Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: October 24, 2017



**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: OCTOBER 24, 2017
SUBJECT: REVENUE & EXPENDITURES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 (25%)

FALLBROOK DIVISION

Revenue Sources	Budgeted	Collected	Over/Under	% of Budget
Property Taxes	13,905,000.00	289,878.29	(13,615,121.71)	2%
Ambulance and Collections	1,700,000.00	443,840.66	(1,256,159.34)	26%
GEMT-State Supplement	100,000.00	67,130.02	(32,869.98)	67%
Prevention Fees	130,000.00	87,714.00	(42,286.00)	67%
Tower Lease Agreements	85,000.00	22,124.23	(62,875.77)	26%
Other Revenue Sources	110,000.00	7,013.12	(102,986.88)	6%
Interest	25,000.00	9,330.50	(15,669.50)	37%
Rainbow Div Admin Fees	66,250.00	6,249.99	(60,000.01)	9%
Cost Recovery	60,000.00	17,320.10	(42,679.90)	29%
Strike Team Reimbursements	-	-	-	-
Other Reimbursements	449,006.00	-	(449,006.00)	0%
Mitigation Fees & Interest	200,000.00	44,274.00	(155,726.00)	22%
Donations & Grants	935,322.00	175,446.30	(759,875.70)	19%
Annexation fees	-	-	-	-
Transfers & Loans	760,000.00	-	(760,000.00)	0%
Total Revenue:	18,525,578.00	1,170,321.21	(17,355,256.79)	6%
	Budgeted	Spent	Over/Under	% of Budget
TTL Expenditures YTD thru 9/30/2017	18,525,578.00	5,746,555.22	(12,779,022.78)	31%
Revenue over Expenditures		(4,576,234.01)		

RAINBOW DIVISION

Revenue Sources	Budgeted	Collected	Over/Under	% of Budget
Property Taxes	242,000.00	5,379.87	(236,620.13)	2%
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Mitigation Fees & Interest		48.32	48.32	-
Grants	37,940.00		(37,940.00)	
Transfers & Loans			-	
Total Revenue:	279,940.00	5,428.19	(274,511.81)	2%
	Budgeted	Spent	Over/Under	% of Budget
Expenditures YTD thru 8/31/2017	297,940.00	82,739.66	(215,200.34)	28%
Revenue over Expenditures		(77,311.47)		

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Tax Apportionments FY 17-18

DATE	APP #	GROSS	REFUNDS & ADJUSTMENTS	FY 17/18 NET	FY 17/18 RUNNING	FY 16/17 NET	FY 16/17 RUNNING	
8/31/2017	1	209,859.07	1,331.86	208,527.21	208,527.21	201,672.85	201,672.85	
9/30/2017	2	80,019.22	2,758.64	77,260.58	285,787.79	57,578.90	259,251.75	
10/31/2017	3			-	285,787.79	146,620.09	405,871.84	
11/30/2017	4			-	285,787.79	362,089.22	767,961.06	
12/31/2017	5			-	285,787.79	4,460,789.45	5,228,750.51	
1/31/2018	6			-	285,787.79	2,202,909.46	7,431,659.97	
2/28/2018	7			-	285,787.79	467,470.26	7,899,130.23	
3/31/2018				-	-	-	-	
4/30/2018	8			-	285,787.79	3,396,121.20	11,295,251.43	
5/2/2018	9			-	285,787.79	1,588,550.67	12,883,802.10	
5/30/2018	10			-	285,787.79	98,599.64	12,982,401.74	
6/30/2018	11			-	285,787.79	221,071.59	13,203,473.33	
7/31/2018	12			-	285,787.79	40,404.74	13,243,878.07	
TOTAL YTD		289,878.29	4,090.50	285,787.79	285,787.79	259,251.75	259,251.75	
							Net Rev Increase	
							10.24%	

RAINBOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Tax Apportionments FY 17-18

DATE	APP #	GROSS	REFUNDS & ADJUSTMENTS	FY 17/18 NET	FY 17/18 RUNNING	FY 16/17 NET	FY 16/17 RUNNING	
8/31/2017	1	3,894.91	24.72	3,870.19	3,870.19	3,768.39	3,768.39	
9/30/2017	2	1,484.96	51.18	1,433.78	5,303.97	1,075.88	4,844.27	
10/31/2017	3		-	-	5,303.97	2,739.49	7,583.76	
11/30/2017	4		-	-	5,303.97	6,726.65	14,310.41	
12/31/2017	5		-	-	5,303.97	83,277.20	97,587.61	
1/31/2018	6		-	-	5,303.97	41,796.29	139,383.90	
2/28/2018	7		-	-	5,303.97	8,672.05	148,055.95	
3/31/2018			-	-	5,303.97	-	148,055.95	
4/30/2018	8		-	-	5,303.97	63,603.65	211,659.60	
5/2/2018	9		-	-	5,303.97	30,339.83	241,999.43	
5/30/2018	10		-	-	5,303.97	1,832.79	243,832.22	
6/30/2018	11		-	-	5,303.97	4,105.73	247,937.95	
7/31/2018	12		-	-	5,303.97	751.62	248,689.57	
TOTAL YTD		5,379.87	75.90	5,303.97	5,303.97	4,844.27	4,844.27	
							Net Rev Increase	
							9.49%	

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
AMBULANCE REVENUE FY 2017-2018

MONTH	BILLED	CONTRACTUAL WRITE DOWNS	TOTAL AR		BAD DEBT WRITE-OFFS	REFUNDS	ADJ AR	DEPOSITS RECIEVED	BILLING FEES	FY 17-18 NET REVENUE	FY 16-17 NET REVENUE
			FY 17-18	FY 16-17							
7/31/2016	467,059.46	240,104.83	226,954.63	194,455.68	40,150.48	2,862.45	183,941.70	156,437.77	9,026.20	147,411.57	129,619.78
8/31/2016	453,237.89	264,548.71	188,689.18	206,660.02	21,753.15	2,115.60	164,820.43	177,275.53	10,334.44	166,941.09	157,791.57
9/30/2016	421,143.85	248,376.87	172,766.98	174,865.48	45,354.95	2,392.24	125,019.79	138,051.92	8,563.92	129,488.00	130,898.93
10/31/2016			-	187,346.76			-			-	147,654.64
11/30/2016			-	150,270.24			-			-	151,019.87
12/31/2016			-	213,013.12			-			-	120,819.75
1/31/2017			-	239,099.75			-			-	152,777.01
2/28/2017			-	225,731.74			-			-	155,686.27
3/31/2017			-	176,896.05			-			-	144,172.28
4/30/2017			-	164,116.56			-			-	145,178.26
5/31/2017			-	149,843.13			-			-	159,911.80
6/30/2017			-	188,377.18			-			-	135,495.00
TOTAL:	1,341,441.20	753,030.41	588,410.79	575,981.18	107,256.58	7,370.29	473,781.92	471,765.22	27,924.56	443,840.66	418,310.28
					Net A/R Change		2.16%			New Revenue Change	6.10%

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT
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September 30, 2017

	BALANCE	INTEREST	
		RATE	
FALLBROOK			
County of San Diego/General Fund	307,026.38	0.01%	Operating
County of San Diego/Capital Reserve	377,529.16	0.01%	Capital Reserves
County of San Diego/Fire Mitigation Fund	567,814.73	0.01%	Mitigation Fees
Local Agency Investment Fund	19,024.85	0.78%	LAIF
Workers' Comp JPA	454,177.47	0.26%	PASIS Funds
Bank of America/PASIS	102,598.56	0.01%	
Petty Cash	500.00	0.00%	
First National/Benefit Fund	153,032.97	0.70%	
First National/Payroll	240,993.92	0.70%	
First National/Accounts Payable	152,646.96	0.69%	
First National/Accounts Receivable	186,416.12	0.69%	
Wells Fargo/Accounts Receivable	663,261.65	0.00%	
Pacific Western Bank/Accounts Receivable	133,298.40	0.00%	
TOTAL	3,225,022.77		
RAINBOW			
County of San Diego/General Fund	323,687.39	0.01%	Operating
County of San Diego/Fire Mitigation Fund	16,265.52	0.01%	Mitigation
Petty Cash	500.00	0.00%	
TOTAL	340,452.91		

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
COST RECOVERY FY 2017/2018**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>YTD % Collected</u>	<u>Billing Fees</u>	<u>Net Revenue</u>	<u>FY 16/17 Net Revenue</u>
7/31/2017	8,155.00	6,353.32	77.91%	1,270.66	5,082.66	4,877.13
8/30/2017	6,825.00	6,607.50	96.81%	1,321.50	5,286.00	7,592.08
9/30/2017	8,874.31	8,689.31	97.92%	1,737.86	6,951.45	3,060.00
10/31/2017						6,328.47
11/30/2017						1,616.00
12/31/2017						8,474.40
1/31/2018						5,840.00
2/28/2018						5,802.69
3/31/2018						6,444.74
4/30/2018						7,562.00
5/31/2018						5,310.45
6/30/2018						6,474.10
TOTAL:	23,854.31	21,650.13	90.76%	4,330.03	17,320.10	15,529.21
					Net Rev Increase	11.53%

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North County Fire Protection District

For the First Month Ending September 30, 2017

Account	Description	August Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Personnel						
00-102-0-5010-01-003	CEO/Fire Chief	20,311.43	53,628.28	172,700.00	119,071.72	31.1%
00-102-0-5010-01-004	Deputy Fire Chief	19,213.29	49,025.46	164,669.00	115,643.54	29.8%
00-104-0-5010-01-009	Division Chief/Operations	18,766.47	30,572.63	156,916.00	126,343.37	19.5%
00-109-0-5010-01-009	Admin BC	5,717.40	5,717.40	148,652.00	142,934.60	3.8%
00-104-0-5010-01-010	Battalion Chiefs	48,501.61	138,524.75	403,849.00	265,324.25	34.3%
00-104-0-5010-01-011	Captains/Captain Medics	189,021.62	482,064.91	1,590,091.00	1,108,026.09	30.3%
00-104-0-5010-01-012	Engineers/Engineer Medics	168,547.33	430,460.53	1,419,815.00	989,354.47	30.3%
00-104-0-5010-01-013	Firefighters/FF Medics	214,690.06	536,762.84	1,761,550.00	1,224,787.16	30.5%
	TOTAL	684,769.21	1,726,756.80	5,818,242.00	4,091,485.20	29.7%
TOTAL SAFETY SALARIES						
MISC. (Non-Safety) Salaries						
00-102-0-5010-01-005	Executive Assistant	10,533.03	27,472.04	91,286.00	63,813.96	30.1%
00-102-0-5010-01-007	HR/Finance Specialist	18,209.81	46,082.37	154,611.00	108,528.63	29.8%
00-103-0-5010-01-010	Fire Marshal	13,219.31	33,730.90	110,533.00	76,802.10	30.5%
00-103-0-5010-01-022	Fire Protection Specialist	9,605.20	24,637.61	80,261.00	55,623.39	30.7%
00-108-0-5010-01-018	Mechanic III	11,152.69	28,396.45	92,924.00	64,527.55	30.6%
00-102-0-5010-01-025	Administrative Specialist	6,204.85	15,832.54	53,827.00	37,994.46	29.4%
00-108-0-5010-01-029	Mechanic II	8,559.14	21,840.09	71,568.00	49,727.91	30.5%
	TOTAL MISC. (Non-Safety)	77,484.03	197,992.00	655,010.00	457,018.00	30.2%

North County Fire Protection District

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Account	Description	August Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Personnel						
SAFER						
00-104-0-5010-01-014	SAFER I	14,063.20	38,391.60	153,115.00	114,723.40	25.1%
00-104-0-5010-01-015	SAFER II	13,496.63	33,544.51	111,456.00	77,911.49	30.1%
00-106-0-5010-01-014	SAFER Salary	6,020.28	18,060.84	120,450.00	102,389.16	15.0%
	TOTAL SAFER	33,580.11	89,996.95	385,021.00	295,024.05	23.4%
LT						
00-106-0-5010-01-000	Regular Salaries	37,547.90	101,389.90	206,424.00	105,034.10	49.1%
	TOTAL LT	37,547.90	101,389.90	206,424.00	105,034.10	49.1%
PART-TIME						
00-103-0-5010-01-023	PT Fire Protection Specialist (PT)	-	-	32,759.00	32,759.00	0.0%
00-103-0-5010-15-000	Admin Assistant (PT)	2,516.18	7,091.34	23,945.00	16,853.66	29.6%
00-103-0-5010-24-000	Fire Svcs Asst/Hydrant Maint	582.75	1,693.14	14,750.00	13,056.86	11.5%
00-105-0-5010-01-000	MSO	3,989.51	10,151.52	39,657.00	29,505.48	25.6%
	TOTAL PART-TIME	7,088.44	18,936.00	111,111.00	92,175.00	17.0%
	TOTAL PERSONNEL	840,469.69	2,135,071.65	7,175,808.00	5,040,736.35	29.8%

North County Fire Protection District

For the First Month Ending September 30, 2017

Account	Description	August Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Overtime						
00-102-0-5010-06-000	Overtime/Admin	15,442.29	18,128.07	13,770.00	(4,358.07)	131.6%
00-103-0-5010-06-000	Overtime/Admin	-	81.50	3,173.00	3,091.50	2.6%
00-103-0-5010-07-000	Overtime/Fire & Arson	-	-	3,173.00	3,173.00	0.0%
00-104-0-5010-02-000	FLSA 56 Hour Adjustment	16,592.89	37,710.81	140,805.00	103,094.19	26.8%
00-104-0-5010-02-001	SAFER I FLSA	219.27	438.54	4,161.00	3,722.46	10.5%
00-104-0-5010-03-000	Overtime Promotional Testing	-	180.00	5,647.00	5,467.00	3.2%
00-104-0-5010-04-000	Association Leave	-	-	8,470.00	8,470.00	0.0%
00-104-0-5010-05-000	Overtime/Ambulance Callback	333.84	761.10	3,438.00	2,676.90	22.1%
00-104-0-5010-06-000	Lead Medic	864.00	2,019.60	7,329.00	5,309.40	27.6%
00-104-0-5010-07-000	Overtime/Other	278.25	278.25	15,866.00	15,587.75	1.8%
00-104-0-5010-08-000	Rainbow Coverage	-	-	-	-	0.0%
00-104-0-5010-09-000	Overtime/Replacement	90,595.88	234,088.01	470,610.00	236,521.99	49.7%
00-104-0-5010-17-000	Orientation Mentorship	-	-	-	-	0.0%
00-104-0-5010-17-000	Vacancy	17,711.04	37,145.76	-	-	0.0%
00-104-0-5010-09-001	Admin	605.71	3,413.07	20,916.00	17,502.93	16.3%
00-104-0-5010-11-000	Workers Comp	-	773.76	80,000.00	79,226.24	1.0%
00-104-0-5010-10-000	Overtime/Strike Team	199,786.75	349,511.38	-	(349,511.38)	0.0%
00-104-0-5010-15-000	Overtime/Fire Callback	231.89	231.89	6,275.00	6,043.11	3.7%
00-105-0-5010-06-000	Overtime/Admin/Other	340.17	340.17	4,183.00	3,842.83	8.1%
00-106-0-5010-02-000	FLSA 53/56 Hour Adjustment	3,532.50	3,532.50	14,000.00	10,467.50	25.2%
00-106-0-5010-02-001	SAFER FLSA Adjustment	-	-	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.0%
00-106-0-5010-06-000	Overtime/Full Time Coverage	2,614.50	2,614.50	15,687.00	13,072.50	16.7%
00-106-0-5010-09-000	Replacement Reserve SL/AL	-	-	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.0%
00-106-0-5010-13-000	Drills & Training	-	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.0%
00-106-0-5010-14-000	Overtime Admin - Explorers	162.42	817.68	10,458.00	9,640.32	7.8%
00-107-0-5010-06-000	Communication - Overtime	319.28	402.74	2,103.00	1,700.26	19.2%
00-108-0-5010-06-000	Overtime/Admin	-	1,185.48	4,231.00	3,045.52	28.0%
00-109-0-5010-07-000	Overtime/Training	1,909.43	7,568.81	44,447.00	36,878.19	17.0%
Total Overtime		351,540.11	701,223.62	909,242.00	208,018.38	77.1%

North County Fire Protection District

For the First Month Ending September 30, 2017

Account	Description	August Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Other Pay						
00-102-0-5030-45-000	Total Medicare Tax	16,608.30	46,356.12	129,411.00	83,054.88	35.8%
00-102-0-5030-08-000	Total Social Security Tax	704.13	1,771.85	14,357.00	12,585.15	12.3%
00-102-0-5010-16-000	A/L & S/L Reimbursement	1,333.84	165,403.02	575,000.00	409,596.98	28.8%
00-104-0-5010-16-000	Holiday Time Adjustment	27,693.07	62,939.79	234,533.00	171,593.21	26.8%
00-104-0-5010-16-001	SAFER I Holiday Time Adjustment	-	-	6,944.00	6,944.00	0.0%
00-102-0-5050-00-000	Total Uniforms	3,130.86	5,146.96	47,950.00	42,803.04	10.7%
00-106-0-5050-00-000	Reserve Uniforms	2,003.65	3,357.87	8,000.00	4,642.13	42.0%
	Total Other Pay	51,473.85	284,975.61	1,016,195.00	731,219.39	28.0%
Benefits						
00-102-0-5020-00-000	Retirement (Misc - Classic)	2,464.12	10,814.40	74,538.00	63,723.60	14.5%
00-102-0-5020-00-001	PEPRA Retirement (Misc-PEPRA)	1,570.32	3,557.70	13,871.00	10,313.30	25.6%
00-102-0-5020-00-102	Classic UAL (Misc.)	-	217,965.00	225,991.00	8,026.00	96.4%
00-102-0-5020-00-103	PEPRA UAL (Misc.)	-	37.00	39.00	2.00	94.9%
00-104-0-5020-00-000	Retirement (Safety-Classic)	123,490.29	278,073.61	1,175,559.00	897,485.39	23.7%
00-104-0-5020-00-001	PEPRA (Safety - PEPRA)	12,267.67	33,720.45	81,685.00	47,964.55	41.3%
00-104-0-5020-00-002	SAFER I Retirement	1,109.46	3,328.38	32,135.00	28,806.62	10.4%
00-104-0-5020-00-102	SAFER II Retirement	2,481.79	5,672.63	22,409.00	16,736.37	25.3%
00-104-0-5020-00-103	Classic UAL (Safety)	-	811,237.00	841,108.00	29,871.00	96.4%
00-104-0-5020-00-103	PEPRA UAL Safety	-	128.00	132.00	4.00	97.0%
00-106-0-5020-00-000	Retirement	205.50	1,210.74	26,276.00	25,065.26	4.6%
00-106-0-5020-00-002	SAFER Retirement	464.13	1,392.39	34,822.00	33,429.61	4.0%
00-102-0-5030-40-000	Flexible Plan Insurance	156,044.82	374,687.49	1,461,420.00	1,086,732.51	25.6%
	Total Benefits	300,098.10	1,741,824.79	3,989,985.00	2,248,160.21	43.7%
Workers Compensation						
00-102-0-5100-42-000	Worker's Compensation	60,100.86	198,622.09	590,000.00	391,377.91	33.7%
	Total Worker's Compensation	60,100.86	198,622.09	590,000.00	391,377.91	33.7%

North County Fire Protection District

For the First Month Ending September 30, 2017

Account	Description	August Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Board Administration						
00-101-0-5010-14-000	Board Members	500.00	1,400.00	7,500.00	6,100.00	18.7%
00-101-0-5043-00-000	Elections	-	-	-	-	0.0%
00-101-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	750.00	7,900.00	7,150.00	9.5%
00-101-0-5170-72-000	Office Supplies	43.10	255.10	2,000.00	1,744.90	12.8%
00-101-0-5180-83-000	Legal Fees	3,324.00	10,160.56	21,000.00	10,839.44	48.4%
00-101-0-5180-84-000	Negotiations/Labor	-	420.00	4,000.00	3,580.00	10.5%
00-101-0-5190-00-000	Advertising/Legal Notices	-	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.0%
00-101-0-5230-30-000	Employee Recognition	-	74.85	5,000.00	4,925.15	1.5%
00-101-0-5230-31-000	Meetings and Travel	-	100.00	9,000.00	8,900.00	1.1%
00-101-0-5230-32-000	Community Relations	-	-	150.00	150.00	0.0%
00-101-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	-	-	2,365.00	2,365.00	0.0%
00-101-0-5340-00-000	Refunds and Interest	1,055.33	1,824.91	100,000.00	98,175.09	1.8%
00-101-0-5340-01-000	LAFCO Assessment Fee	-	9,176.02	7,907.00	(1,269.02)	116.0%
Total Board Administration		4,922.43	24,161.44	170,822.00	146,660.56	14.1%

North County Fire Protection District

For the First Month Ending September 30, 2017

Account	Description	August Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Administration						
00-102-0-5070-00-000	Ambulance Billing	10,334.44	27,618.46	110,000.00	82,381.54	25.1%
00-102-0-5100-43-000	Unemployment Insurance	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.0%
00-102-0-5130-66-000	Structures & Grounds	3,998.53	20,885.74	89,000.00	68,114.26	23.5%
00-102-0-5140-01-000	Personnel JPA-Academy	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	100.0%
00-102-0-5145-00-000	Personnel Recruitment	-	1,621.57	14,000.00	12,378.43	11.6%
00-102-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	1,186.00	2,270.00	4,200.00	1,930.00	54.0%
00-102-0-5170-70-000	County Admin Costs	1,703.31	4,430.21	190,000.00	185,569.79	2.3%
00-102-0-5170-71-000	Bank Fees	-	210.23	1,000.00	789.77	21.0%
00-102-0-5170-72-000	Office Supplies	141.53	687.81	13,430.00	12,742.19	5.1%
00-102-0-5170-73-000	Postage	520.99	1,029.80	4,500.00	3,470.20	22.9%
00-102-0-5170-74-000	Printing	-	519.36	4,500.00	3,980.64	11.5%
00-102-0-5180-81-000	Auditors	10,800.00	10,800.00	28,500.00	17,700.00	37.9%
00-102-0-5180-82-000	Professional Services	62,137.33	85,248.33	148,500.00	63,251.67	57.4%
00-102-0-5180-83-000	Computer Support	5,892.65	27,582.38	145,282.00	117,699.62	19.0%
00-102-0-5180-84-000	Computer Training	-	-	7,800.00	7,800.00	0.0%
00-102-0-5180-85-000	Computer Hardware/Software	-	742.99	60,000.00	59,257.01	1.2%
00-102-0-5200-00-000	Rents and Leases - Equipment	1,489.09	5,346.30	16,200.00	10,853.70	33.0%
00-102-0-5221-01-000	Office Furniture & Fixtures	-	533.37	6,500.00	5,966.63	8.2%
00-102-0-5230-19-000	Trauma Intervention Program	-	7,257.00	7,257.00	-	100.0%
00-102-0-5230-30-000	Employee Recognition	-	-	3,640.00	3,640.00	0.0%
00-102-0-5230-31-000	Disciplinary Training	-	-	7,257.00	7,257.00	0.0%
00-102-0-5230-37-000	Physicals/Wellness Program	30.00	583.42	33,580.00	32,996.58	1.7%
00-102-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	826.50	3,435.31	16,500.00	13,064.69	20.8%
00-102-0-5230-39-000	Employee Asst. Program	-	840.00	7,000.00	6,160.00	12.0%
00-102-0-5230-40-000	Formal Education	-	-	-	-	0.0%
00-102-0-5230-41-000	Meetings and Misc Expense	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.0%
00-102-0-5230-49-000	PERS Medical Admin Fees	-	969.58	5,032.00	4,062.42	19.3%
00-102-0-5260-23-000	Water	745.73	5,291.76	23,880.00	18,588.24	22.2%
00-102-0-5260-24-000	Sewer	361.09	2,530.71	11,300.00	8,769.29	22.4%
00-102-0-5260-25-000	Trash	706.50	2,119.50	9,500.00	7,380.50	22.3%
00-102-0-5260-26-000	Gas & Electric	1,301.11	7,472.83	25,000.00	17,527.17	29.9%
Total Administration		102,174.80	223,026.66	1,006,358.00	783,331.34	22.2%

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Account	Description	August Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Fire Prevention						
00-103-0-5120-56-000	Hydrants	-	-	14,500.00	14,500.00	0.0%
00-103-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	1,775.50	4,000.00	2,224.50	44.4%
00-103-0-5230-30-000	Fire Safety Council	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.0%
00-103-0-5230-31-000	CERT Program	-	-	1,900.00	1,900.00	0.0%
00-103-0-5230-32-000	Materials/Public Education	2,324.67	3,643.55	15,000.00	11,356.45	24.3%
00-103-0-5230-34-000	Required Weed Abatement	-	2,541.29	30,000.00	27,458.71	8.5%
00-103-0-5230-35-000	Investigative Supplies/Equip	-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.0%
00-103-0-5230-36-000	Arson Investigative Training	-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.0%
00-103-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	140.00	1,015.00	5,500.00	4,485.00	18.5%
00-103-0-5230-38-001	Formal Education	769.50	769.50	3,078.00	2,308.50	25.0%
	Total Fire Prevention	3,234.17	9,744.84	77,978.00	68,233.16	12.5%
Emergency Services						
00-104-0-5080-00-000	Emer Incident Meals & Provisions	-	78.57	1,500.00	1,421.43	5.2%
00-104-0-5090-21-000	Kitchen/Janitorial Supplies	558.03	1,515.37	20,000.00	18,484.63	7.6%
00-104-0-5100-44-000	Facility/Vehicles-Insurance	50.00	86,578.18	87,400.00	821.82	99.1%
00-104-0-5120-12-000	Firefighting Equipment	1,597.89	5,172.79	59,543.00	55,968.10	6.0%
00-104-0-5125-00-000	Map Maintenance Program	-	3,562.00	13,500.00	9,938.00	26.4%
00-104-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	-	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.0%
00-104-0-5221-00-000	Safety Equipment/PPE	2,528.27	23,402.11	66,750.00	43,347.89	35.1%
00-104-0-5221-01-000	Traffic Contollers	-	15,340.80	-	(15,340.80)	0.0%
00-104-0-5223-00-000	Disaster Preparedness	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.0%
00-104-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	-	-	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.0%
	Total Emergency Services	4,734.19	135,649.82	265,293.00	129,643.18	51.1%

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Emergency Med Svcs						
00-105-0-5140-00-000	Medical Supplies/Equipment	188.58	18,231.97	114,000.00	95,768.03	16.0%
00-105-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	50.00	-	-50.00	0.0%
00-105-0-5180-82-000	Professional Services	-	-	-	0.00	0.0%
00-105-0-5221-00-000	Personal Protective Equipment	-	-	-	0.00	0.0%
00-105-0-5230-32-000	Material	-	1,328.40	1,500.00	171.60	88.6%
00-105-0-5230-33-000	EMS Equipment	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.0%
00-105-0-5230-34-000	Medical Licensing & Cert	242.50	1,406.50	8,250.00	6,843.50	17.0%
00-105-0-5230-35-000	Defib Maint & Maint Agmnt	1,400.00	4,070.87	35,848.00	31,777.13	11.4%
00-105-0-5230-36-000	Elec Data Agmnt/Maint	-	-	3,040.00	3,040.00	0.0%
00-105-0-5230-37-000	Equipment Maintenance	-	-	-	0.00	0.0%
00-105-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	300.00	300.00	5,000.00	4,700.00	6.0%
	Total Emergency Med Svcs	2,131.08	25,387.74	169,638.00	144,250.26	15.0%
Limited Term						
Firefighters/Volunteers						
00-106-0-5120-12-000	Explorer Materials & Equip	-	2,199.42	-	(2,199.42)	0.0%
00-106-0-5180-82-000	Medical & Pre-Emp Exams	-	1,470.00	4,000.00	2,530.00	36.8%
00-106-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	40.00	40.00	1,500.00	1,460.00	2.7%
	Total Reserves	40.00	3,709.42	5,500.00	1,790.58	67.4%
Communications						
00-107-0-5060-26-000	Pagers	-	-	650.00	650.00	0.0%
00-107-0-5060-27-000	Telephone/Cable TV/IP Tele	3,721.05	18,088.20	72,000.00	53,911.80	25.1%
00-107-0-5060-29-000	Verizon Data	-	-	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.0%
00-107-0-5060-30-000	MDC & AVL Maint Costs	-	-	15,500.00	15,500.00	0.0%
00-107-0-5120-52-000	Radios/Parts & Service	317.50	317.50	20,000.00	19,682.50	1.6%
00-107-0-5120-54-000	Alarm Services & Supplies	-	364.14	1,500.00	1,135.86	24.3%
00-107-0-5120-56-000	T-1 Phone Line Maintenance	-	2,730.86	4,800.00	2,069.14	56.9%
00-107-0-5120-69-000	RCS 800 MHZ Maint. Fee	5,671.86	14,347.63	77,500.00	63,152.37	18.5%
00-107-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	117.00	468.00	1,000.00	532.00	46.8%
00-107-0-5180-00-000	Dispatch Services	-	-	314,452.00	314,452.00	0.0%
00-107-0-5230-31-000	Meetings & Travel	-	-	500.00	500.00	0.0%
00-107-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	-	-	-	-	0.0%
	Total Communications	9,827.41	36,316.33	522,902.00	486,585.67	6.9%

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Shop/Maintenance						
00-108-0-5090-22-000	Laundry/Linen Supplies	-	-	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.0%
00-108-0-5090-53-000	Hazmat Disposal & Permits	-	276.11	8,600.00	8,323.89	3.2%
00-108-0-5120-52-000	Parts & Accessories	14,355.46	28,542.61	101,200.00	72,657.39	28.2%
00-108-0-5120-53-000	Fuel	10,442.58	28,155.13	120,000.00	91,844.87	23.5%
00-108-0-5120-54-000	Oils & Lubricants	-	290.34	7,000.00	6,709.66	4.1%
00-108-0-5120-59-000	Sublet Repairs	1,619.21	3,695.07	24,000.00	20,304.93	15.4%
00-108-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	-	80.00	80.00	0.0%
00-108-0-5180-52-000	Fleet Maint Software	-	-	3,300.00	3,300.00	0.0%
00-108-0-5220-00-000	Small Tools/Minor Equipment	-	-	4,100.00	4,100.00	0.0%
00-108-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	65.00	65.00	7,000.00	6,935.00	0.9%
00-108-0-5230-39-000	Formal Education	-	-	450.00	450.00	0.0%
Total Shop/Maintenance		26,482.25	61,024.26	277,430.00	216,405.74	22.0%
Training						
00-109-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	50.00	500.00	450.00	10.0%
00-109-0-5230-20-000	Training Materials	-	178.53	10,000.00	9,821.47	1.8%
00-109-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	6,766.00	9,147.00	50,000.00	40,853.00	18.3%
00-109-0-5230-39-000	Formal Education	-	3,077.50	41,000.00	37,922.50	7.5%
Total Training		6,766.00	12,453.03	101,500.00	89,046.97	12.3%

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General Fund Reserve						
00-120-0-5400-00-000	Contingency Fund	-	-	190,000.00	190,000.00	0%
00-120-0-5400-02-000	Transfer to Vehicle Reserve	-	-	500,000.00	500,000.00	0%
00-120-0-5400-03-000	Transfer to Facilities Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
00-120-0-5400-05-000	Equip Reserve - Defib Replacement	-	-	-	-	0%
00-120-0-5400-07-000	Transfer to Equip Reserve - MDC	-	-	-	-	0%
	Total General Fund Reserve	-	-	690,000.00	690,000.00	0%
Capital Expense						
00-200-0-5500-03-000	Building Repairs	-	-	125,000.00	125,000.00	0%
00-200-0-5500-04-000	Personal Protective Equip	-	-	-	-	0%
00-200-0-5500-05-000	EMS Equipment	-	-	-	-	0%
00-200-0-5500-06-000	Communication Equipment	-	6,964.42	70,000.00	63,035.58	10%
00-200-0-5500-55-000	Station 5 Loan	-	-	-	-	0%
00-200-0-5500-55-001	Station 5 Loan Payment #1	-	-	182,739.00	182,739.00	0%
00-200-0-5500-55-002	Station 5 Loan Payment #2	-	116,964.75	235,674.00	118,709.25	50%
00-200-0-5500-59-000	Station 4 Project	-	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	0%
00-200-0-5500-55-003	Admin Payment	-	-	85,751.00	85,751.00	0%
00-200-0-5500-56-000	ECAA/Solar Loan	-	2,199.37	12,575.00	10,375.63	17%
00-200-0-5500-56-001	ECAA/Solar Loan Payment	-	4,032.78	35,729.00	31,696.22	11%
00-200-0-5500-57-000	Hwy 76 Traffic Controllers	-	-	-	-	0%
00-200-0-5500-58-000	Apparatus Loan	-	-	91,324.00	91,324.00	0%
00-200-0-5500-58-001	Emergency Vehicles	-	16,056.71	668,137.00	652,080.29	2%
00-200-0-5500-59-001	Administrative Bldg Payment	7,145.89	7,145.89	-	-	-
	Total Capital Equipment	7,145.89	153,363.92	1,556,929.00	664,214.41	10%

GRAND TOTAL

\$1,771,140.83	\$5,746,555.22	\$18,525,578.00	\$12,779,022.78	31.0%
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Account	September		2017-2018		2017-2018		Amount Remaining	% Used
	Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Annual Budget	Running Total	Annual Budget		
Rainbow General Fund								
11-000-0-5010-09-000			41,250.00		41,250.00		41,250.00	0%
11-000-0-5050-00-000			23,290.00		23,290.00		19,471.96	16%
11-000-0-5060-27-000			300.00	3,818.04	300.00		300.00	0%
11-000-0-5080-00-000			4,000.00		4,000.00		4,000.00	0%
11-000-0-5100-42-000			15,200.00		15,200.00		15,200.00	0%
11-000-0-5100-44-000			28,000.00	26,800.00	28,000.00		1,200.00	96%
11-000-0-5120-52-000			13,000.00	3,879.12	13,000.00		9,120.88	30%
11-000-0-5120-54-000			10,000.00	2,624.97	10,000.00		7,375.03	26%
11-000-0-5120-69-000			8,000.00	2,250.20	8,000.00		5,749.80	28%
11-000-0-5130-00-000			7,500.00	4,467.02	7,500.00		3,032.98	60%
11-000-0-5170-72-000			1,300.00		1,300.00		1,300.00	0%
11-000-0-5180-91-000			1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	0%
11-000-0-5220-00-000			4,000.00		4,000.00		4,000.00	0%
11-000-0-5221-00-000			3,000.00	24,789.95	3,000.00		(21,789.95)	826%
11-000-0-5230-30-000			4,500.00		4,500.00		4,500.00	0%
11-000-0-5230-37-000			12,000.00		12,000.00		12,000.00	0%
11-000-0-5230-37-001			15,000.00		15,000.00		10,525.50	30%
11-000-0-5240-38-000			500.00		500.00		380.00	24%
11-000-0-5260-23-000			1,800.00		1,800.00		1,380.20	23%
11-000-0-5260-26-000			3,500.00		3,500.00		3,399.36	3%
11-000-0-5270-00-000			25,000.00	6,249.99	25,000.00		18,750.01	25%
11-000-0-5340-00-000			3,000.00	78.96	3,000.00		2,921.04	3%
11-000-0-5400-00-000			10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00	0%
Total Rainbow General Fund	9,356.46	80,073.19	235,140.00		235,140.00		155,066.81	34%

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Account	2017-2018		2017-2018 Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
	September Actual	Running Total			
Rainbow Capital Fund					
11-200-0-5370-00-386			6,000.00	6,000.00	0%
11-200-0-5370-00-387			5,000.00	5,000.00	0%
11-200-0-5420-00-000			38,800.00	38,800.00	0%
11-200-0-5500-02-000		2,315.79	5,000.00	2,684.21	46%
11-200-0-5500-03-000			-	-	0%
11-200-0-5500-04-000		350.68	5,000.00	5,000.00	0%
11-200-0-5500-06-000			3,000.00	2,649.32	12%
Total Rainbow Capital Fund	0.00	2,666.47	62,800.00	60,133.53	4%

GRAND TOTAL	\$	9,356.46	\$	82,739.66	\$	297,940.00	\$	215,200.34	27.77%
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Document Date	Document Number	Vendor Name	Transaction Description	Document Amount
9/1/2017	FY17/18	NFPA	National Fire Codes 17/18	1,345.50
9/1/2017	FDAC0917-NCTY	Employee Benefit Specialists, Inc.	Dental/Vision/LTD	8,935.14
9/1/2017	0003309943	Capital One Public Funding	Sta 5 loan pymt 9/2017	116,964.75
9/1/2017	PR 09/01/17	California State Disbursement Unit	Garnishment PR 9/1/17	398.65
9/1/2017	PR 09/01/17	LINCOLN NATIONAL	PR 8/6/17-8/19/17	3,476.35
9/1/2017	PR 09/01/17	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	Dues PR 9/1/17	2,433.90
9/1/2017	PR AP 09/01/17	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	FBK RESERVES PORTION	18.72
9/1/2017	PR AP 9/1/17	FIREFIGHTERS LEG. ACTION GRP	FLAG PMT 09/01/17	110.00
9/1/2017	PR AP 9/1/17	NORTH COUNTY FIRE RESERVES	RESERVE DUES 9/1/17	37.44
9/1/2017	123904	Global CTI	Telephone support 09/2017	134.48
9/1/2017	STMT 09/2017	Harry J. Wilson Insurance Center	LTD 09/2017	993.00
9/1/2017	173801	City of Oceanside	IT Support 09/2017	1,000.00
9/1/2017	MEDIC RENEW 17-19	NICK CRILLY	Medic renew 17-19	242.50
9/1/2017	18NOCFPDN02	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO - RCS	Fire Radios 08/2017	6,519.56
9/1/2017	MILEAGE/NOTARY	Nancy Goss	Mileage/Notary	131.36
9/1/2017	STMT 9/1/17	Rainbow Oaks Marketplace	RNBW - Fuel	16.16
9/1/2017	MILEAGE 7/1/16	LOREN STEPHEN-PORTER	Mileage 7/1/16-11/1/16	120.36
9/1/2017	74917	UNIFORM SPECIALIST/ACE UNIFORMS	Applegate - uniform	353.85
9/1/2017	090465767	XEROX - PASADENA	07/21/17-08/21/17	753.17
9/1/2017	090465768	XEROX - PASADENA	07/21/17-08/21/17	353.42
9/1/2017	9/11/17-10/10/17	TIME WARNER CABLE	9/11/17-10/10/17	163.98
9/1/2017	74911	UNIFORM SPECIALIST/ACE UNIFORMS	Coy uniform	392.95
9/5/2017	PYMT 9/3/17	Ian Forsyth	Admin Bldg pymt #1	7,145.89
9/5/2017	8/4/17-9/5/17-003	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	08/4/17-9/5/17	243.05
9/5/2017	8/4/17-9/5/17-002	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	8/4/17-9/5/17	534.61
9/5/2017	74958	UNIFORM SPECIALIST/ACE UNIFORMS	Krumwiede - uniform	97.43
9/5/2017	74979	UNIFORM SPECIALIST/ACE UNIFORMS	Dinelli - uniform	392.95
9/5/2017	74989	UNIFORM SPECIALIST/ACE UNIFORMS	Krumwiede - uniform	467.58
9/6/2017	INV 9/6/17	Fire Service Specification & Supply	Carburetor repair	1,454.49
9/6/2017	433009447	NIGEL FRANK INT'L USA	GP support	1,170.00
9/6/2017	STMT 9/6/17	PITNEY BOWES INC.	Postage refill 08/2017	520.99
9/6/2017	61718	SDRMA	AI/LP Certificare - Bridge Fun	50.00
9/7/2017	PENA - FFII	STATE FIRE TRAINING	Pena - FFII	40.00
9/7/2017	75040	UNIFORM SPECIALIST/ACE UNIFORMS	Rivera - uniform	429.62
9/7/2017	486192	SOUTH COAST EMERGENCY VEHICLE SERV	Washer/Connector/Nuts	2,529.94
9/7/2017	0382865-IN	Steven Enterprises, Inc	Prevention Printer repair	325.00
9/8/2017	2328	LIFTOFF, LLC	Office365 consulting	5,000.00
9/8/2017	SHOES FY17-18	BRIAN MACMILLAN	PT Shoes FY 17/18	30.00
9/8/2017	0510975-IN	Sound Image, Inc.	Diagnose Audio	736.48
9/10/2017	9/20/17-10/19/17	TIME WARNER CABLE	9/20/17-10/19/17	149.95
9/11/2017	SI#1941 - 50%	AAV Custom Gates & Automation	50% Swing motors Gate Sta 1	2,191.75
9/11/2017	EMS LEADER 10/2017	AMBULANCE ASSOC OF SD COUNTY	EMS Leadership training	300.00
9/11/2017	12028284	Clear Channel Outdoor	Panel rental	1,000.00
9/11/2017	MAHR - FFII	STATE FIRE TRAINING	T. Mahr - FFII	40.00
9/11/2017	00032068	COMPRESSED AIR SPECIALTIES	Cartridges/Compressor Oil	1,100.73
9/11/2017	25860	LineGear	InnoTex Hood	698.57
9/11/2017	STMT 9/11/2017	POSTAL ANNEX #25	Postage	11.43
9/11/2017	08/11/17-09/11/17	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	08/11/17-9/11/17	14.81
9/11/2017	8/11/17-9/11/17-000	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	08/11/17-09/11/17	130.06
9/11/2017	8/11/17-9/11/17-002	RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	08/11/17-09/11/17	329.16
9/11/2017	MEYERS FFI	STATE FIRE TRAINING	Meyers FFI	40.00
9/11/2017	5628	Total Compensation Systems, Inc.	GASB 68	725.00
9/12/2017	1206944824	Citrix Systems, Inc	9/12/17-10/11/17	117.00

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9/12/2017	17576	Advanced Communication Systems, Inc.	VHF Mobile Radio eval	317.50
9/12/2017	366844	ARMANINO LLP	AL resolution GP	1,006.69
9/12/2017	29442180	Arrow Pipeline Repair, Inc.	Sta 2 pipe repair	225.00
9/12/2017	8/9/17-9/8/17	AT&T U-VERSE	8/9/17-9/8/17	156.95
9/12/2017	905493210	BLUE SHIELD OF CA	Ambulance refund	724.55
9/12/2017	R60168524	BLUE SHIELD OF CA	Ambulance refund	67.00
9/12/2017	RUN 53640	MYRON MATIKA	Ambualnce refund	92.77
9/12/2017	20170727920050900003	RADY CHILDREN'S	Ambulance refund	1,507.92
9/12/2017	R74374	VALLEY POWER SYSTEMS, INC	Gasket	73.31
9/13/2017	25689	FALLBROOK AWARDS	Name Plate with Holder	43.10
9/13/2017	45916614	MCMaster-CARR SUPPLY CO.	Locknut/Wire rope	100.63
9/14/2017	2344	LIFTOFF, LLC	Office 365 Consultation	48.00
9/14/2017	433009753	NIGEL FRANK INT'L USA	GP Consulting	227.50
9/14/2017	PARMELEE FMII	STATE FIRE TRAINING	Parmelee - Fire Mechanic II	65.00
9/14/2017	0383186-IN	Steven Enterprises, Inc	Prev Printer repair	699.67
9/14/2017	IT-340	Charlie Swanger	IT-340	769.50
9/15/2017	PR AP 9/15/17	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	Dues PR 9/15/17	2,433.90
9/15/2017	FBK FFA - RESV 9/15	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	FBK FFA - RESV 9/15/17	17.55
9/15/2017	FLAG - PR 09/15/17	FIREFIGHTERS LEG. ACTION GRP	FLAG - PR 09/15/17	110.00
9/15/2017	RESV DUES 9/15/17	NORTH COUNTY FIRE RESERVES	RESERVE DUES - PR 9/15/17	35.10
9/15/2017	LNBW 09/15/17	LINCOLN NATIONAL	LINCOLN RET 9/15/17	3,437.05
9/15/2017	GARNISHMENT 9/15/17	California State Disbursement Unit	GARNISHMENT 9/15/17	398.65
9/15/2017	STMT 09/15/17	FALLBROOK OIL COMPANY	Fuel 09/01/17-09/15/17	6,259.57
9/15/2017	IN1162589	MES California	Nomex Twill	1,641.18
9/17/2017	95855	DIGITAL DEPLOYMENT, INC.	Web monthly fee 10/	275.00
9/18/2017	9791543382	VERIZON WIRELESS	7/24/17-8/23/17	946.55
9/18/2017	27020000-170901	ROY JORGENSEN ASSOC. Inc.	Capital Plan Replacement	26,272.00
9/18/2017	46222134	MCMaster-CARR SUPPLY CO.	Tap through hole threading	93.36
9/18/2017	76958517	WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY	Cups/spray/cleanser	558.03
9/19/2017	BEEBE/KOCH	SDC Fire Prevention Officers	2016 CA Fire Code Plan Class	140.00
9/20/2017	45635	Uniform Plus	Pando uniform	858.18
9/20/2017	45637	Uniform Plus	Quevedo uniform	8.62
9/20/2017	45634	Uniform Plus	Craven - hats	878.72
9/21/2017	32263130039	DIRECTV	09/01/17-9/30/17	136.98
9/21/2017	4759	PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Fall 2017 Fire 98 Class #70471	6,180.00
9/21/2017	8/20/17-9/19/17-390	SDG&E	08/20/17-09/19/17	973.77
9/21/2017	8/20/17-9/19/17-122	SDG&E	08/20/17-09/19/17	152.43
9/21/2017	486376	SOUTH COAST EMERGENCY VEHICLE SERV	Exhaust Assy	2,330.45
9/21/2017	90021183	Zoll Medical Corp	3yr warranty	1,400.00
9/22/2017	8/21/17-9/20/17-871	SDG&E	08/21/17-9/20/17	24.21
9/22/2017	8/22/17-9/21/17-657	SDG&E	08/22/17-09/21/17	27.77
9/23/2017	9791879439	VERIZON WIRELESS	8/2/17-9/1/17	77.24
9/29/2017	AP 9/29/17	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	PR AP 9/29/17 - FFA	2,376.52
9/29/2017	PR AP 9/29/17	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	PR AP - FBK FFA RESERVE	19.89
9/29/2017	PR AP 9/29/17	FIREFIGHTERS LEG. ACTION GRP	PR AP FLAG	108.00
9/29/2017	PR AP 9/29/17	NORTH COUNTY FIRE RESERVES	RESV DUES 9/29/17	39.78
9/29/2017	PR AP 9/29/17	California State Disbursement Unit	WAGE GARNISHMENT 9/29/17	398.65
9/29/2017	PR AP 9/29/17	LINCOLN NATIONAL	PR AP - LINCOLN	3,464.62



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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: October 24, 2017
SUBJECT: STANDING ITEM: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Deputy Chief Marovich and Chief Abbott
DATE: October 24, 2017
SUBJECT: First Quarter Overtime Tracking Report

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND:

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

DISCUSSION:

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

- Leave Analysis by Type
- Five Year Overtime History
- Two Year Overtime Comparison by Month

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The District finished the first quarter with an increase in sick leave but annual leave remained the same compared to the same quarter last year. Current overtime is 93.40% expended but the District expecting reimbursement for mutual aid in the amount of \$330,020 which reduces the overtime down to 47% of the budget. The District has expended \$37,146 in overtime for filling firefighter vacancies which accounts for 7% of the budget. The vacancy expenditure is offset by the salary budgeted for the firefighter.

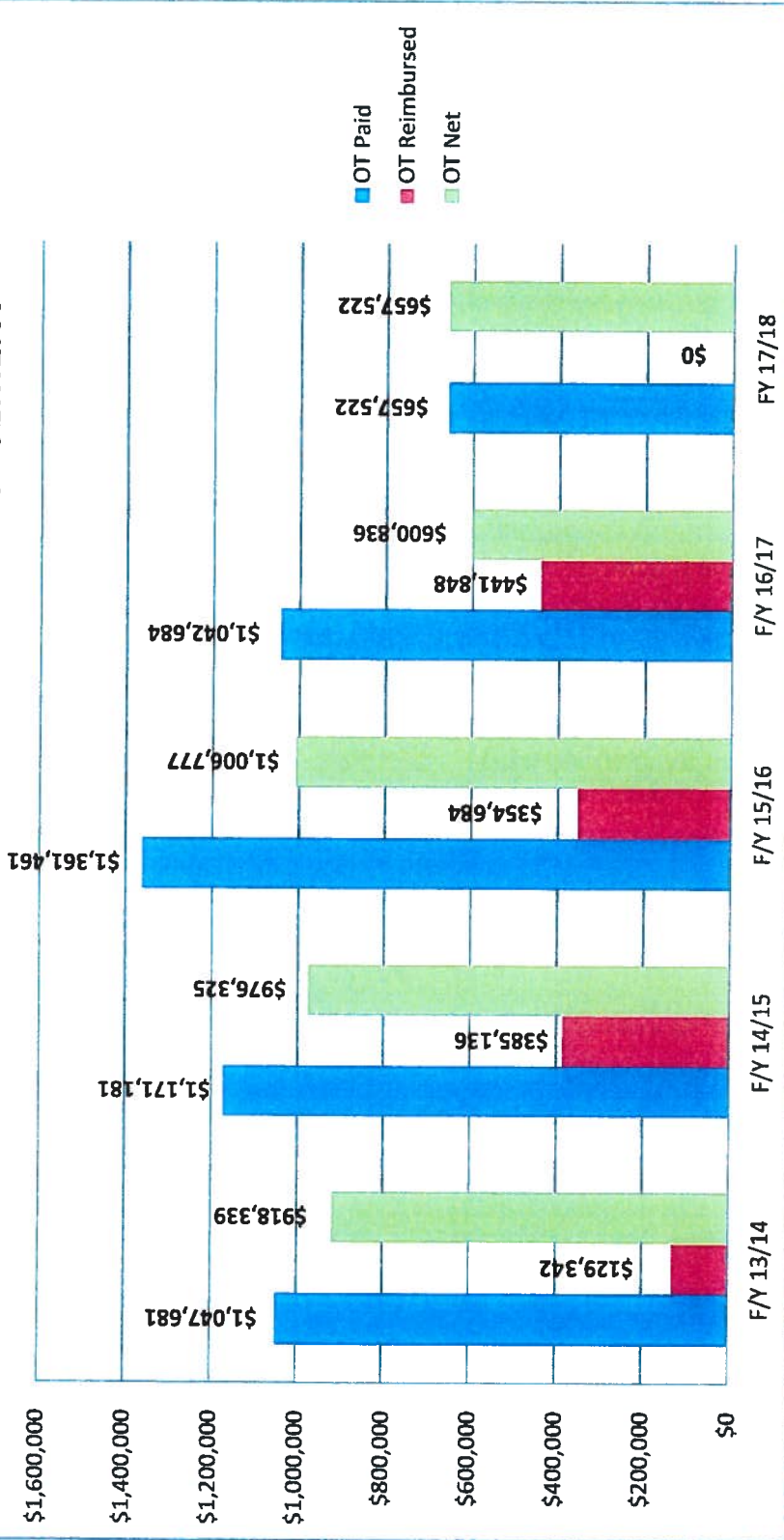
SUMMARY:

Information only, no action needed.

5 YR OT HX

	FY 13/14	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18
OT Paid	\$1,047,681	\$1,171,181	\$1,361,461	\$1,042,684	\$657,522
OT Reimbursed	\$129,342	\$385,136	\$354,684	\$441,848	\$0
OT Net	\$918,339	\$976,325	\$1,006,777	\$600,836	\$657,522

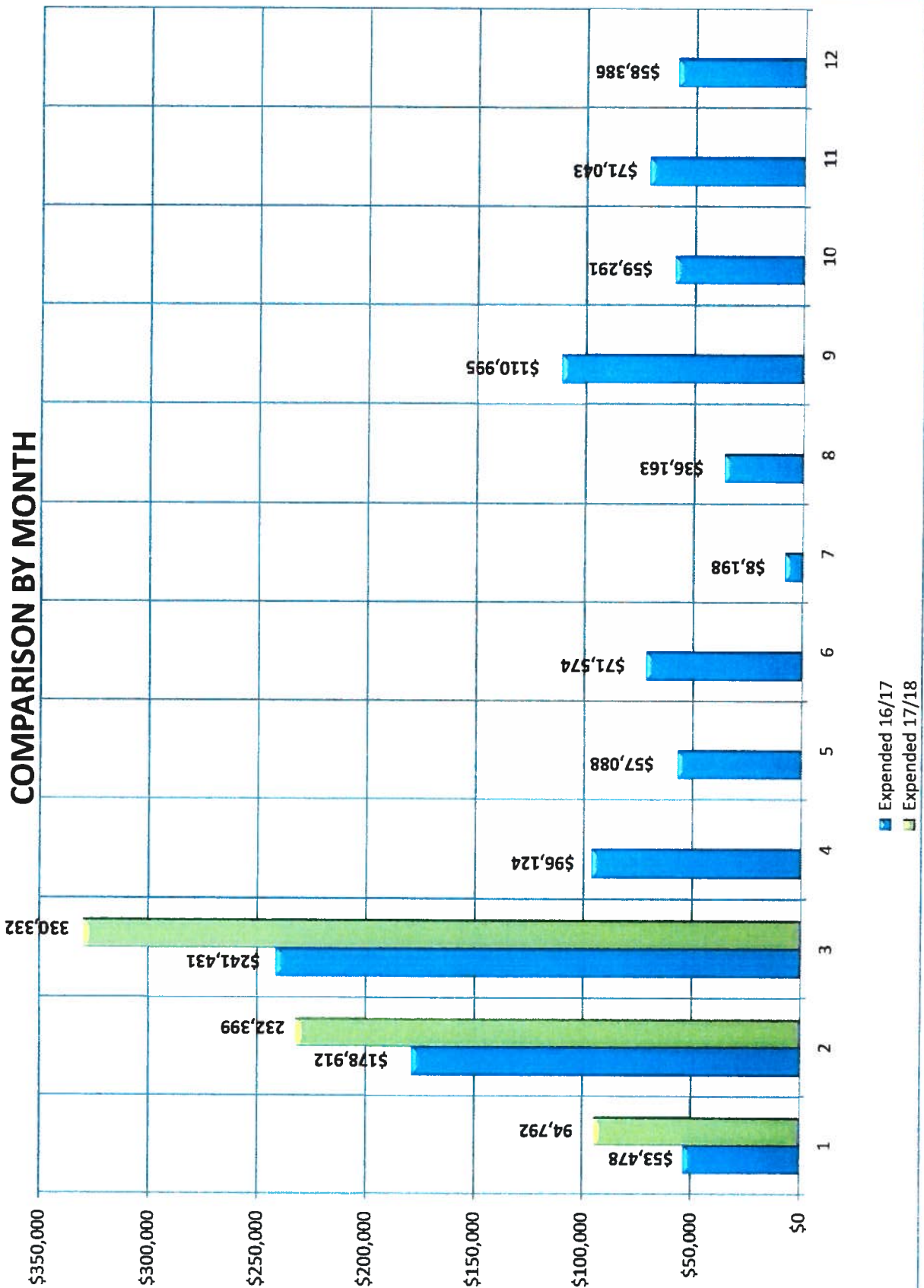
NCFPD EMERGENCY SERVICES 5 YEAR OVERTIME HISTORY AND REIMBURSEMENT



NCFPD EMERGENCY SERVICES NUMBER OF HOURS BY TYPE 1st QUARTER 16/17-17/18



NCFPD EMERGENCY SERVICES TWO YEAR OVERTIME COMPARISON BY MONTH





NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OPERATIONS

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Operations/EMS Division
DATE: Tuesday, October 24th, 2017
SUBJECT: Customer Satisfaction Survey Program, 2017 – 3rd Quarter Results

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

This report focuses on two areas, direct feedback based on surveys sent to patients transported by North County Fire and our Service/Sympathy card program. The distribution of the survey is based on the 2017 Payer Class percentages according to our ambulance billing company, Wittman Enterprises. This quarter’s customer satisfaction results incorporate surveys received from July 1, 2017 through Sept 30, 2017. The following is a listing of the type and number of individual payer classes that are randomly mailed surveys on a monthly basis.

2017 Payer Class	
Private Commercial Insurance (includes Champus/Active Duty)	26
Medi Cal	10
Medicare (includes Senior HMO)	54
Cash	10
Total	100

DISCUSSION:

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

Customer Satisfaction Survey Program

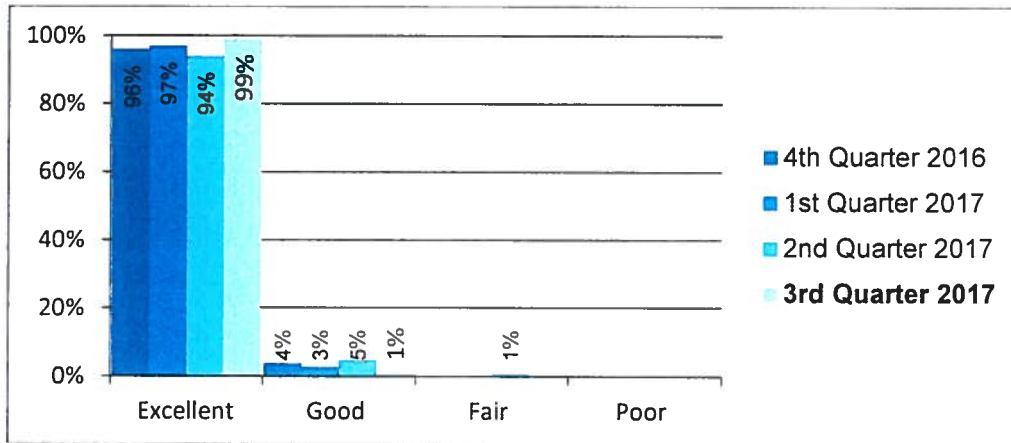
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The first section of the *Satisfaction Survey Form* evaluates the customer's overall satisfaction with our service by rating it from "Excellent" to "Poor." The second section of the form allows the customer to provide comments on their perception of the service they received. This quarter 300 surveys were mailed and 73 surveys were returned (24%).

Ninety four percent (94%) of the surveys returned indicated "excellent" customer satisfaction as indicated on the chart below:

2016-17 Customer Satisfaction Results



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

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

SERVICE/SYMPATHY CARD PROGRAM:

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

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

	"A" CREW	"B" CREW	"C" CREW	TOTAL
3rd Q 2017	198	203	184	585
2nd Q 2017	195	209	237	641
1st Q 2017	295	260	260	815
4th Q 2016	185	202	210	597

The above numbers represent 34% of total cards sent by A Shift, 35% of total cards sent by B Shift and 31% of total cards sent by C Shift.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

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

SUMMARY:

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



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INTAKE NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	FOLLOW-UP	CUSTOMER COMMENTS
17-03-01	07/01/2017		Thank you so much! Your crew was friendly, courteous and efficient. I was very relieved knowing my husband was in such capable, caring hands. This was the first time we've called 911. We've told all our friends how impressed we were with Fallbrook's first responders. Again – thank you!
17-03-02	07/05/2017		No improvement needed. Everyone was very efficient and professional, but also very personable. Thanks!
17-03-03	07/05/2017		Ricky & DJ were calm, kind & reassuring. I was upset and frightened.
17-03-04	07/05/2017		All were considerate, professional, patient. A team of 2 would've been perfect. 4 were not necessary. Thanks
17-03-05	07/06/2017		These guys are great. Thank you for all your help.
17-03-06	07/06/2017		I wish to commend each and every one of the fine young men who answered my call for help the night my husband passed away. They were respectful, efficient and most of all thoughtful and kind.
17-03-07	07/06/2017		On (date), I had an accident that caused me to call for help on my medical alert. While walking out of the bathroom, my foot hit a ruff spot on the floor, which caused my foot to stop "suddenly" and I must have pulled back from the stop and lost my balance. The lost balance caused me to fall backward and I went down on the floor, hitting my head on the side of the tub with full force. A bump on my head appeared right away and I pressed the medical alert, in case I would pass out. My front door of my house was unlocked and the fireman was there very soon after I called and I was then evaluated as others came to assist. I never did bleed or pass out, as I thought I might.
17-03-08	07/10/2017		They gave me a nice blanket that got lost or stolen in the ER. I was very pleased with their service; they took good care of me. Keep up the good work!
17-03-09	07/13/2017		I would like to thank everyone involved on the call. Everyone was courteous, very professional and did their best to make my mother comfortable. One of the gentlemen had been on previous calls to the home for my dad & mom and made mom feel at ease. Thanks again for all your help in time of need. North County Fire you're doing a fine job.
17-03-10	07/14/2017		The gentlemen that came to our home were very efficient and professional in finding the source of the C02 leak. We were unnerved, but these guys made sure we were safe, including our cat, while they did what they do best, save lives! We are so appreciative and knowing they are close by is comforting. Way to go guys and God bless you all every day!! Oh, and I just received a card in the mail from the team saying they were proud to be of service. WOW! Thank you!
17-03-11	07/14/2017		We have called many times and every time was amazing. Great team!
17-03-12	07/15/2017		Excellent – professional – very caring. Thanks
17-03-13	07/17/2017		All kid, professional and courteous and very competent. I think all were great. But Duncan stood out, but all were wonderful. I wish I could remember all their names. Thank you for everything!
17-03-14	07/26/2017		Was a great experience. They did a great job in managing my panic attack and bringing my level of distress down. I do not have any suggestions at this time. Thank you for your help!
17-03-15	07/27/2017		Thank you for all you do.



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17-03-16	07/27/2017		No suggestions at this time. You have an excellent management style.
17-03-17	07/27/2017		They were wonderful. Everybody did their job. Well trained. Super.
17-03-18	07/27/2017		Everyone was so competent! I felt I was in great hands!
17-03-19	07/27/2017		Everyone was very thoughtful & professional especially Duncan. I'm an RN for 37 years & everyone was so good & professional. I'm grateful for everything they did for me!
17-03-20	07/27/2017		My thank you and my appreciation to the fire department for the superb job well done provided by the corps of professionals. Well trained to respond to any emergency rapidly with a can do attitude and laser focus in customer service with motivation. These professionals are talented in every event confident in that these are the best of the best. Thanks again for the superb job. Thanks
17-03-21	07/27/2017		No suggestions. Just keep up the great work and thank you.
17-03-22	07/28/2017		I have been helped by your dept a few times before. I appreciate all your help to pick up my husband, help with snakes around the house (rattlesnake once) and also transporting my husband to ER. All times it was excellent absolutely. Last incident was great except the gentlemen who was doing paperwork was drilling me so much on my husband's medication when I got it all for him in a plastic bag & also on a Dr visit. I was out of it with my bubbly condition & trying to get dressed & get all papers we might need at hospital. Otherwise it was excellent. Thank you guys. You do an awesome job every time & I'm happy you're so close to us.
17-03-23	07/28/2017		My mother in law would have written a "thank you" note but her health has failed too much to do so. Thanks for getting her to the hospital & treating her with such care.
17-03-24	07/28/2017		The EMTs were very professional and diagnosed my problem exactly.
17-03-25	07/28/2017		Excellent - all of the guys knew what they were doing, moved patient gently, drove carefully & stayed in the ER until the patient was safely taken care of.
17-03-26	07/29/2017		I was very impressed with the treatment I received when I had a bad fall in June. I was treated with respect and kindness during the process of transporting me to Temecula hospital. I wish to thank them for the excellent service I received.
17-03-27	07/29/2017		Excellent as usual. No improvement needed.
17-03-28	07/31/2017		Excellent
17-03-29	07/31/2017		Your station 4 crew "B" shift, as I stated above, did a great job. My wife was very well taken care of from start to finish. Speaking as a 28 year veteran FF from L.A city, I was as comfortable with them as I was with my old crews. "Atta boy" to all.
17-03-30	07/31/2017		Excellent
17-03-31	07/31/2017		The men were very patient, kind & helpful getting my journey to the hospital as gently as they could.
17-03-32	08/01/2017		The fire department did excellent with me. They also stayed with me in the emergency room until a doctor (or whomever) took over. I had a brain injury and the three men who came to get me were fast, knew exactly what to do and rushed me to Palomar Hospital. One man (Rob, if I recall) was very kind and



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17-03-33	08/02/2017		knowledgeable all the way in the ambulance. I was mostly out, but I do recall asking him about how many miles away were we. He told me we were 10 minutes away. I would call them any day if I required help. Thanks for helping me & all the other people you must help every day.
17-03-34	08/04/2017		All of the EMTs were very kind, patient and very respectful. They were gentle with my husband and consoling to me. Thank you
17-03-35	08/04/2017		You guys have been called to my mom and dad's house many times and each time has given us the comfort of knowing they are in the best hands available. Good job guys, we love you very much & appreciate you more than you know.
17-03-36	08/08/2017		They were all kind & professional
17-03-37	08/08/2017		I was hit by a car and didn't know what to expect after. It seemed like 5 minutes maybe at the most and the ambulance was there. This was in Bonsall on (address). So I guess they came from Old Hwy 395 station in Fallbrook. I was very happy the medics had morphine in the ambulance. I thought it would take over an hour but it seemed like less than 30 minutes and I was medicated and inside the hospital already. It was amazing how quick they got me there and took care of me. Thank you guys, very much appreciated.
17-03-38	08/11/2017		No suggestions – you are well trained and doing great. We cannot say the same for Vista/San Marcos.
17-03-39	08/19/2017		They picked up wife (name) at North County Fair Red Robbin. She was having a COPD attack & needed nebulizer held. They tried to force oxygen on a sealed black mask and nearly caused cardiac arrest according to ER doctor.
17-03-40	08/19/2017		SEE ATTACHED LETTER (2 pages typed)
17-03-41	08/19/2017		Excellent
17-03-42	08/21/2017		The EMTs were very prompt, kind and respectful. I couldn't ask for better service.
17-03-43	08/21/2017		My wife had a DVT and the North County Fire Protection District expedited her delivery to Temecula Valley Hospital and her subsequent recovery. Thanks so much for your help.
17-03-44	08/21/2017		Excellent
17-03-45	08/21/2017		My husband and I are both in our 80s and it's so comforting to know there is assistance just moments away. The crew was very professional and showed great concern for my welfare. They were quick to make me comfortable and get me to the hospital. Thank you for your services!
17-03-46	08/21/2017		As a retired North County Fireman, I can say that the care I received was not only professional, but spot on!! Great job guys.
17-03-47	08/21/2017		The firemen & paramedics that showed up were professional in every aspect and courteous as well. No complaints at all.
17-03-48	08/21/2017		All that arrived to this emergency call were kind, caring and very concerned for the well-being of the patient. The rest of SD County should be as fortunate to have a top notch emergency team.
17-03-49	08/21/2017		Excellent



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17-03-48	08/21/2017		They were very careful when moving my husband and not hurting his knee. Fallbrook is very fortunate to have emergency personnel that are caring, kind and very concerned for their patients.
17-03-49	08/22/2017		Great job taking care of me! Thank you
17-03-50	08/22/2017		I can say it all in one word... outstanding!
17-03-51	08/23/2017		None – meaning the fire department couldn't have been any better! They were prompt, kind, considerate and made me feel comfortable and safe. We are truly grateful for their service.
17-03-52	08/23/2017		I am very happy to tell you that each time I have dialed 911 for a health issue my husband has had, we have had the very best care. I wish I could remember each person's name. My husband wants to thank Chad one of the crew who was so nice. Whole crew EMT & fire were all so great. Thank you so much. P.S. the card they send is also very nice.
17-03-53	08/23/2017		Response time was very good. They transported me to Palomar instead of Temecula Valley for which I was very grateful. The care given to me was professional and considerate. Thank you very much for helping me in my time of need.
17-03-54	08/24/2017		I had a medical emergency in my house on July and needed a ride to the hospital quickly. The emergency crew arrived quickly, were professional and calming during this very stressful time for me. They had me settled in the ambulance quickly, got me to the hospital in a short time. They communicated what was happening, where I was going and helped calm me down. This experience was very harrowing for me, but the crew were excellent at everything they did. Thanks
17-03-55	08/25/2017		Excellent
17-03-56	08/25/2017		These people were awesome. They treated my grandson as though he was one of their own. They kept him calm and insured him/I that everything would be fine. I want to thank them all very much for being so caring and professional and the professional level that they brought to my grandson. Thank you all very much.
17-03-57	08/30/2017		The crew was excellent!! They handled me with care when they picked me up, drove to hospital and entering hospital.
17-03-58	08/30/2017		Hello. Firstly, I must apologize for my delay in replying to this survey. Thank God you all didn't take this amount of time to respond to my 911 calls! Yes calls. Not once, but twice. I was fortunate to have the help & assistance of our fire department (and EMTs). Being in the medical profession myself, I was so grateful for their professionalism and care. The access to my home was not easily accessible, let alone getting me down the stairs and loaded into the ambulance without any difficulty on my part. I want to thank and again am very appreciative for their service. Thank you
17-03-59	08/30/2017		They were professional and calm. They explained everything that was going on and gave me clear directions. No suggestions for improvement. They did great.
17-03-60	08/30/2017		Response time was about 10 min. Requested no siren as call was in early A.M. Personnel were very polite and used low voices for a calming effect. Keep up the patient sensitivity training, much appreciated.



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17-03-61	09/02/2017		Excellent
17-03-62	09/05/2017		My experience with the fire department was excellent. They were professional, courteous and kept me informed with what they were doing. They did their best efforts to keep me calm and ease my pain as well as talk to my wife to inform her I was doing ok and give her details about my condition, where I was going and what would happen next. You have excellent people in your fire department and I wish you the best. Good luck and stay safe. Thank you for your services.
17-03-63	09/05/2017		They were prompt, polite and really helpful!
17-03-64	09/05/2017		So sorry, I didn't myself clear. They came to help on lady out of her chair! I had to go to the emergency department to solve my problem. It took another team to take me to the hospital. I indicated Tri City Hospital because that's where my back was operated on. I was under impression it would be necessary to admit me for repair of error repair of my back. The firemen you sent was very efficient and I screamed the whole time. Sorry! The one held me against him like a baby. Especially thank him for me. Thank you for the efficient men.
17-03-65	09/06/2017		Thank you for your help. Everyone was courteous and efficient.
17-03-66	09/08/2017		The firemen/paramedics were awesome! Great service. They have also been to my house several times for my precious mom. They are always kind, professional and caring. Very important to know those you love are in good hands! Great job!
17-03-67	09/21/2017		They made a traumatic experience bearable and were wonderfully thoughtful and made me feel really cared for. Can't thank each of them enough. They rate A-1 in my book. Wish I could thank each of them personally.
17-03-68	09/21/2017		We love our firemen. They are right in our neighborhood and have been the best in serving us. It makes us feel secure knowing they are there – we're all getting old. As to the recent incident, they were as usual great! They are all so caring and know just what they are doing.
17-03-69	09/29/2017		SEE ATTACHED LETTER (front & back of customer survey page)
17-03-70	09/29/2017		Suggestions? Yes, when the hospital received the statement regarding my husband's fall, he stated he fell down the steps from the nursing home. In actuality, he fell down the steps outside of our home. I stated he recently was discharged from the nursing home. I was a bit confused when emergency personnel asked me what the name of the nursing home was where he fell. Otherwise, you guys are outstanding in my eyes. Thank you so much for your promptness.
17-03-71	09/30/2017		Excellent
17-03-72	09/30/2017		No suggestions. Everything went well! The men were friendly, I found and accommodating. They even answered any questions I had! Thoroughly, to the best of their ability.
17-02-73	09/30/2017		Excellent service!

To all of our Heroes,

I have been trying to write this letter for almost a year, but every time I start the emotions just flood in and it is hard to bare. August 15th will mark one year since I first dialed 911 and Station 1 came to our rescue. That night has gone down as the hardest night in my life. I thought I lost my precious daughter. I have visions and memories imprinted in my mind that I wish I could erase. But amidst the chaos that was unfolding before us, your crew stepped in and helped save Lizzie's life. I will never, ever be able to thank you all enough for what you did.

For those of you who are not familiar with our story we found our daughter Elizabeth (Lizzie) lying in bed unconscious and covered in vomit just before midnight on the night of August 15th 2016. In the ER things got worse and she was rushed to CT. Brain bleed and tumor were on the top of the list of suspected culprits. To our relief, and some doctors surprise, they believed she had a rather long seizure. She remained in the hospital for 3 days regaining her speech and feeling in her right side. In the end we were sent home with the hopes it was a one time event.

5 days later we called again. At this point Lizzie began having a seizure every night. We just never knew if it would last 1-3 minutes and stop on its own, or if it would generalize rendering her unconscious and in need of rescue medication. And she always kept us on our toes...her seizures were not textbook and took on many different forms. All in all we called 911 nine times over the course of 4 months... and I don't know what we would have done without you.

Your service is invaluable. I cannot thank you enough for what you do. Our gratitude for each and everyone one of you serving in North County Fire runs deep. Thank you for choosing this profession...you are such an asset to our community! I know what a sacrifice this job can be. Many of you are away from your spouses and children, you miss holidays and get little sleep. But your sacrifice, and your families, mean the world to so many. Thank you!

To the men who responded to one (or many) of our calls, you will never be forgotten.

Tyler Ruiz, thank you. You were the first to tend to our daughter. And when you walked through the door the 2nd time I felt relief knowing that you were already familiar with her. How you all remain so calm I will never know, but thank you.

Anthony Fierl, God placed you right where I needed you to be. I needed a friend and familiar face to turn to that night, from the bottom of my heart, thank you. And thank you for your continued support throughout the year. You made us all feel so cared for. Your thoughtfulness, wisdom and support were greatly appreciated. And the balloons on her birthday, well that was just amazing! To have the fire truck show up with lights on and not be a medical emergency was refreshing...and so much fun for the kids. You blessed our family so much, thank you!

Rob Hager, I cannot thank you enough for the level of care you showed Lizzie. I still remember one call when she was unconscious on our couch, and even though she couldn't hear you, you scooped her up in your arms and told her that you had her and were taking her "to her chariot." I cried. You always went above and beyond to make sure we were taken care of. From driving my husband's car home to distracting my other kiddos while Lizzie was being whisked away, you did more for my family than you will ever know. Thank you!

I wish I could remember everyone's name, but Captain Mahn, Captain Garing, Nick, Clay, Tom, Ben, Collin, Leo... you all went above and beyond to serve my family. Thank you! The look in so many of your eyes showed your concern for her and it meant so much to me. I always knew she would be in the best hands and I always knew that each of you had her best interest in mind. For that, again, I can never thank you all enough. You were always just a call away, and that alone brought great comfort to Joe and I.

And if one round of balloons wasn't enough, crew B stopped by the day after a call (the day of her birthday party) with another set. What that does for a family going through a hard time is hard to put into words but you made us feel seen, cared for and thought of. Life was chaotic and you brought peace and comfort amongst the chaos...thank you!

Each and every call you went above and beyond what I would have expected. You didn't just tend to Lizzie but you tended to each of us. You took the time once Lizzie was being transported to make sure I was OK and that my other 3 children were fine. The extra amount of time you invested into each of my children made a scary situation not so scary. You made my kiddos feel comfortable. After the first few calls they were no longer worried but looked forward to seeing you and recognizing you. And really...that is more than a mom could ask for. To have them not be fearful, but be looking out the window to see who was going to be helping their sister was a testament to each and every one of you. I would often find that while a few were in Lizzie's room taking care of her, 1 or 2 were checking on my other kids to make sure they were alright too. It was incredible. I will say it again, you are the BEST!

I am happy to update that Lizzie has been doing incredible! We have not called 911 since December (YAY!) and her seizures have been completely under control for a few months... praise God!

So THANK YOU!!!! From the bottom of my heart, and from each member of our family, THANK YOU!!! You are all our heroes!!!

With Much Gratitude,

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I cannot say enough great stuff you enough 100%!

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook, CA 92028
 (760) 723-2005

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CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Sorry so long ☹️

INCIDENT #: 2017-081643

Recently you dialed 911 because you or your family required the assistance of the Fire Department. North County Fire Protection District takes pride in the service we provide to you and to the community. We are constantly seeking ways to improve service to our customers. To assist us, we ask that you take a few minutes of your time to let us know about your experience. If you would like to contact us regarding our service, please call the Operations Division at (760) 723-2033.

I am so grateful for Fallbrook Fire + Paramedics

Please rate your overall satisfaction with the Fire Department on this incident.

Very Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ++	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Poor <input type="checkbox"/>
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Please take this opportunity to discuss your experience with the fire department on this incident. Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

Thank You!

I am - Just Purchased a home almost 6yr. ago. Here in Fallbrook because my sister, her family lives here, and recently lost our mom + Dad. So my sister said you need to buy a house in Fallbrook be by us. ☺️

I have 2 Daughters Ashley age 29 - She was a wife and Ent, going to get her P.A. up until Oct. 23rd 2009 She was walking home from lifeguarding and was struck by a car going 50 miles an hour! She went through 8 1/2 hrs. of Brain Surgery, had a 5% chance to survive ☺️. She was in a coma 1 month, life support 3 months. She learned to walk talk, and even surfed a bit. (she was a pro surfer)

ALSO have another Daughter 15 months younger than Ashley She is 28 yrs old. So we moved to Fallbrook and Ashley in March under went a cranioplasty. 4 months ago. April 2nd, 2017 was our first encounter with Fire Dept., Paramedics and it was so perfect, Captain Rich, Nick, Dustin and

Please fold and place in the enclosed envelope. No postage is required.

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NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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"SERVICIO AL CLIENTE"

Absolutely the Best Crews we ever Dealt with we Love you all

Usted llamo recientemente 911 porque usted o su familia requirió la ayuda de la ambulancia. Los Bomberos Del Condado Del Norte tiene el orgullo en el servicio que rendimos a usted y la comunidad. Estamos tratando de mejorar nuestro servicio a nuestros clientes. Para ayudarnos, nosotros necesitamos que usted evalúa el nivel del servicio que usted recibió.

Mi satisfacción con de bomberos	Excelente <input type="checkbox"/>	Bueno <input type="checkbox"/>	Justo <input type="checkbox"/>	Malo <input type="checkbox"/>
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¿Tiene usted sugerencias o comentarios para mejorar el servicio?

Thank You for all your services

Rich's Crew showed up immediately, operator stayed on phone whole time with me. My Daughter Ashley had a stroke!! The surgery from Cranio plasty got air and Bacteria on her CNS of Brain, from a Scalp Sore. So from March 28th - Sept. 6th, 2017 we have gotten to LOVE and admire FALLbrook Fire + medic's !! I Even made Homemade chicken Enchiladas for crew on (Ivy Ln.)

We have had to call at least 5 times From April 2nd, 2017 to last call was Sept. 4-or 5th we have had 5-6 calls made to you and each + Every time they made Ashley and myself and her sister feel So Content and Ashley Knows

half or more of your guys by first Name !! I Couldn't believe it when 1 day I was in front waiting and Captain Rich pulls up in Firetrucks, all got out and

Said They were, getting off for 4 days and needed a Dose of Sunshine !! my Daughter Ashley Smiled and That made her day!! Heck her week!! so Thank You

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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: CHIEF ABBOTT AND B/S STEPHEN-PORTER
DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2017
SUBJECT: SETTING OF YEARLY MEETING SCHEDULE

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the schedule of meetings for the Board of Directors of North County Fire Protection District for the year 2018.

DISCUSSION:

The Fallbrook Public Utility District Board Room continues to be an appropriate location for the North County Fire Protection District's Board business. The time and location for the meeting appears to be appropriate, with appropriate response to public hearings and issues requiring public input.

As usual, there is no meeting in November. There is one meeting in December, the second Regular Board Meeting scheduled two weeks early to accommodate the holidays. Agreement on meeting dates for the year will allow the Board, Staff and public to anticipate and plan for attendance at meetings. Early approval allows the Staff to post the meeting calendar on the District website before the beginning of the year and reserve the Board Room in advance with Fallbrook Public Utility District. The proposed meetings dates are:

MEETING DATES FOR 2017							
Month	Day	Month	Day	Month	Day	Month	Day
January	23	April	24	July	24	October	23
February	27	May	22	August	28	November	No Meeting
March	27	June	26	September	25	December	11

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

None.

SUMMARY:

It is recommended that the Board approve the meetings be continued at the location and time recommended, following the schedule outlined herein.

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

FIRE CHIEF/CEO

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2017
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AGENDA

There are no Discussion Agenda Items for the October 24, 2017, Board Meeting.

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October 1, 2017

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

Re: General Counsel Board Report for October 2017

**When is an Employee Not Acting as an employee: The Coming and Going Rule? –
Part 1**

Within the realm of California law that governs liability of an employer for its employee's actions, is the concept of the "Going and Coming" rule. Rather than being dictated by a specific statute or law, the foundation of this rule developed over time through various cases decided in court.

The "Going and Coming" rule applies in circumstances where an employee is driving a vehicle during his or her regular commute to or from work, and the employee driver causes a traffic accident. The primary question on whether liability attaches to the employee's employer is: Was the employee acting in the course and scope of employment as to render the employer liable? In California exceptions to the Going and Coming Rule is a deceptively simple one. There is no reference to the "going and coming" rule concept in the Labor Code. However, the rule has developed over time by case law, essentially holding that the employer is not liable for injuries which occur during an employee's routine commute. However, it is the exceptions to this rule that catch practitioners unaware and lead, in many cases, to unintended consequences.

Background for "Going and Coming" Rule

The rationale for the rule is easy to grasp. The test for an industrial injury has two prongs: 1. AOE – The injury arises out of employment; and 2. COE – The injury occurs in the course of employment. The second prong of this test is not met for an injury that occurs in the course of a routine commute, because the injury has not occurred in the course of employment. The rationale is that the employee is not providing a "service" to the employer, and the employer is not receiving a "benefit" from the employee. But what if the employee is providing a benefit or service to the employer during this commute time? Does that convert a non-industrial injury into an industrial one? Perhaps. And that is here the many exceptions to the "going and coming" rule come into play.

The "Going and Coming" rule essentially states that the employer is not liable for injuries which occur during an employee's regular/routine commute. (*Hartline v. Kaiser Foundation Hospitals* (2005) 132 Cal.Ap.4th 458) The underlying reason behind the general rule is that since the employee is not providing a specific service to the employer, and the employer is not receiving a specific benefit from the employee, the employee is not acting within the course and scope of employment.

As you may imagine, there are numerous exceptions to the "Going and Coming" rule. These exceptions have been carved out based on facts and evidence which indicated, for example, that an employer compensates the employee for the time traveled during the commute, or the certain vehicle that an employee uses to commute to and from work is also used during work for the employer's business, or an employer requests that its employee perform an errand during the

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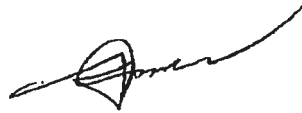
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employee's regular commute. These are just a few exceptions out of many that exist in the California legal landscape. Just as there are a variety of exceptions, similarly, there are also a variety of cases that clarify and expand the "Going and Coming" rule itself.

ROBERT H. JAMES, Attorney at Law



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

RHJ/klm
cc: Chief Steve Abbott



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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2017
SUBJECT: WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:**

- September 19, 2017 Letter: SDRMA Letter Re: No Paid Property Claims in 2016-17

● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:**

- October 5, 2017 Thank You Note:

Engine 112:

Captain Fieri
Engineer Harlin
Engineer Itzaina

September 19, 2017

Mr. Kenneth Munson
Board President
North County Fire Protection District
330 S Main Avenue
Fallbrook, California 92028-2138

Re: No Paid Property/Liability Claims in 2016-17

Dear Mr. Munson:

This letter is to formally acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the North County Fire Protection District's Governing Body, management and staff towards proactive risk management and loss prevention training. Your agency's efforts have resulted in no "paid" property/liability claims for program year 2016-17. A "paid" claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during the prior program year and excludes property claims. This is a great accomplishment!

It is through the efforts of members such as North County Fire Protection District that SDRMA has been able to continue providing affordable property/liability coverage to over 500 public agencies throughout California. In fact, 408 members or 81% in the property/liability program had no "paid" claims in program year 2016-17.

In addition to this annual recognition, members with no "paid" claims during 2016-17 earned 2 credit incentive points (CIPs) thereby reducing their annual contribution amount. Also, members with no "paid" claims for at least 3 consecutive program years may receive a lower "risk factor" which also reduces their annual contribution amount.

As SDRMA is dedicated to serving its members and preventing claims, we would appreciate your agency taking a moment and sharing with us what made your District successful in preventing property/liability losses. Our goal is to incorporate your successful ideas and suggestions into our loss prevention programs to benefit all members of SDRMA. Please forward any comments or suggestions to Dennis Timoney, SDRMA Chief Risk Officer at dtimoney@sdrma.org.

On behalf of the SDRMA Board of Directors and staff, it is my honor to congratulate the Governing Body, management and staff of 2017-18 for their commitment to proactive risk management and loss prevention training.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority



Jean Bracy, President
Board of Directors

MEDIC ENGINE 1112 NOT SUPE NEW RESIDENTS
ANTHONY FRIERI
JOE HARLIN
BRENT ITZAINA

Dear Chief Abbott,

10/5/17

Many thanks for sending the 3 paramedics Anthony, Joe, + Brent to East Ridge on Tues, 10/3. We had a good group who thoroughly enjoyed the program. There were some good questions as well. The young men were prepared and charming so we all enjoyed them.

Sincerely,

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Local firefighters help out in Northern California

Tom Ferrall

Eleven firefighters from the North County Fire Protection District are among the thousands of firefighters battling the fires burning across Northern California, considered among the deadliest in state history.

North County Fire Chief Steve Abbott said two fire engines – one out of Station 2 and the other out of Station 5 – and a smaller Type 6 truck ended up traveling to Napa after first being deployed to Anaheim Oct. 9 to assist with the Canyon Fire. On Oct. 11, the North County Fire personnel was released from the Canyon Fire and reassigned to the Northern California fires.

“You can keep resources for 14 days, so when they’ve got resources that are already assembled in a strike team and they’ve got a lot of time left, they’ll often redeploy them,” said Abbott.

Abbott said there are two geographic area coordination centers (called “GACCs”) in California – a Southern and a Northern – that coordinate the distribution of resources for fire operations.

“In Southern California, each county is its own operational area,” said Abbott. “The operational area will determine what resources from that area will go, and then the GACC will determine how many resources are needed from each operational area.”

Abbott said the fire engine out of Station 5 is an OES (Office of Emergency Services) engine that is always on call to be sent out of town.

“That’s an engine the state of California provides to agencies,” said Abbott. “It’s a nice benefit. You get a free fire engine. You are simply obligated to staff it and send it to these types of fires when requested.”

Abbott said the firefighters on the road check in daily.

“They’re required to check in every day to just let us know what’s going on and what their needs are – right down to does their family have any needs at home,” said Abbott. “These guys are gone for two weeks at a time and things happen at home.”

Abbott said California has a mutual aid system that works fluidly.

“If a fire breaks out here, the first thing we do is draw from agencies immediately around us within our zone,” said Abbott. “We have a zone automatic aid agreement. Without any special permission or requests, we have pre-determined draw down levels that each agency can supply to another area.”

This is the 10th anniversary of the Rice Fire in the Fallbrook area, and Abbott noted that other agencies were called upon to man the North County Fire stations since all North County Fire personnel were out fighting the blazes.

“During the Rice Fire we had other agencies that were backfilling our fire stations,” said Abbott. “Sometimes strike teams will exist just to provide the day-to-day operation for another city.”

Abbott added that mutual aid among fire agencies extends beyond state lines.

“We had resources here from Arizona when we had the Rice Fire,” said Abbott. “There are state mutual aid compacts for this reason.”

California has a lot of fire resources. According to statistics garnered by Abbott, there are 874 registered fire departments within the state, and 37 fire agencies within San Diego County. On Oct. 12, there were 10 Type 1 engines (structure), 35 Type 3 engines (brush), and 12 hand crews from San Diego County committed to fires throughout the state.

“California is pretty well-equipped,” said Abbott. “We can throw an awful lot of resources.”

As many as 10,000 firefighters from throughout California and surrounding states battled the Northern California wildfires that – as of Oct. 17 – had scorched more than 200,000 acres, destroyed or damaged more than 5,500 homes, displaced 100,000 people and killed at least 41.

Medicaid Covers All That? It's More Than Just Health Care for the Poor.

BY: [Kaiser Health News](#) | September 27, 2017

[By Phil Galewitz](#)

When high levels of lead were discovered in the public water system in Flint, Mich., in 2015, Medicaid stepped in to help thousands of children get tested for poisoning and receive care.

When disabled children need to get to doctors' appointments — either across town or hundreds of miles away — Medicaid pays for their transportation.

When middle-class older Americans deplete their savings to pay for costly nursing home care, Medicaid offers coverage.

The United States has become a Medicaid nation.

Although it started as a plan to cover only the poor, Medicaid now touches tens of millions of Americans who live above the poverty line. The program serves as a backstop for America's scattershot health care system, and as Republicans learned this year in their relentless battle to replace the Affordable Care Act, efforts to drastically change that can spur a backlash.

The latest Republican proposal — by Sens. Lindsey Graham (S.C.) and Bill Cassidy (La.) — was defeated in part because it would scrap the health law's Medicaid expansion and reduce federal funding for Medicaid over time. While Republicans in Congress are certain to continue to push for cuts, the fact is that Republican and Democratic governors as well as rich and poor Americans rely on the program.

Today, Medicaid is the nation's largest health insurance program, covering 74 million, or more than 1 in 5 Americans. Over the next weeks, Kaiser Health News will explore the vast reach of the program. Twenty-five percent of Americans will be on Medicaid at some point in their lives — many are just a pink slip away from being eligible.

Medicaid funding protects families from having to sell a home or declare bankruptcy to pay for the care of a disabled child or elderly parent. It responds to cover disaster relief, public health emergencies and programs in schools that lack other sources of funding.

Millions of women who don't qualify for full Medicaid benefits each year obtain family planning services paid for by Medicaid. These women have incomes as high as triple the federal poverty rate, or over \$36,000 for an individual. And thousands of women, who otherwise don't qualify for the program, get treated each year for breast and cervical cancers through Medicaid.

"Instead of cutting Medicaid, [lawmakers] increased public awareness of its value and made it even harder to cut in the future," said Jonathan Oberlander, professor of health policy and management at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and a supporter of the federal health law. The Medicaid cuts passed the House, but the ACA overhaul legislation fell short in the Senate in July.

Medicaid is the workhorse of the health system, covering:

39 percent of all children.

Nearly half of all births in the country.

60 percent of nursing home and other long-term care expenses.

More than one-quarter of all spending on mental health services and over a fifth of all spending on substance abuse treatment.

Unlike Medicare beneficiaries, who keep that insurance for life, most Medicaid enrollees churn in and out of the program every few years, depending on their circumstances.

Such numbers underline the importance of Medicaid, but also provoke alarm among conservatives and some economists who say the U.S. cannot afford the costs over the long run.

Bill Hammond, director of health policy of the fiscally conservative Empire Center for Public Policy in Albany, N.Y., said Medicaid has been a big help for those it was designed to cover — children and the disabled. But it has grown so big that the cost hurts state efforts to pay for other necessary public services, such as education and roads. “I can’t think of any other anti-poverty program that reaches so many people. ... It’s too expensive a benefit.”

“We need to transition people to get coverage in the private sector,” he said, noting how millions on the program have incomes above the federal poverty level.

It May Be The Person Down The Block

Joana Weaver, 49, of Salisbury, Md., who has cerebral palsy, has been on and off Medicaid since birth. For the past few years, it’s paid for home nursing services for six hours a day to help her get dressed, bathed and fed. That’s kept her out of a nursing home and enabled her to teach English part time at a local community college.

“For me, Medicaid has meant having my independence,” Weaver said.

Like Weaver, many people getting Medicaid today are not easily typecast. They include grandmothers — one-quarter of Medicaid enrollees are elderly people or disabled adults.

Or the kid next door. About half of Medicaid enrollees are children, many with physical or mental disabilities.

Many of the rest — about 24 million enrollees — are adults under 65 without disabilities who earn too little to afford health insurance otherwise. About 60 percent of non-disabled adult enrollees have a job. Many of those who don’t work are caregivers.

“It’s the mechanic down the street, the woman waiting tables where you go for breakfast and people working at the grocery store,” said Sara Rosenbaum, a health policy expert at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

While all states rely on Medicaid, it’s used more in some places than others because of varying state eligibility rules and poverty rates. As of August, about 44 percent of New Mexico residents are insured by Medicaid. In West Virginia and California, the rate is nearly 1 in 3.

Jane and Fred Fergus, in Lawrence, Kan., said Medicaid has been a cornerstone in their lives since their son, Franklin, was born eight years ago with a severe genetic disability that left him unable to speak or walk. He is blind and deaf on one side of his body.

Although the family has insurance through Fred’s job as a high school history teacher, Franklin was eligible for Medicaid through an optional program that states use to help families let their children be cared for at home, rather than moving to a hospital or nursing home. Medicaid pays all his medical bills, including monthly transportation costs to Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, where for the past 18 months he has been receiving an experimental chemotherapy drug to help shrink tumors blocking his airway, Jane Fergus said. It also covers his wheelchair, walker and daily nursing care at home.

“We have such great health care for him because of Medicaid,” his mother said.

Jane Fergus was never politically active until this year, when she feared that the GOP plans to cut Medicaid

funding would reduce services for her son.

“If there is a silver lining in all this debate, it’s that we have been given a voice, and people in power are being educated on the role of Medicaid,” she said.

Moving Beyond Its Roots

Medicaid was born in a 1965 political deal to help bring more support for President Lyndon Johnson’s dream of Medicare, the national health insurance program for the elderly.

Over the past 40 years and in particular since the 1980s, Medicaid expanded beyond its roots as a welfare program. In 1987, Congress added coverage for pregnant women and children living in families with incomes nearly twice the federal poverty level (about \$49,200 today for a family of four).

In 1997, Congress added the Children’s Health Insurance Program to help cover kids from families with incomes too high for Medicaid.

And since September 2013, Obamacare allowed states to expand the program to anyone earning under 138 percent of poverty (or \$16,394 for an individual in 2016), adding 17 million people.

In addition, more than 11 million Medicare beneficiaries also receive Medicaid coverage, which helps them get long-term care and pay for Medicare premiums.

“Medicaid is plugging the holes in our health system,” said Joan Alker, executive director of the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families, “and our health system has a lot of holes.”

But that comes at a steep price.

A Blessing And A Curse

With increasing enrollments and health costs steadily rising, the cost of Medicaid has soared. Federal and state governments spent about \$575 billion combined last year, nearly triple the level of 2000.

Those dollars have become both a blessing and a curse for states.

The federal government matches state Medicaid spending, with Washington paying from half to 74 percent of a state’s costs in 2016. Poorer states get the higher shares.

The funding is provided on an open-ended basis, so the more states spend the more they receive from Washington. That guarantee protects states when they have sudden enrollment spikes because of downturns in the economy, health emergencies such as the opioid crisis or natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina.

The program is the largest source of federal funding to states. And Medicaid is often the biggest program in state budgets, after public education.

“Medicaid is the elephant in the room for health care,” said Jameson Taylor, vice president for policy for the Mississippi Center for Public Policy, a free-market think tank. He said states have become dependent on the federal funding to help fill their state budget coffers. While the poorest states, such as Mississippi, get a higher percentage of federal Medicaid dollars, that still often isn’t enough to keep up with health care costs, he said.

Extensive Benefits

Medicaid provides significant financing for hospitals, community health centers, physicians, nursing homes and jobs in the health care sector.

But the revenue stream flows further. Billions in annual Medicaid spending goes to U.S. schools to pay for nurses; physical, occupational and speech therapists; and school-based screenings and treatment for children from low-income families, as well as wheelchairs and buses to transport kids with special needs.

Medicaid also often covers services that private health insurers and Medicare do not — such as non-emergency transportation to medical appointments, vision care and dental care. To help people with disabilities stay out of expensive nursing homes, Medicaid pays for renovations to their homes, such as wheelchair ramps, and personal care aides.

Rena Schraeger, 42, of Jupiter, Fla., who has severe vision problems, has relied on Medicaid for more than 20 years. Although she often has difficulty finding doctors who will accept Medicaid's reimbursements — which are often lower than private insurance and Medicare — she is grateful for the coverage. "When you do not have anything else, you are glad to have anything," Schraeger said.

As it's grown, Medicaid has become more popular, another reason why politicians are cautious to curtail benefits or spending.

A recent survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation showed three-fourths of the public, including majorities of Democrats (84 percent) and Republicans (61 percent), hold a favorable view of Medicaid. That's nearly as high as Americans' views on Medicare. (Kaiser Health News is an editorially independent program of the foundation.)

But it may still have a bull's-eye on its back.

"The fact that the House passed a bill to cut \$800 billion from Medicaid and it came one vote short to passing the Senate shows Medicaid is stronger than maybe many Republican leaders anticipated," said Oberlander. "But politically it is still in a precarious position."

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Hundreds of firefighters battle 2,000-acre Canyon Fire near Anaheim-Corona border; 5 percent containment

Darsha Philips, bio, about

Updated 33 mins ago

CORONA, Calif. (KABC) --

Hundreds of firefighters on Tuesday continued to battle a 2,000-acre brush fire that forced the evacuation of hundreds of homes as it raged near the border of Anaheim and Corona.

The so-called Canyon Fire remained 5 percent contained around noon in a burn area that straddled Orange and Riverside counties. The quick-moving blaze [originated about 1 p.m. Monday](#) near the eastbound 91 Freeway at Coal Canyon Road.

There were no reports of injuries in the fire, which damaged one home and destroyed the trailer of a semi-truck, according to the Orange County Fire Authority.

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday declared a local emergency for the Canyon Fire, which increases state and federal assistance in the firefight.

About 1,500 residents were under mandatory evacuation orders. Some were unsure if their homes would still be standing when they return.



THERE ARE NO MORE RECOMMENDATIONS

"All of a sudden there was fire right in front of my face, as I was evacuating," said James Kim. "I don't know what happened to my house or anything."

VIDEO: Surveillance video shows Canyon Fire dangerously close to Corona home



THERE ARE NO MORE RECOMMENDATIONS

Facebook activated its "safety check" feature for users in the vicinity of the fire as a way to "check on friends or mark yourself safe," according to the social media platform.

More than 300 firefighters were at the scene, attacking the wind-driven flames with hoses on the ground and water-drops from fixed-wing aircraft overhead. A unified command was comprised of the Anaheim, Corona, and Los Angeles County fire departments, the OCFA, U.S. Forest Service and Cal Fire.

Evacuation orders were in place for multiple streets in Corona: Dominguez Ranch, San Alamada Road, San Ponte Road, San Viscaya Circle, San Sebastian Circle, San Ramon, San Alvarado, Mt. Elena Circle, Mt. Tesoro, Mt. Palmas and Mt. Cantara.

Resident Jeff Peterson said he saw "little mini tornadoes of embers going through the neighborhood -- and I'm not exactly dressed like a firefighter out here, so it was time to go."

Corona High School, at 1150 W. 10th St, was serving as a shelter for displaced residents. Dominguez Ranch Road in Corona was closed to incoming traffic at Green River Road. By 7 p.m. Monday, evacuation orders were expanded to areas south of Green River Road from the 91 Freeway to Trudy Lane at Orchard Glen.

According to the Corona Fire Department, John Adams Elementary School, Cesar Chavez Academy, Coronita Elementary School and Prado View Elementary School will be closed Tuesday.

The cause of the fire was unknown.

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San Diego Fire officials increasing staff in anticipation of fir - CBS News 8 - San Diego, CA News Station

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SAN DIEGO (CNS) - San Diego Fire-Rescue Department officials are increasing staffing levels in anticipation of increased fire activity.

Over the next week, the coastal foothills of San Diego County are expected to see east-to-northeast winds of 15-20 miles per hour, with gusts of up to 30 mph, according to the Southern California Geographic Coordination Center.

The winds will leave the San Diego area at an elevated risk for large fires Monday through Wednesday, fire department officials said.

"Fire season is a year-round reality in our region, requiring firefighters and residents to be on heightened alert for the threat of wildland fire," Fire Chief Brian Fennessy said. "As history has demonstrated time and again, there is no greater threat to life and property in the city and region than wildland fire."

Five brush engines, with a crew of four personnel each, and two water tenders will be staffed between Monday and Thursday, fire officials said. In addition, the Metro Zone Emergency Command & Data Center and Air Operations Section staffing will also be increased.

Brush engines are large, off-road-capable vehicles with a water capacity of 600-1,500 gallons. The department's water tenders carry up to 3,000 gallons of water and provide water supply to engines at vegetation fires.

The department will closely monitor weather conditions and may extend the increased staffing depending on weather changes, officials said.

San Diego has hundreds of miles of wildland-urban interface, officials noted, making the risk of fire to homes and businesses especially severe.

The department said some fire-related deaths occur because people wait too long to leave their homes. Officials urged residents not to wait to be told by authorities to evacuate if a severe fire is nearby, and not to hesitate if they are told to leave.

County Fire union backs opposition to Victorville's public safety tax - News - VVdailypress.com

Paola Baker

It serves as a reminder, as a vote looms, that the politicized battleground now tied to the city's fire services is unlikely to resolve when the election does.

Editor's Note: This is the latest in a series of stories leading up to the Nov. 7 special election that will examine Victorville's Measure K ballot initiative. Other stories will look more closely at city finances, business impact and more.

VICTORVILLE — San Bernardino County Fire's union has put undisclosed sums of money into the campaign opposing the city's proposed half-cent sales tax for public safety, the Daily Press has learned.

The contribution by Professional Firefighters Union, Local 935 — confirmed recently by the organization's president and by the taxpayer group leading the anti-effort — forges a potentially awkward dynamic moving forward since the union represents one of two reported agency benefactors of the November ballot measure.

It also serves as a reminder, as a vote looms, that the politicized battleground now tied to the city's fire services is unlikely to resolve when the election does. In response to the union's challenge, a bewildered Mayor Pro Tem Jim Cox admitted: "Nobody expected this."

The proposed tax, [Measure K](#), is projected to generate an estimated \$8.5 million yearly, city officials say, and as a special tax must be earmarked only for bolstering services provided by County Fire and the Sheriff's Department, which both contract with the city.

Officials have already outlined plans for the supplemental cash, which they insist is desperately needed as public safety costs outpace revenues. Those plans include adding 15 new firefighter/paramedics and opening a fire station.

Cox said he had presumed the planned additions would have been viewed by the union as victories. But instead the union contributed funds to the Inland Empire Taxpayers Association, which has posted "Vote no on Measure K" signs across the city.

The exact amount spent should be revealed in public records during the next campaign finance reporting period before the Nov. 7 special election.

Jim Grigoli, president of Local 935, said the union's firefighters can't support Measure K without a pledge of how much revenue will be allotted to County Fire versus law enforcement and over concerns about what he described as the city's non-committal relationship with the department.

"All I'll tell you is that a public safety tax is, majority (of revenue) doesn't go to the Fire Department," Grigoli said by phone. "The second part is the city hasn't made any guarantees to us."

While city officials are fighting to keep local control of fire services, the union seeks assurance of County Fire's long-term presence in Victorville. The two objectives are inherently conflicting, however, because the most committed agreement possible — annexation — would mean the city abdicate such control.

The City Council's decision in February to vet different fire service agencies for a price-point comparison appears to have stirred the pot. When city leaders decided to terminate the County Fire contract, which officially expires June 30, they were steadfast it was done only as an exploratory measure and not as an indictment on County Fire's performance.

Despite early considerations of CalFire and the Apple Valley Fire Protection District, three options survived: a city-run department, a renewed contract with County Fire or annexation into County Fire. Officials view the city-run option as a slightly cheaper plan, but have said the savings achieved would not enable the expansion of services they seek.

Yet Grigoli said already having pulled the trigger on annexation would have "given Victorville the funding to accomplish everything they wanted," but the charted course instead has effectively put County Fire in a sort of limbo, he argued, and sparked speculation over job security if the city were determined to reactivate its own fire department.

"This could have easily been solved if they signed a long-term contract with us, but they didn't," he said. "And now we're at the point that we can't support something that will leave our guys without jobs."

Grigoli continued that annexation — which would enact a \$153 yearly special tax on nearly 38,000 parcels in the city — made more sense than a sales tax "when the parcel tax is designed to serve property."

But city officials increasingly sense that annexation, wherein County Fire assumes financial responsibility for equipment and stations, is being forced onto them. It's been widely publicized, [most recently by Councilman Jim Kennedy in an op-ed](#), that [Measure K's defeat will lead to annexation](#).

“I think a reasonable person would arrive at a conclusion that they simply want to oppose it,” Cox said of the union, “and hope that it will fail, to force the city to join into the county.”

To further his point, he noted the union’s opposition of the proposed sales tax in Barstow – meant to save the city’s fire department – as another sign of the union’s push for control.

The mayor pro tem, who distinguished between County Fire administrators and union officials, said the Council was initially presented by administrators with a wish-list and used it as a guide to determine that a sales tax would be the preferable option.

“We wanted the public to have a say-so on this,” he added, noting that the annexation petition process afforded to the public is rarely successful in shutting down parcel taxes.

He also said the ballot measure language did offer the guarantees that the union said were lacking, articulating specifically how County Fire would benefit.

“We think it’s pretty clear,” he said.

He acknowledged the harm done to the measure’s chances by losing the union’s support, coupled with the city’s inability by law to advocate or lobby for its passage. Cox on Tuesday asked City Manager Doug Robertson to again brief the Council later on its options for fire services.

“I’m mortified by it,” Cox said. “I can’t believe that professionals ... would conduct themselves in that way.”

Dan Mejia, assistant fire chief who heads Victorville operations, was calculated in a response to Measure K, declining to express either support or opposition and vowing the department would continue to provide premier services.

“(County Fire) has had a productive partnership with the City of Victorville for the past nine years,” he said in an email statement, “and are hopeful we can come to an agreement for future services.”

The disunity evident between the fire union and the city was not explicitly noticeable in the other benefactor to Measure K’s supplemental revenue; officials have pledged adding 10 new Sheriff’s Department deputies.

Lolita Harper, spokeswoman for the county’s Safety Employees Benefit Association, said because SEBA is not privy to the details of the city’s contract with the Sheriff’s Department, the union representing law enforcement could not make an educated assertion on whether a tax was justified.

“The city will need to find a way to offset its costs,” she said in an email statement. “If they choose to accomplish that goal by a special tax and the residents are supportive, that is their prerogative.”

Union President Laren Leichliter is scheduled to meet with Cox to discuss the ballot measure’s “pros and cons,” she added, saying that SEBA was “trying to keep an open mind.”

Meanwhile, Sheriff John McMahon described the department’s simplest goal as providing top-level service to Victorville residents.

“With that said, we would welcome additional funding,” he said in an email statement, “which will put more deputies on the street, improve response times to calls for service and help deal with the quality-of-life issues we face today.”

Commenting on the increasing deputy workload, he concluded by acknowledging the “tough job” city leaders have to balance budgets while also securing public safety funding.

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Bill Text - AB-579 Apprenticeship: fire protection: firefighter preapprenticeship program.

Assembly Bill No. 579

CHAPTER 344

An act to add Section 13159.15 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to apprenticeship, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[Approved by Governor September 28, 2017. Filed with Secretary of State September 28, 2017.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 579, Flora. Apprenticeship: fire protection: firefighter preapprenticeship program.

Existing law provides for apprenticeship programs within the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, which is within the Department of Industrial Relations, sponsored by specific entities and employers, and requires the Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to perform various functions with respect to apprenticeship programs and the welfare of apprentices.

This bill would require the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, in collaboration with the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee (CAL-JAC), to develop a statewide firefighter preapprenticeship program designed to recruit candidates from underrepresented groups. This bill would require the preapprenticeship program to meet specified objectives. This bill would also require CAL-JAC to deliver the pilot classes established by the preapprenticeship program using existing facilities and training models. This bill would require CAL-JAC to provide the program model to fire protection agencies, and would authorize a fire protection agency to then use that model and related resources to establish a local preapprenticeship program for recruiting candidates from underrepresented groups. This bill would reference an appropriation made in the Budget Act of 2017-18 to the division to establish the preapprenticeship program and would require the division to use those funds for specified purposes.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: NO Fiscal Committee: YES Local Program: NO

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1.

Section 13159.15 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

13159.15.

(a) The Division of Apprenticeship Standards, in collaboration with the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee (CAL-JAC), shall develop a statewide firefighter preapprenticeship program designed to recruit candidates from underrepresented groups.

(b) The firefighter preapprenticeship program funded by the division shall meet both of the following objectives:

(1) Create training and curriculum based on California firefighter standards designed to prepare candidates from underrepresented groups with the skills, competencies, and mentorship needed to pass the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT), and the written tests and oral components common to the California hiring process that are necessary for a candidate to be eligible for consideration and hire with fire protection agencies.

(2) Provide Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training to candidates from underrepresented groups, preparing them to meet the necessary minimum qualification required by the majority of fire protection agencies.

(c) CAL-JAC shall deliver the pilot classes established through the preapprenticeship program using existing facilities and training models in order to minimize the costs of the program. CAL-JAC shall provide the preapprenticeship program model to fire protection agencies. That program may include curriculum, course set up and outlines staffing and equipment requirements, and recruitment strategies developed pursuant to this section. A protection fire agency may then use those resources to establish a local

preapprenticeship program for recruiting candidates from underrepresented groups.

(d) The Division of Apprenticeship Standards shall provide the oversight and technical assistance in the development of this preapprenticeship program.

(e) For purposes of this section, "underrepresented groups" means groups that CAL-JAC determines are currently underrepresented in the firefighter profession.

SEC. 2.

Subject to an appropriation by the Legislature in the Budget Act of 2017–18 to the Division of Apprenticeship Standards for the purpose of funding the firefighter preapprenticeship program established pursuant to Section 13159.15 of the Health and Safety Code, both of the following shall apply:

(a) The division may use 5 percent of funds appropriated pursuant to this section for purposes of direct and indirect expenses incurred in administering the program.

(b) The division shall use all remaining funds appropriated pursuant to this section to contract with the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee to develop and deliver curriculum, other materials, and instructors necessary to implement the firefighter preapprenticeship pilot program.

SEC. 3.

This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

An appropriation to fund this measure was included in the Budget Act of 2017–18 which has been enacted and signed. In order for the appropriated funds to be used as intended, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

Stagecoach Sunday celebrates 27th year with new auction, fundraising goals

Newsroom



The Fallbrook Land Conservancy's annual fundraiser Stagecoach Sunday will be held from 1 to 4:30 p.m. this Sunday (Oct. 1) at the historic Palomares House and Park, located at 1815 S. Stagecoach Lane across from Dinwiddie Preserve.

FALLBROOK – Unique travel destinations, a scenic flight over Fallbrook, and a wine tasting tour at a local vineyard are just a few of the new “live auction” items that will be awarded to lucky bidders this Sunday, Oct. 1, during the Fallbrook Land Conservancy’s (FLC) annual fundraiser, Stagecoach Sunday.

In addition to the live auction, there will also be a silent auction and raffle where participants can bid on golf and fitness packages, coupons to amusement parks and other attractions, unique art and handicrafts, and certificates to restaurants, businesses and services.

While proceeds from the event traditionally go towards operating costs, the FLC hopes

this year's expanded auction format will also help kick start a new project in the works to install trail markers at Monserate Mountain, one of the 11 local nature preserves owned and managed by the nonprofit organization.

The goal of the project is to install markers every quarter mile along the Monserate Mountain trail, mirroring the 110-story climb of the 343 firefighters who lost their lives when the World Trade Center's twin towers collapsed on Sept. 11, 2001. Since 2003, the Fallbrook Firefighters have organized a Memorial Hill Climb in September at Monserate honoring the memory of those firefighters. Proceeds from the event are shared between the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and Homes For Our Troops.

In addition to honoring the firefighters, the trail marker project would help rescue workers locate hikers in distress. Located just east of Interstate 15 at Stewart Canyon and Pankey Road (now named Horse Creek Ridge), the trail system at Monserate consists of a 3.5-mile trail straight up the mountain and a five-mile loop around a water tank. The preserve is visited by upwards of 20,000 hikers annually.

"We've had a number of calls and rescues on Monserate Mountain," said Brandon Lucore, who has assisted the FLC with the project and recently retired as Division Chief of Operations for the North County Fire Protection District. "Having an accurate idea of where someone is will absolutely improve our ability to get to them quicker, but also helps responders make proactive decisions regarding access points, resource and equipment needs."

The trail marker project has been approved by California Fish and Wildlife, and an Eagle Scout candidate has proposed the construction of 20 dual-sided markers. Palomar College Global Information Systems (GIS) interns will also be involved in mapping the GPS coordinates for the markers, working with the North County Fire Department to incorporate them into their EMS mapping system.

Stagecoach Sunday starts at 1 p.m. at the historic Palomares House and Park where, in addition to the auction, visitors can enjoy a slow-cooked barbeque dinner by Firehouse Que & Brew and a "saloon" catered by Fallbrook Brewing Company. There will also be authentic stagecoach rides from G & F Carriages, several nature exhibits and information booths, animal demonstrations by Pacific Animal Productions, and a Kids' Corral offering carnival games, crafts, face painting, pumpkin decorating and more.

Highland Way, a popular Celtic band, will perform live throughout the afternoon, with the event ending at 4:30 p.m. While parking and admission are free, several ticket packages are available starting at \$35 for two adult dinner tickets, eight \$1 drink tickets and eight \$1 raffle tickets (a \$38 value).

Gary Beeler, Stagecoach Sunday chairman, is looking forward to another great turnout.

“Stagecoach Sunday is our longest, ongoing community-centered fundraiser,” said Beeler. “We’re hoping as many people as possible will come out and enjoy this fun afternoon for a good cause.”

Megan Gamble, auction chair, thanked in advance “all of the volunteers and donors, past and present, who’ve made this event a success for 27 years.”

Tickets can be ordered online and are also available on the day of the event. Pre-ordered tickets will be ready for pickup at the Will Call table.

For more information, visit www.fallbrooklandconservancy.org or call 760-728-0889.

Julian fire district rejects county, opts to go it alone

J. Harry Jones

The directors of the [Julian](#)-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District have again opted not to join the San Diego County Fire Authority — a move that will lessen their ability to respond to medical emergencies and structure fires in the area.

Citing a desire to retain local control, a distrust of the county, and pinning their hopes on a probable bond measure next year in which they will ask the approximately 2,500 residents of the area to triple a fire benefit fee, the board recently voted 4-1 to remain independent.

The decision means that come Jan. 1 the county will withdraw a fully staffed paramedic fire engine that has been based in Julian for the past two years. The county also will end a \$60,000 subsidy of the volunteer department and an arrangement to automatically respond to emergencies with Cal Fire/Authority engines in the Julian district.

Cal Fire has jurisdiction throughout the area to suppress wildland fires, but in the Julian and Cuyamaca areas it's the Julian department that responds to structure fires, traffic accidents and medical emergencies. Along with protecting the thousands who live in the area, they also respond to emergencies involving the tens of thousands of tourists that find their way up the hill each year for apple pie, shopping, joy riding and a taste of nature.

The county feels that Julian has broken a commitment to join the Fire Authority it made two years ago when it signed a contract that brought the fully staffed paramedic engine to town. Julian agreed in the contract to consider joining the authority, but according to its board, did not commit to doing so.

Supervisor Dianne Jacob, who has championed the authority since its creation in 2008 following two devastating firestorms that decade that began in the backcountry, feels differently.

“Julian signed a deal with the county that they would initiate the dissolution (of their fire district),” Jacob said recently. “A deal is a deal. They needed to make a decision at some point whether they were going to dissolve and become a part of the County Fire Authority, knowing they are going to lose the county money if they don't. It's always been a community decision.”

Julian Fire Board President Jack Shelver, the only board member who voted against a motion to decline the county's offer, said the contract indicated the district would consider joining the county before it expired on Jan. 1, 2018. He said the county came to the district this summer with a proposal that would begin the process of absorbing the district, something the county wanted to make happen even though it would cost about \$1.5 million. But after meetings were held in the community, the decision was made Sept. 12 to go it alone yet again.

The decision clearly worries Julian Fire Chief Rick Marinelli. He said the 10 volunteer firefighters in the district were all opposed to joining the county, but the result of the board's decision to reject the county will be serious.

"This is all about level of service," Marinelli said. "We do okay as a volunteer fire department with our current budget. Now that the county has taken away (the paramedic engine, its automatic response commitment, a water tender truck and) the \$60,000 (annual stipend), it's going to impact us substantially. It's going to put a big reduction in our service level. The controversy really comes from what level of service do we feel like we want to provide to the public. Some feel like we should be providing paramedic-level assessment service on our fire trucks. Some don't feel it's necessary."

There is one ambulance in the Julian area. Under the current county contract, when there is a traffic accident or medical emergency, the ambulance responds as does the paramedic fire truck. Should the ambulance be out of the area transporting someone to the hospital, the paramedic engine will respond and stabilize the patient until another ambulance responds under the county's mutual aid system. That truck will not be available come the end of the year, potentially leaving the area without any medical responders for what could be critical amounts of time.

Aida Tucker, the vice president of the Julian fire board, said there are several reasons she and other members voted against the deal. Everyone conceded the volunteer department is going to be stretched thinner, but other concerns and desires superseded that worry.

"Those in support of independence believe this is an historical town and (the volunteer department) is part of our town," she said. "They don't want to get rid of it."

She said the board doesn't trust the county and she doesn't like the idea that the Julian district recently built a new fire station that the county would take over if the Fire Authority took control.

Before signing the two-year contract in 2015 that brought the paramedic engine to town, a measure was put on the 2014 ballot to increase the benefit fee tax that each

homeowner in the service area pays toward fire protection. Needing 66.6 percent to pass, it failed with only 46.6 percent of voters agreeing to raise their taxes.

But Turner said there are plans to put another bond measure on the ballot next year to raise the benefit fee from \$50 to \$200. Because of a recent California Supreme Court decision that is still being litigated, such a citizen-initiated bond might require only a majority vote to pass. Turner also said the state's decision to end a \$150 tax on property bills in rural areas for rural fire protection could prove pivotal.

Perhaps voters can be convinced to view the \$150 benefit fee increase as something that replaces the state tax, he said, but this time the money would go directly to Julian rather than Sacramento.

But even if the benefit fee passes, Chief Marinelli said, it still wouldn't be enough extra money to bring the district back to the level of service it currently enjoys. A benefit fee of \$350 to \$400 would be required to allow the district to hire firefighter-paramedics to staff an engine full time.

Fire Authority Chief Tony Mecham wonders how Julian will fair. "They will be completely on their own after Jan. 1," he said.

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SDG&E announces grant helping county fire agencies

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SAN DIEGO (CNS) - To help protect the San Diego area from wildfires, San Diego Gas & Electric announced a \$100,000 grant that will allow local emergency-services providers to purchase an array of essential equipment.

"By collaborating with fire agencies to help provide critical equipment they need and continuing to improve our electric system, we are making our region more prepared today than it was yesterday," said Dave Geier, the utility's senior vice president of electric operations.

The six-figure award will allow the San Diego County Fire Authority and firefighting agencies in Alpine, Julian and Borrego Springs to obtain new state-of-the-art equipment, including upgraded maps and radios, self-contained breathing units, medical equipment, and mobile computers on fire engines, and will also pay for additional education and outreach on defensible space and other vital fire protections, according to SDG&E.

To date, the utility has donated nearly \$1 million worth of shareholder funds through its "SAFE San Diego" initiative, a program that benefits fire agencies, fire-safe councils, community emergency-response teams and other organizations that educate the public about fire prevention, encourage emergency preparedness, and carry out response and recovery efforts.

"In San Diego County, we live with the year-round threat of wildfires, so these donations are instrumental to our brothers and sisters who respond to (emergency) calls every day," county Fire Chief Tony Mecham said. "We know that collaborations like this are truly making an impact when we can measurably reduce response times and fire damage to private properties."

San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob: 'We'll Never Prevent Another Big Fire'

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

By Alison St John, Megan Burke



Above: San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob is pictured in this photo taken Oct. 17, 2017.

Following the 2007 Wildfires, San Diego County was criticized for the amount of money it spent on fire prevention each year, \$8.5 million compared to Los Angeles County, which spent 100 times more on its fire department and Orange County which spent \$375 million dollars.

San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob wanted to make big changes after the fires to invest in fire prevention. The majority of the nearly 300,000 acres burned by the Harris and Witch Creek fires were in the county's unincorporated area represented by Supervisor Jacob.

To mark the 10 year anniversary of the 2007 wildfires, KPBS North County reporter Alison St John spoke with Jacob about whether the county has done enough to prepare for the next wildfire. Here's that interview.

Q: Back in 2017, I remember that San Diego was the only large county in California that did not have its own county fire authority. It was disbanded back in the 1970s to save money I think. And since then the county has been working to try to get a more coordinated fire response and protection force. How much progress have we made would you say?

A: A lot. It was 2008, the [County Fire Authority](#) was actually started. Even though the county had started investing money very slowly after the Cedar Fire up until 2008. But 2007 was a greater impetus. So what we have under the San Diego County Fire Authority now is over a million acres. And that's of backcountry land. Many of those acres were underserved or not served at all by a fire agency. We had volunteer departments and a real hodgepodge of entities and a disparity in service levels.

Q: Julian has just voted last month not to join the County Fire Authority. Are you concerned there are still some holes in the system there?

A: I am concerned. If you look at the map you'll see a hole in the middle. And that's the Julian fire district. I'm not quite sure that the people in the community and property owners, there are many property owners who own homes up there, weekend homes, really realize what that means.

Q: How much does the county spend on fire prevention?

A: About \$35 million annually. So while other fire departments have been cutting back, the County Fire Authority has been growing and the board of supervisors has continually invested more money into it.

Q: Ok well that's compared to about \$8.5 million back in 2008?

A: Correct

Q: So that's pretty substantial growth but still maybe nothing like as much as L.A. County invests?

A: Well we're not as big as L.A. County* and we don't get the same amount as our property taxes here that L.A. County does and that's troublesome. But, we've made great investment and not only that but facilities. A lot of those volunteer fire companies, they had fire stations but they didn't have overnight living facilities. So a lot of the money went into facilities and then vegetation management. And then of course the resources, the personnel as well as fire trucks, water tenders and so on.

(*Editors note: According to county records, San Diego County's unincorporated area is roughly 3,500 square miles compared to about 2,600 in Los Angeles County.)

Q: Back in 2008 the voters rejected a bond measure that would have raised \$50 million a year for fire prevention. Do you feel like San Diego is sorely missing that kind of resource?

A: It's never enough, it's never enough and we can always do more. But the county has dug into their budget and made it a priority. This board of supervisors unanimously has said, you know, fire protection is a priority. And we have a very cost-effective model to where we have the paid fire professionals working alongside the reserves and they all have the same training and background and so on. And we're very fortunate to have the reserves be a part of that.

Q: SDG&E was found to be responsible for several of the fires back in 2007. Has SDG&E done enough to make their facilities, their lines safer?

A: No. Not at all. I mean, the Cedar Fire in 2003 should have been a wake up call for SDG&E to harden their infrastructure. That is, to change out those wood poles to steel poles, and by the way, as we speak they're still doing it. They still haven't completed the job. But to separate those wires, it was the arching of the wires that the wind caused to come together that started those fires back in 07. They have not done that.

Q: What do you make of the CPUC's delays in making a decision on how much SDG&E should reimburse people for their role in the fire?

A: I'm concerned. I mean, I'm deeply concerned about the decision, potential decision that the PUC will be making on this. People should not be paying the cost of those fires, period. SDG&E caused the fires, the company should pay.

Q: Back in 2008 the county spent about \$50 million on brush removal, brush clearance. Is the county still doing any of that?

A: Those were federal dollars, and that was for the dead, diseased and dying trees. We lost so many in the Cedar Fire. And that money unfortunately has run out. The county continues though to be clearing road right-of-ways in doing what we can on our county property. But a lot of our property is federal-state property. The feds and the state need to step up and take care of their property too in terms of vegetation management. But then all of us as property owners have a job to do to make sure we have defensible space.

Q: There is a lot of new development being proposed for the unincorporated areas – like lilac hills which did not pass. But then we have Newland Sierra project that is perhaps in the works. Is the county asking developers who build in the backcountry to do enough for fire prevention?

A: Well first of all, we spent a lot of money and many years on a general plan update. And that general plan update is pretty darn good in that it restricts the number of homes that you can put in to our most vulnerable high-risk fire areas. And to me it's really, really important for developers and ultimately the board of supervisors to uphold that general plan.

Q: So you have been one of the ones that's been pushing for a coordinated fire authority most strongly ever since the 2007 fires. If you had your way, what more progress would you like to see?

A: Well I think one of the areas we really need to work on is how to maintain and sustain our reserve corps. There's a high turnover with our reserves because many of them come from out of San Diego County, Huntington Beach up north of our county, just to get the training. And then, we do such a good job of training them they serve us in the County Fire Authority for a period of time and then other departments hire them away. That will continue to become a challenge. The model is really good. But eventually I can see us having more professional firefighters where we're going to have be paying full time or we're going to have to up the ante and pay our reserves more of a stipend than they're getting now. Because that's one of the issues that needs to get resolved and it's probably a money problem.

Q: Do you have sleepless nights worrying if we have got enough protection for wildfire?

Jacob: Well, we'll never prevent another big fire. Never. And we would never, no matter how much money we spend have enough resources to stop another major firestorm. It's just the nature of the area we live in. It's a high-risk fire environment. And where we have those factors with Santa Ana winds, we have a lot of vegetation, we have the dryness in there, that sets up those unique conditions for a major fire storm. So all we can do is our best at this point. As a government agency and also as landowners we need to do our part too because preparedness starts with us.

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California Wildfires: 42 Now Dead; Weather Helps 10,000 Firefighters; New NorCal And SoCal Fires

Aided by cooler temperatures and overnight humidity, firefighters are making progress in their battle against several large wildfires that continue to burn in California, the state's main firefighting agency reported Wednesday. Tragically, [the death toll attributed to the current Northern California firestorm rose again, to 42](#), following the discovery Tuesday of another victim in the burn zone of the Tubbs Fire in Sonoma County, Cal Fire said. Nearly 10,000 firefighters remain assigned to the fires.

Three new fires broke out Tuesday, one in Northern California and two in Southern California. The Fallon Fire [burned more than 100 acres in the Bay Area](#) and temporarily forced people from their homes. [The Wilson Fire down south](#), near the Mount Wilson Observatory and Communications Towers, forced the evacuation of the observatory. [A new fire on Camp Pendleton in San Diego County](#) burned through more than 1,000 acres.

Watch: California Wildfire Victims Seek Help After Losing Homes

Already Wednesday, [SoCal was hit with another pair of small brush fires](#). The fires near the 57 freeway caused some traffic nightmares for morning commuters, but there are no immediate reports of structural damage or injuries.

In the Bay Area, evacuation orders were lifted Tuesday for approximately 12,000 people, according to Cal Fire reports.

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"While many on the evacuation orders have been lifted in Northern California, over 22,000 people remain out of their homes due to the fires," Daniel Berlant of Cal Fire said in a Wednesday morning fire summary report.

Courtesy of Cal Fire, here are the main fires crews are fighting as of Tuesday, Oct. 17:

CAL FIRE Incidents

CENTRAL LNU COMPLEX (3 fires)

In unified command with Santa Rosa Fire Department & Sonoma County Sheriff
CAL FIRE Incident Management Team assigned
23 civilian fatalities & 1 private water tender operator

Tubbs Fire, Sonoma and Napa Counties

Between Calistoga and Santa Rosa

36,432 acres, 91% contained

Significant number of structures destroyed

Pocket Fire, Sonoma County

North of Geyserville

12,430 acres, 63% contained

Nuns Fire, Sonoma County

East of Hwy 12 from east Santa Rosa to east of Sonoma

54,423 acres, 80% contained

The Oakmont Fire burned into the Nuns Fire overnight.

SOUTHERN LNU COMPLEX (1 fire)

CAL FIRE Incident Management Team assigned

Atlas Fire, Napa & Solano Counties

South of Lake Berryessa and northeast of Napa

- 51,064 acres, 83% contained
- 6 civilian fatalities
- Significant structures destroyed

MENDOCINO-LAKE COMPLEX (2 fires)
CAL FIRE Incident Management Team assigned

Redwood Valley, Mendocino County
North of Hwy 20 in Potter Valley and Redwood Valley

· 35,800 acres, 75% contained
8 civilian fatalities
Significant structures destroyed

Sulphur Fire, Lake County
Clearlake Oaks

2,207 acres, 92% contained

WIND COMPLEX (3 fires)
CAL FIRE Incident Management Team assigned

Cascade Fire, Yuba County
Loma Rica area

9,989 acres, 98% contained
4 civilian fatalities
Significant structure destroyed

Lobo Fire, Nevada County
Rough and Ready area
821 acres, 99% contained
Multiple structures destroyed

LaPorte Fire, Butte County
Bangor area

6,151 acres, 98% contained

OTHER FIRES

Fallon Fire, Alameda County NEW
Fallon Road, 3 miles east of Dublin
116 acres, 70% contained

****Unified Command Incidents****

Bear Fire, Santa Cruz County
Bear Creek Canyon Road, northeast of Boulder Creek
270 acres, 10% contained

****Federal Incidents****

Wilson Fire, Los Angeles County NEW
Mount Wilson, Mount Wilson Observatory
30 acres, 25% contained

Buffalo Fire, San Diego County NEW
Camp Pendleton
1,088 acres, 50% contained

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IMAGE: J. Petrocelli of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue walks through the burned out remains of a home while searching the Coffey Park area Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017, in Santa Rosa, Calif. / CREDIT: Rich Pedroncelli / Associated Press

Thanks for your feedback.

Families can explore fire station at North County Fire’s annual open house

Newsroom

FALLBROOK – North County Fire’s annual open house is a free event for the communities of Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at Fire Station 1, 315 E. Ivy St, in Fallbrook.

Many family friendly activities will be offered to teach adults and children alike about the importance of fire safety in the community. There will be free hot dogs and ice cream for all participants, as well as tours of fire engines, sheriff’s department and California Highway Patrol vehicles and a helicopter on-site. Informational materials on fire preparedness will be available to the public, and firefighters will be there to answer any questions.

All ages are welcome to attend the event and are encouraged to participate in activities. To find out more, visit North County Fire at www.northcountyfireprotectiondistrict.org.

Contract firefighter killed near Napa County wildfire

Sarah Heise

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WEBVTT >> BREAKING NEWS LIVE OUT OF NAPA COUNTY. AT LEAST ONE PERSON IS DEAD AFTER A WATER TANKER CRASHED. AUTHORITIES SAY THE WATER TANKER OVERTURNED AND ROLLED DOWN THE GRADE. IT HAPPENED WHERE FIREFIGHTERS ARE BATTLING SEVERAL WIRELESS WILDFIRES.

Contract firefighter killed near Napa County wildfire

NAPA COUNTY, Calif. (KCRA) —

A contract firefighter who was driving a water tender truck was killed Monday morning when it went off the road and crashed in Napa County near the Nuns Fire, Cal Fire officials said.

The truck overturned about 6:50 a.m. on Oakville Grade, about two miles west of Highway 29.

The driver was working the 48,000-acre Nuns Fire that's burning in Napa County, Cal Fire Chief David Shew said.

Oakville Grade is a very steep road and is "known as one of the steepest in Napa County," Shew said. He was driving downhill when the water tender truck overturned.

"Something happened," Shew said. "I don't know what yet, but he lost control and the vehicle rolled off the embankment."

[++Take a look at all the wildfires burning in Northern California](#)

The victim is not a Cal Fire firefighter, but was hired as a contract firefighter. During large fires, Cal Fire hires contracted equipment, such as water tenders and bulldozers, to help suppress the fires. This is normal to have extra equipment on large fires, Shew said.

It is unclear what may have caused the crash, but Shew said "fatigue is definitely a factor" with all the firefighters who have been working long shifts on the wildfires burning across Northern California.

The driver's identity has not been released.

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Barry D. Smith profiles how the US Marines Corps fights fires in California using helicopters and tiltrotors

With over 125,000 acres of range land, wildfires are a common occurrence at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base in Southern California, US. In addition to the base's fire department, US Marine Corps (USMC) helicopters are used to fight these fires. They can also be called upon to assist local civilian fire departments during large wildland fires throughout southern California.



The USMC works closely with air and ground units of CAL FIRE, the state civilian

The USMC uses the CH-53E Super Stallion, firefighting agency. Credit: Barry D Smith
the UH-1Y Huey and the MV-22 Osprey aircraft models to fight these fires. Squadrons of these helicopters based at Camp Pendleton and Miramar Marine Corps Air Station, located a short distance from Pendleton, rotate firefighting duty on a monthly basis. They use underslung water buckets filled from a lake, pond, or other source to drop on the fire. Depending on which aircraft used, the buckets can hold from 320 up to 900 gallons (1,450 to 4,090 l) of water. All three types of aircraft are equipped with forward looking infrared (FLIR) turrets, which the crews use to see through the smoke to locate firefighters on the ground and see exactly where the fire is located. In addition, the pilots can also see other aircraft better with the FLIR. Use of all available sensors makes operations safer and more effective with better situational awareness.

Super Huey

Pilots report that the performance of the UH-1Y helicopter has been outstanding during the fires. The UH-1Y has a 4,000-pound (1,800-kg) maximum load on the cargo hook; a full 320-gallon water bucket weighs about 2,500 pounds.

all three types of aircraft are equipped with forward looking infrared turrets

“We usually took about a 90-per-cent fuel load, which left us with a comfortable power margin,” commented Major Jeff Barnes, a UH-1Y instructor pilot. “Some of the major lessons we learned is that using the Bambi Bucket is not like other external load operations. In firefighting operations, we have a constant load that reaches 25 ft below the aircraft and changes weight by 2,500 pounds when we fill and release the water. So, it takes a different mindset where we have to be aware of how that bucket and load affects the aircraft performance at all times. It is very dynamic.”

Full tilt

The Osprey uses a 900-gallon bucket – thanks to its high lifting capacity, the crews can carry a full load of fuel and still be below maximum weight. Because of the amount of rotor downwash with the MV-22, a 130-ft (40-m) cable is used between the bucket and the aircraft to prevent the proprotors from fanning the flames (the length of cable used for standard sling loads would be just 10-20 ft). The fact that the bucket is significantly lower than the aircraft is a factor when the pilots are manoeuvring close to the ground, requiring a little more piloting skill and finesse during the fire missions. More power and time is needed to slow down and make turns – any quick movements will cause the load to pendulum and pull the aircraft off the intended flight path. Each Osprey squadron averages three trained crews, which is six pilots and nine crew chiefs. They can train more personnel as they perform actual firefighting missions, as long as there is at least one pilot and one crew chief qualified on the fire mission in the aircraft.

Super Stallion

The CH-53E Super Stallion also uses the 900-gallon water bucket, which doesn't even put it close to its

maximum load carry capacity. The pilots say the firefighting mission is not all that different from their regular military role; they do a lot of external load work with the 53 at low altitudes, doing the weight management and power calculations. Fire runs involve members of the crew taking the lead at different times, explained Barnes: "I put together a class to teach crews how to fly firefighting missions and I made a comparison to a WWII bomber crew. The pilots get the aircraft to the target and then hand over the ship to the bombardier to fly the bomb run and release the bombs. That is what we do on fire missions. The crew chiefs in the cabin have much better visibility than the pilots as the aircraft comes over the fire and are the ones that actually drop the water."



He continued: "When we are coming into a dip site to get water, they are calling out any obstacles and tell us how low to go to get the bucket in the water. When we are dipping out of lakes, they also watch for civilian boats that might get too close and be damaged or sunk by our rotor downwash. The pilots can't see the bucket, so the cabin crew tells them where the bucket is in relation to the ground and any obstacles and when they are clear to fly away from the dip site."

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The situation is reversed while flying to the fire, said Barnes: "En route to where the aircraft is going to drop the water, the pilots will paint a picture of the drop area for the cabin crew as they can't see forward as easily as the pilots can. ... There is a constant conversation between the pilots and cabin crew to co-ordinate their efforts to get the water on the fire. When we drop the water we are typically flying at about 50 knots with the bucket about 50 ft above the ground."

Civilian co-op

Due to the large size of the base, Camp Pendleton has a mutual aid agreement with CAL FIRE, the state civilian firefighting agency. Any major wildfire will bring CAL FIRE air and ground resources onto the base. CAL FIRE has a helicopter co-ordinator position that usually flies in a light helicopter from a local law enforcement or fire agency. Called the MILCO, or military helicopter co-ordinator, he/she assigns the military helicopters their drop missions and does airspace co-ordination so they don't conflict with civilian helicopters and air tankers working

on the fire. The MILCO helicopter will also act as the communications relay between the civilian air and ground firefighting forces and the military helicopters.

Talking with several pilots, they say the difficult part is integrating into the civilian system working with the firefighters on the ground. They will review those policies and techniques more often in the classroom setting. On an actual fire, they usually arrive and shut down to talk with the firefighters on the ground before starting to drop water. They also have the command and control aircraft



that tells them where to drop and what the aircraft traffic pattern over the fire is.

“The biggest challenge I see is the congested airspace with many aircraft operating in a small area with degraded visibility due to the smoke,” explained one pilot. “So, situational awareness is key. We also have to make sure we aren’t pressing too hard. We want to save people’s homes, but we have to take a step back every once in a while to make sure we don’t compromise on safety.”

The crews continue to work with CAL FIRE and expand and increase their training opportunities and expertise. For example, they have training exercises with CAL FIRE representatives on the ground giving them guidance and advice on drop techniques and procedures. This also improves air-ground co-ordination during a real fire. In addition, they help the Marines with set up, break down, and troubleshooting the water buckets.

“It was a great experience and I look back on it as one of my favorite things I have done as a Marine pilot,” commented Captain Donald Carlsen, a CH-53E pilot. “You are doing something good for your community as well as doing something you don’t normally get to do. Overall, it is a very satisfying mission. This mission is very similar in concept to what we do as Marine aviators. Our main mission is the support the Marines on the ground however we can. When we are fighting fires, our job is to support the firefighters on the ground by delivering loads of water how and where they need it. So, it fits our normal mission profile like a glove.”[△]

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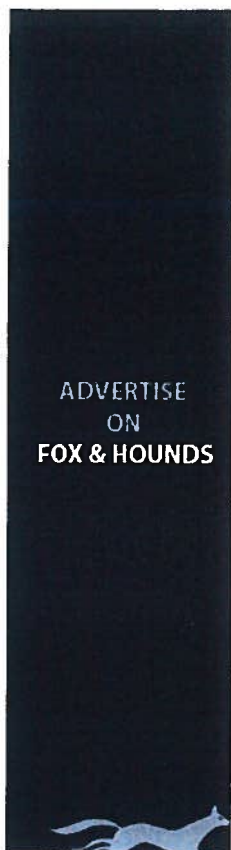
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New Stanford University Study Reveals California Pension Crisis is Bad Now, But Likely to Get A Lot Worse

David Kersten



Amidst a backdrop of an ever worsening “pension crisis,” Stanford University has released a new “bombshell” study that documents the “financial tail spin” that California state and local governments are struggling with as a result of spiking pension costs, but things will only get “worse” over the next decade, according to [the report](#).

The report, titled [“Pension Math: Public Pension Spending and Service Crowd Out in California, 2003-2030.”](#) was authored by Joe Nation, Ph.D. who is a former Democrat State Assemblyman and leading expert on pension reform.

Nation has authored a series of major reports on the pension issue going back nearly 10 years to the Schwarzenegger Administration when the then-Governor first asked him to study the issue and produce a report.

The nearly 200-page report contains an in-depth examination of the financial impact of rising pension costs over the past 10 years, and examines the projected impact going forward to the year 2030.

The major case studies include the State of California, the California State Public Employees’ Retirement System (CALPERs), California State Teachers’ Retirement System (CALSTRs), and a number of local city and school district systems including the City of Los Angeles, counties of Alameda, Los Angeles and Marin, as well as Los Angeles Unified School District and Visalia Unified School District.

The report contains dozens of major sets of figures, graphs and charts, for all agencies studied, but the results are the same across agencies—a dramatic spike in public employer costs since the early 2000s, with higher costs projected through 2030 on the order of nearly a doubling of total “employer” costs from 2017-18 to 2029-30, which most agencies say are already wholly “unaffordable.”

The report details a few different scenarios—the “baseline” results which is essentially the overly optimistic assumptions assumed by the agencies, and an “alternative result” which assumes a more realistic annual investment return that is 2% less than the standard discount rate (usually 7% or 7.5% depending on the system) through 2028-29.

In 2002-03, the State of California’s total pension contributions to its main state employee plans CALPERs and CALSTRs was \$1.6 billion. This amount increased to \$4.3 billion in 2008-09.

"In 2017-18, the state must contribute \$8.5 billion, more than five times the 2002-03 amount. Under the baseline projection, this total contribution increases to \$17.3 billion in 2029-30; under the alternative projection, it reaches \$19.5 billion," states the report.

The State of California's total pension expenditures (excluding local) have increased by 532% between 2002-03 and 2017-18. This compares to total General Fund spending which has only increased by 58%, according to the report.

By comparison, total spending on "social services" has only increased by 4% over the period, and total spending on "higher education" has increased by 47% over the period.

"As pension funding amounts have increased, government have reduced social, welfare and educational services, as well as "softer" services, including libraries, recreation, and community services. In some cases, governments have reduced total salaries paid, which likely includes personnel reductions," states the report.

A closer review of the report illustrates that the situation is even more dire at the local levels of government where most public services are delivered, despite more limited revenue growth and ability to fund "unsustainable" cost increases.

Furthermore, it is a little known fact that roughly 2/3 of the California State Budget is transferred down to the local levels of government, which in effect masks the extent of the state's "pension crisis" at the state level of government.

Most local agencies are projected to experience an approximate "doubling" or more of their pension costs between 2017-18 and 2029-30—despite far more limited revenue growth, and a number of competing expenditure priorities.

To illustrate, the under the realistic cost scenario the County of Alameda is projected to experience a near doubling of its "employer" costs from \$300 million in 2018-19 to more than \$600 million in 2029-30. The County of Los Angeles "employer" cost is projected to go from \$1.5 billion in 2018-19 to nearly \$3.5 billion in 2029-30—a more than 200% increase.

Just last month, a number of local officials and administrators made a trip to Sacramento to plead with CALPERs to do something regarding skyrocketing pension costs, but the agency essentially shrugged off any suggestions that it might change its "business as usual" approach to "unaffordable" cost increases, [according to a report by the Reason Foundation](#).

Perhaps what is most disturbing is that the state's public employee unions continue to stand by their "head in the sand" of even denying there is a "major financial crisis" looming in the state's pension system, and entire system of public finance for that matter.

Dave Low, chairman of the union-supporter Californians for Retirement Security, says that he expect it to "take decades" of higher contributions from employers for CALPERs and CALSTRs to "dig themselves out of the losses they suffered during the recession," according to [a recent Sacramento Bee report](#).

The unfortunate reality is that many California localities, possibly even the State of California, will continue to struggle for however many "decades" it takes this process to occur. And many localities will likely be faced with "fiscal insolvency," even "bankruptcy" as reported by public officials from the California cities of Oroville and Richmond in a series of recent media reports.

Something that Low and many public employee union leaders appear to misunderstand, or possibly just publicly deny, is that their positions clearly contradict the actual "facts," and that it will be their members who bear the brunt of any financial downturn or collapse in the state and local pension system, which appears increasingly inevitable.

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1 structure damaged in Fallbrook grass fire



About one acre of grass burned off Rice Canyon Road in Fallbrook Saturday. One structure was damaged.



By **Pauline Repard**

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One structure sustained minor damage in a grass fire along Rice Canyon Road in Fallbrook on Saturday.

The blaze broke out near Huntley Road and state Route 76 about 4 p.m.

Cal Fire crews aided by aircraft got most of the flames knocked down before the fire spread past about one acre, fire Capt. Jon Heggie said.

He did not know if the damaged structure was a house. No injuries were reported.

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Hot, Dry Conditions Fan Flames of San Diego Brush Fires

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Homeowners in Fallbrook had a close encounter Saturday with a brush fire as flames scorched 1.5 acres of a 22-acre avocado grove, the flames burning just feet away from their doorstep.

Richard Rowland, who co-owns the farm with neighbor Susan Huang, told NBC 7 the situation could have been much worse could if fire crews hadn't gotten to his property on time. Rowland was heading home from work when the fire started and said he's grateful his neighbor called the fire department. "My dog is in the house ... and there's other people here. It was very close to their mobile home," he said.

The fire started around 4 p.m. and crews worked for hours to put out hotspots. Rowland said Huang and her husband were caught off guard by the fire.

"They were in the mobile home and the fire was right against it and the neighbor came down and knocked on their door said you better get out," he said.

Forecasters say there could be an elevated risk of fire over the weekend. In the last 24 hours humidity levels have severely dropped and in areas like Fallbrook humidity levels are below 15 percent.

Cal Fire stressed the hot, dry conditions were a top concern Saturday. The roof of one building was damaged in the fire, but no one was injured. Cal Fire is investigating the cause of the fire.

Strengthening Your Board

Interview with Ann Macfarlane, PRP



Ann Macfarlane studied Russian and Ancient Greek at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She was awarded a Marshall Scholarship by the British government to earn a B.A./M.A. degree from Cambridge University, England and began her career as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service.

Ann also served as Executive Director of the National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators before becoming a partner with Andrew Estep as an owner of ERGA, Inc., an association management company, from 2007 to 2014. Ann and Andrew developed “Jurassic Parliament” as a way of helping people run productive meetings. Their approach makes Robert’s Rules of Order understandable, enjoyable, and easy to learn. They published *Mastering Council Meetings: A guidebook for elected officials and local governments* in 2013.

California Special District asked Ann about her experience working with different boards, areas of governance, and how to make meetings most efficient.

Tell us about your experience working with board meetings and governance.

I was fortunate enough to be a member of the Pioneer Class at the University of California Santa Cruz, and was elected a Selectman my senior year. We were trying to take the best from the New England Town Meeting tradition. That was an early start to my interest in governance! I’ve been involved ever since, including serving as President of a 10,000-member national organization, the American Translators Association, when I was a Russian translator.

When you see how rare effective citizen governance is in the world at large, you have to thank our founders and our society for how well things go.

How has your experience living and working around the world shaped how you approach working with different agencies and boards now?

Gratitude, gratitude, gratitude. When you see how rare effective citizen governance is in the world at large, you have to thank our founders and our society for how well things go. Local government is a miracle, in my opinion.

What are some challenges small agencies face when it comes to board meetings in comparison with a much larger agency?

In my experience it is easy for board directors of small agencies to get caught in the policy vs. implementation trap. The lines are not as clear when staff are few, and it's tempting for board members to put their fingers in the pie. Small agencies also have fewer resources, and may find it hard to finance necessary training. Finally, they are often too chummy with the public at their meetings.

In your opinion, what are the top three to five things for running an efficient meeting?

- Preparing a realistic agenda that includes suggested time intervals makes a huge difference.
- The chair has to be strict in applying whatever rules the group has decided on. Good procedure is essential for an efficient meeting, but some chairs are reluctant to enforce it.
- At the same time, it is critical for everyone to understand that the chair of the meeting is ultimately the servant of the group. Too many chairs—and directors!—treat the chair like the “boss.”

What are the most important takeaways from Robert’s Rules of Order that universally apply to agency board meetings?

- “One subject at a time” is crucial. Some boards spent over half their time off-topic.
- “No interrupting” is another vital point.
- Finally, there is the most-neglected rule in all of Robert’s Rules of Order: “No one may speak a second time until everyone who wishes to do so has spoken once.”

When it comes to different personalities and communication styles for individuals working together on a board, what are a few tips we can keep in mind to help with maintaining an efficient meeting and not stray off track?

The biggest personality/communication hurdle, to my mind, is encouraging introverts to speak up, and discouraging extroverts from dominating the discussion. The rule about not speaking a second time until everyone else has had their chance is an effective way of tackling this. You can also use the “round robin,” going around the table and giving everyone a chance to speak in turn—but this requires discipline!

From your experience in observing how different boards work together, what are a few challenges that seem to be commonplace and how would you recommend overcoming them?

I go wild when board members fail to read their packets. This is a betrayal of their duty, in my opinion. You can’t address the complex technical, legal and operational issues facing an agency if you won’t do the homework. Some board members get elected with a single-issue agenda, and fail to understand that governance must involve compromise.

This can be poisonous. Finally, discussion has got to be about the issues and not about personalities.

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Special district board meetings in California are open to the public per The Ralph M. Brown Act. Why is it so important for the board to run a smooth and effective meeting with members of the community present?

Members of the community are a board's constituency and its supporters. If they see directors quarreling among themselves, failing to address tough issues, and wasting time at meetings, they will lose confidence in the board and the district. Rightly so—a dysfunctional board can't address the real issues because it's all caught up in emotions. This can have consequences when the next levy or tax time comes around.

What can attendees of your general session expect to take away?

We'll cover basic principles for an effective meeting, simple rules of good order that are easy to apply, the six types of remark that are unacceptable under Robert's Rules of Order, and the right way to control a meeting. I'm looking forward to sharing information that has been proven to make a positive difference for public board meetings—especially in my native state! My ancestor jumped ship in Los Angeles in Mexican days, and I'm proud to be a fifth-generation Californian. ■

Robert Brown, Board Secretary, San Gabriel Valley Water District

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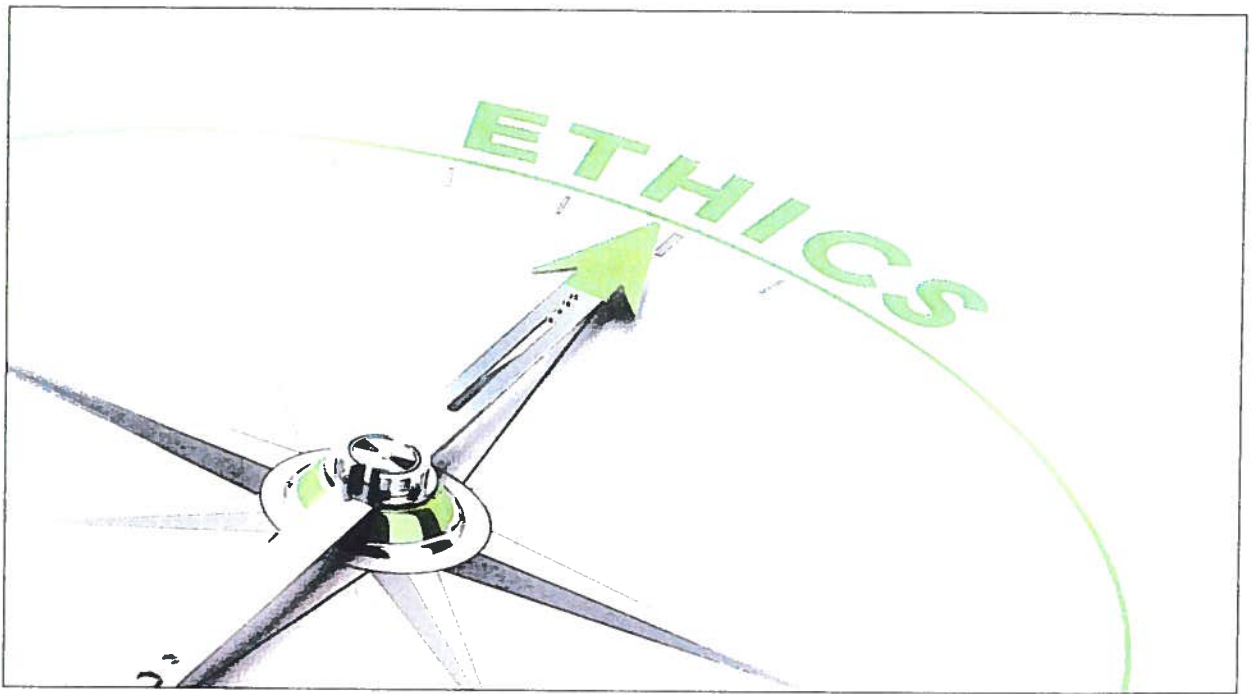
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Legal Brief



ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT, NOT A LEGAL FICTION FOR CALIFORNIA OFFICIALS

By Erin Kunze, Attorney, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

In the first half of 2017, some two-dozen bills have been introduced in the State Legislature with the potential to impact laws regulating government ethics, transparency, and political activity. Legislation proposed in the State Assembly and State Senate seeks to repeal portions of existing law, and, at the same time, impose stronger penalties for violating remaining statutes. This legislation has been introduced by both Democrat and Republican members of the State Legislature, some bills with bi-partisan support.

Targeting government ethics, Assembly Bill 403, introduced in February 2017, seeks to establish a "Legislative Employee Whistleblower Protection Act" to prohibit retaliation against legislative employees who file complaints alleging violations of legislative ethics. If passed, this would complement the existing Whistleblower Protection Act that prohibits state agency employees from directly or indirectly using or attempting to use their official authority or influence for the purpose of intimidating, threatening, coercing,

commanding, or attempting to intimidate, threaten, coerce, or command any person for the purpose of interfering with the right of that person to disclose to a legislative committee improper governmental activities. Assembly Bill 802 seeks to "forever disqualify" a public official from holding office in the state if the individual is convicted of felony voter intimidation. And Assembly Bill 955 seeks to increase the terms of imprisonment for those who give or offer to give bribes to members of the legislative body of a city, county, school district, or other special district.

Targeting government transparency, Assembly Bill 1333 would require every local government agency that maintains a website to post on that site notice of any upcoming election in which voters will vote on a tax measure or proposed bond issuance of the agency. The same Bill would require local agencies that publish electronic newsletters to include the notice in such newsletters.

Several bills (of Assembly and Senate origin) seek to amend the Political Reform Act by changing regulations on campaign funding contributions, disclosures, and expenditures. To curtail conflicts of interest, these bills also seek to extend restrictions on employment

for the period following service in an elected office or other specified position. For example, Senate Bill 679 would extend the time period prohibiting former legislators from engaging in paid lobbying activity from one to two years. And Assembly Bill 551 would specify that this prohibition applies to independent contractors of local government agencies who are appearing or communicating on behalf of the agency.

Current law and proposed legislation impacting government ethics are largely codified in three major statutory schemes: (1) the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”), (2) California’s Public Records Act (“CPRA”), and (3) the Political Reform Act. (Other statutes do apply, though!) Speaking to government transparency, the Brown Act, first enacted in 1953, declares that the “people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.” (Gov. Code, § 54950.) Under this principle, the Brown Act sets forth the general principle that public agency governing bodies meet and discuss business in a forum that is “open” to the public, and which provides the public with adequate notice about meeting logistics and subject matter. The Act allows governing bodies to meet in “closed” session – thereby restricting public access to such meetings – only when a specific statutory exception applies. For example, a governing body may meet in closed session to discuss pending litigation, labor contract negotiations, or real property transactions. In these cases, the public interest is served by allowing the governing body to meet in closed session where potentially adverse parties, or a competitor for real property, will not be privy to the governing body’s legal or negotiations strategy. Discussions pertaining to personnel matters, which impact an individual’s privacy, may also be conducted in a closed session under appropriate circumstances, and with appropriate notices provided.

Like the Brown Act, the CPRA encourages government transparency. Specifically, the CPRA provides that the Legislature, “mindful

of the right of individuals to privacy, finds and declares that access to information concerning the conduct of the people’s business is a fundamental and necessary right of every person in this state.” (Gov. Code § 6250.) Also like the Brown Act, the CPRA requires public agencies to make public records open for inspection by members of the public unless a specified statutory exception applies. For example, personnel and medical records, the disclosure of which would constitute an “unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,” are exempt from disclosure even if prepared, owned, used, or retained by a state or local agency. The CPRA also includes a catch-all exemption that allows a public agency to withhold a public record when the “public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record.” Even here, the balancing is one of two competing public interests. Thus, like the Brown Act, the overarching theme of the CPRA is public access to public information.

The third statutory scheme discussed here, the Political Reform Act, prohibits members of the Legislature, state, county, district, judicial district, or city officers or employees from being “financially interested” in any contract made by them in their official capacity, or by anybody or board of which they are members. It is this Act that requires statewide elected officers, candidates for elective office, and certain public officers to file a statement of economic interest – or “Form 700” – in connection with their positions. Chief Administrative Officers, City Managers, and candidates for and persons holding the office of City Council, City Treasurer, City Attorney, and/or Mayor are required to complete statements of economic interest, as are candidates for and persons holding the office of district attorney, county counsel, county treasurer, and/or member of a board of supervisors. Anyone appointed to another state board, commission,

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or similar “multimember” body of the state, heads of local government agencies, and members of local government boards or commissions are also required to complete statements of economic interest. In addition to these disclosure requirements, the Political Reform Act regulates lobbying activity, political campaigns, and campaign financing in the State of California. For example, the Act regulates political mailings; it prohibits mass mailings at public expense, and requires appropriate identifying information on such mailings.

While issues pertaining to government transparency, confidentiality, and conflicts of interest are the topic of much discussion on the Federal level, California public agencies are well-advised to keep an eye on potential changes stemming from the State Legislature, which, if passed, will impact local agency obligations here in California. ■

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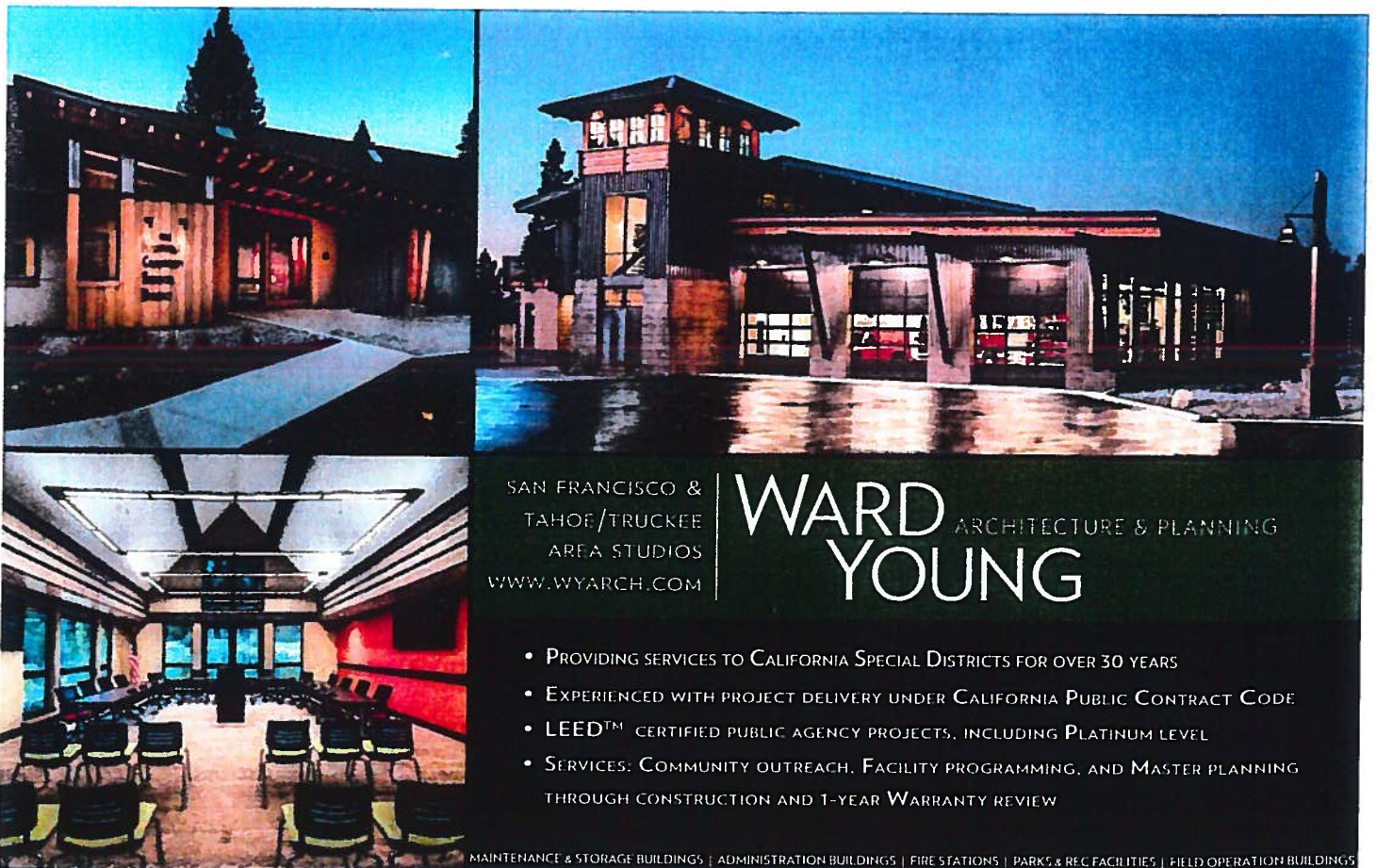
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Fire Chief's Report – Call 9-1-1 when suffering severe chest pains

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North County Fire Protection District

North County Fire crews recently responded to a child choking on a small butterfly hair clip. Standard choking procedures were attempted by bystanders prior to arrival of the paramedics without success.

Upon arrival, paramedics were ultimately able to remove this object through the use of advanced airway procedures, which included the use of a laryngoscope and Magill forceps. The child began breathing on its own and was flown by a medical airship to Children's Hospital.

In another recent incident, a resident began experiencing severe chest pains while driving and opted to drive to a fire station. Crews happened to be at the station performing training and immediately initiated advanced cardiac life support treatment, which included administration of medication and running a 12-lead ECG (electrocardiogram).

This individual was found to be experiencing an acute myocardial infarction or "STEMI" and was immediately transported to the closest hospital with "STEMI" resuscitation capabilities. A "STEMI center" is a hospital which has a cardiac catheterization lab as well as trained staff immediately available to surgically remove clots from affected coronary arteries. This person was sent home just a few days later and is reported to be doing well.

We are fortunate here in the North County in that all three of the closest hospitals are both Stroke and STEMI centers (Temecula Valley, Palomar and Tri City) and have two medical airships in the North County (Mercy and Reach), in addition to the three paramedic ambulances and four paramedic engine companies serving Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow.

It is noteworthy to add that although the incident with the driver had a very successful outcome, we strongly encourage our residents to call 9-1-1 rather than drive to a fire station as it is not uncommon for crews to be away on other calls or otherwise out of position for various functions.

Women firefighters can improve safety, but department culture must change -- ScienceDaily

Helen Killaspy, Ph.D., M.R.C.Psych. et al.,

Incorporating new ideas from women can improve safety in traditionally male fire departments, but the hypermasculine culture in some can make female firefighters feel unwelcome and less likely to share their ideas, according to a new qualitative study from Drexel University.

The Center for Firefighter Injury Research & Safety Trends (FIRST), run by Jennifer A. Taylor, PhD, associate professor in Drexel's Dornsife School of Public Health, conducted the study. Utilizing interviews and focus groups of female firefighters and leaders in various departments, the study sought to see what unique safety behaviors women bring to the job, how such practices might contribute to a safer fire service, and what cultural barriers exist to implementation.

Many women in the study said that they felt shunned simply for their gender. When that's the case, it makes it harder to engage in good safety practices because they could be frowned-upon by colleagues.

"[A] hyper masculine environment limits all firefighters' ability to speak up and, thus, address safety concerns," wrote Yasin Kahn, Andrea L. Davis, and Taylor in their article published in the *Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health*.

In spite of that, according to the study's participants, women firefighters are more likely to try more diverse ergonomic techniques when performing a task. It's important to note that tasks on the job can be challenging to anyone, regardless of gender, because of body size and biomechanics.

"We use better technique and lot of guys get hurt because they just try to muscle it or, God forbid, they ask a woman to help with a ladder," said one female firefighter with more than 15 years of experience.

"What we have heard loud and clear is that not every firefighter -- male or female -- has the physique of an NFL defensive tackle," Taylor said. "Fire departments need to be more diverse in their training academies to be sure people know of multiple strategies to apply to each task."

One of those strategies includes asking for help, which can be looked down upon as being weak, the study's participants indicated. As such, many women who already felt under the microscope, didn't want to give the impression of weakness, even if it meant risking injury.

"I'm afraid of [how] it looks to the public that, 'Oh look, that guy had to move in and left that cot for that woman because she couldn't lift it,' when that's not the case," a 15-year female firefighter said.

That goes hand-in-hand with reporting injuries.

"Participants explained that injury reporting was akin to asking for help," especially for men, the study's authors wrote.

"When [male firefighters] get hurt, they're going to go, 'I don't want to say something because that'll make me look weak and stupid,'" a 15-year female fire veteran said. "Whereas [women are] more like, 'I want to make sure I'm covered [by workers' comp] so if I really, truly get hurt, I'm going to be taken care of.'"

Sometimes leaving injuries unreported can be career-ending, the study found, so a willingness to speak up actually helps departments as a whole.

But what can be particularly damaging to firehouses are hostile cultures toward women.

When it comes to training, female fire service members recounted being put through "girl drills," which amounted to extra or harder training that only women had to complete. That included anything from extra ladder carry drills to something as dangerous as practicing fire calls with their oxygen packs being turned off.

On top of that, multiple participants in the study recounted sexual harassment as a form of hostility in firehouses they'd served in.

"My last straw there was a lieutenant that kept touching me and he finally slapped my butt," a female firefighter of five years said. "The chief told me, 'Oh, he's just joking. You got to learn to deal with that.' That was the answer for everything."

Taylor believes the study showed such harassment makes the actual physical part of the job more difficult to deal with, affecting the health of an entire firehouse.

"If you're not psychologically safe, you can't be physically safe," Taylor said. "Sexual discrimination and hostile work environments

will not help you retain a diverse workforce that looks at problems from multiple perspectives. In today's fire service where budgets are growing tighter and the nature of the work is changing (to more EMS calls), we need that now more than ever."

So what can fire departments and firehouses do to make themselves more welcoming to women in their ranks?

Taylor laid out three things.

First, understanding that everyone, no matter their gender, have different biomechanics and physiologies.

"Make the job fit the worker, not the other way around," Taylor said. Second, historically and statistically, women have lower injury rates than men.

"Some of that can be explained by the types of employment men and women have traditionally held, but not all of it can," Taylor said.

"Women and men are socialized differently around risk. Men are told to embrace it, women are told to avoid it. Therefore, it is possible that women would look at hazardous work by weighing the risks and benefits more than their male counterparts." Lastly, having a zero tolerance anti-discrimination policy is important.

"Stick to it," Taylor said. "Don't re-victimize the victims. Is it, 'Do what we say, not what we do,' or 'Do what we say and watch us do it by example?' Establishing policy is not usually the problem but, rather, policy tends to break down during the implementation phase."

Such perspective "may move the needle on safety from less of a hope to more of a reality," Taylor concluded.

Bill Text - SB-205 Local Government Omnibus Act of 2017.

An act to amend Sections 1360, 16182, 16183, 16184, 16186.5, 16200, 16202, 25536.9, 27282, 30201, 53237.1, 54973, and 54974 of the Government Code, to amend Sections 21220 and 22050 of the Public Contract Code, to amend Sections 2505, 2514, 2515, 2781, 20503, 20505, 20585, 20586, 20621, 20627, 20630, 20640.3, 20641, 20645.5, and 20645.6 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, to amend Section 501 of the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Act (Chapter 392 of the Statutes of 2016), to amend Section 34 of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency Act (Chapter 510 of the Statutes of 1990), and to amend Sections 1, 2, 3, 16, 17, and 28 of the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District Act (Chapter 17 of the First Extraordinary Session of the Statutes of 1952), relating to local government.

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SB 205, Committee on Governance and Finance. Local Government Omnibus Act of 2017.

(1) The California Constitution requires, among others, all public officers to take a specified oath of office. Existing statutory law requires any officer to take that oath before he or she enters the duties of his or her office.

This bill would require an officer to take that oath following any election or appointment and before entering the duties of his or her office.

(2) Existing law requires all sums paid by the Controller for the postponement of property taxes be secured by a lien in favor of the state. In the case of a lien on real property for this purpose, existing law requires, among other things, the recorder for the county in which the real property is subject to the lien to provide a copy of the notice of lien to the county tax collector.

This bill would instead require the Controller to provide a copy of the notice of lien to the county tax collector and would additionally require a copy of the notice of lien to be provided to the county assessor.

(3) Existing law establishes a formula for calculating the interest on a payment made by the Controller for postponed property taxes from the time a payment is made. Under existing law, for purposes of this provision, a payment is deemed to be made at the time an electronic funds transfer is made by the Controller to the tax collector or the delinquency date of the respective tax installment, whichever is later. Existing law, in the event of willful neglect, authorizes an electronic funds transfer for that current fiscal year to be used to pay delinquent taxes only if accompanied by sufficient amounts to pay all of the delinquent penalties, costs, fees, and interest. Existing law, if a denial of a claim for postponement is reversed on appeal, requires the Controller to electronically transfer funds to the county.

This bill would instead deem a payment to be made at the time a payment is made by the Controller to the tax collector or the delinquency date of the respective tax installment, whichever is later. The bill would instead authorize a payment from the Controller to be used to pay delinquent taxes under the circumstances described above. The bill would eliminate the requirement that funds be transferred electronically if a denial of a claim for postponement is reversed on appeal. The bill would also make various conforming changes.

(4) Existing law requires the Controller to reduce the amount of the obligation secured by the lien against the real property by the amount of any payments received for that purpose and by specified amounts paid by the Franchise Tax Board or by certain other authorized amounts.

This bill would require that payments received for the reduction of the obligation be applied first to any interest due on the loan, 2nd to the principal property tax amount, and finally, if there is any remaining balance, to administrative fees.

(5) Existing law authorizes recordation of certain documents, including a release, discharge, or subordination of a lien for postponed property taxes, without acknowledgment, certificate of acknowledgment, or further proof.

This bill would delete the reference to the subordination of a lien for postponed property taxes from the list of documents that may be recorded without acknowledgment, certificate of acknowledgment, or further proof.

(6) Existing law authorizes the County of Merced, by a $\frac{4}{5}$ vote of the board of supervisors, to sell a specified area of county property that the county has acquired from the federal government due to the closure of Castle Air Force Base.

This bill would additionally authorize the County of Merced to enter into a lease, concession, or managerial contract involving that area, by a $\frac{4}{5}$ vote of the board of supervisors. The bill would make additional conforming changes.

(7) Existing law establishes the Committee on County Accounting Procedures which consists of 10 members appointed by the Controller. Of those 10 members, 5 of the members are required to be county auditors.

This bill would instead require 5 of those members to be county auditors or county officers in equivalent positions.

(8) Existing law requires a local agency that provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to a local agency official of that agency to provide sexual harassment prevention training and education, as specified. Existing law requires an entity that develops curricula to satisfy these requirements to consult with the city attorney or county counsel regarding the sufficiency and accuracy of that proposed content, as specified.

This bill would instead require the entity to consult with the legal counsel of that entity.

(9) Existing law requires the legislative body of a local agency, on or before December 31 of each year, to prepare an appointments list of all regular and ongoing boards, commissions, and committees which are appointed by the legislative body of the local agency known as the Local Appointments List. Existing law requires the list to be made available to members of the public, as specified, and requires the legislative body to designate the public library with the largest service population within its jurisdiction to receive a copy of the list.

This bill would alternatively authorize the list to be posted on the local agency's Internet Web site.

(10) Existing law requires notice of an unscheduled vacancy that occurs in any board, commission, or committee for which the legislative body of a local agency has the appointing power to be posted in the office of the clerk of the local agency, a designated public library, and any other place as directed by the local agency.

This bill would alternatively authorize the notice of an unscheduled vacancy to be posted on the local agency's Internet Web site instead of being posted in the library.

(11) Existing law authorizes a public agency, in the case of an emergency and with a vote of $\frac{4}{5}$ of the governing body, to repair or replace a public facility, take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency, and procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for the purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts.

This bill would correct inaccurate cross-references and add 2 missing cross-references.

(12) Existing law, except as provided in the property tax postponement program, prohibits a certificate of eligibility from being used to pay any delinquent taxes, assessments, penalties, costs, fees, or interest, or any redemption charges.

This bill would eliminate that prohibition.

(13) Existing law, with respect to a claimant whose property taxes are paid by a lender from an impound, trust, or other specified type of account, requires the tax collector to notify the auditor of the claimant's name and address, and the duplicate amount of money the Controller transferred to the tax collector via an electronic fund transfer. Existing law requires the county auditor, treasurer, or disbursing officer to send a check, in the amount of money based on the electronic transfer by the Controller, to the Controller within 60 days of the replicated payment.

This bill, upon receipt of the payment by the Controller, as specified, would require the tax collector to maintain a record of the fact that taxes on the property have been postponed and, with respect to a claimant described above, to notify the auditor of the claimant's name and address, and the duplicate amount of money the Controller paid to the tax collector. The bill would instead require the county auditor, treasurer, or disbursing officer to refund the amount of money, based on the payment by the Controller, to the claimant within 60 days of the replicated payment.

(14) Existing law, upon receipt of a "notice of lien for postponed property taxes" from the Controller, requires the tax collector or the assessor, whichever is applicable, to immediately enter on the assessment records applicable to the property the fact that the taxes on the property have been postponed and the Controller's identification number and to notify the Controller of a subsequent change in ownership status, as provided.

This bill would instead require the assessor to maintain a record of the fact that the taxes on the property have been postponed and the Controller's identification number and to notify the Controller as described above.

(15) Existing law requires, for purposes of the Gonsalves-Deukmejian-Petris Senior Citizens Property Tax Assistance Law, that all losses and nonexpenses be converted to zero for the purpose of determining whether the homeowner meets the property tax postponement requirement.

This bill would instead require that all losses and nonexpenses be converted to zero, as specified above, for the purposes of property tax postponement.

(16) Existing law requires that a claimant for property tax postponement, generally, be an individual who is a member of the household, is either an owner-occupant, tenant stockholder occupant, or possessory interestholder occupant of the residential dwelling as to which postponement is claimed, and is either 62 years of age or older, blind, or disabled. With respect to blind and

disabled claimants, existing law requires that the claimant be blind or disabled, as specified, at the time of application or on December 10 of the fiscal year for which postponement is claimed, whichever is earlier.

This bill would instead require, for blind and disabled claimants, that the claimant be blind or disabled at the time of application or on February 10 of the fiscal year for which postponement is claimed.

(17) Existing law authorizes a claimant to file with the Controller a claim for postponement in a specified amount for the fiscal year for which the claim is made. Existing law requires the Controller, upon verification of specified eligibility requirements, to mail to the claimant a Notice of Election to Postpone, as specified. When the Controller approves the Notice of Election to Postpone, existing law requires the Controller to make payments directly to the county tax collector.

This bill would instead require the Controller to issue payment to the county tax collector or other appropriate payee, as determined by the Controller.

(18) This bill would make various technical changes related to the property tax postponement program, including updating statutory references to the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund and deleting obsolete references to certificates of eligibility and postponement for mobilehomes.

(19) Existing law establishes the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency and requires the agency to be governed by a 7-member board of directors. Existing law requires one member to be a resident or landowner within the territory of the agency chosen by the members of the governing board of the Riverdale Irrigation Company and the Reed Ditch Company.

This bill would correct the name of the Riverdale Irrigation District and would make another technical change.

(20) The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency Act defines the term "project" for purposes of the act to mean the acquisition, construction, maintenance, or operation of any flood control facility authorized under the agreement and not inconsistent with the act, including, but not limited to, acquisition of any rights-of-way and easements.

This bill would instead define the term to mean the acquisition, construction, maintenance, or operation of any flood control facility authorized under the agreement and not inconsistent with the act, including, but not limited to, acquisition of any interests in real property. The bill would make conforming changes.

(21) Existing law, the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District Act, creates the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District within the County of Solano for purposes relating to the collection and disposal of sewage and industrial waste and the control and disposition of storm and flood waters.

This bill would rename the act as the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District Act and the district as the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District. The bill would make other nonsubstantive changes within the act.

(22) By changing the duties of local officials with respect to the administration of the property tax postponement program, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.



AB-660 Public agencies: unlawful interference. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Bill No. 660

CHAPTER 381

An act to amend Section 602.1 of the Penal Code, relating to crime.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 660, Rubio. Public agencies: unlawful interference.

Under existing law, any person who intentionally interferes with any lawful business carried on by the employees of a public agency open to the public by obstructing or intimidating those attempting to carry on or transact business and refusing to leave, as specified, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

This bill would make it an infraction to intentionally interfere with any lawful business carried on by the employees of a public agency open to the public by knowingly making a material misrepresentation of the law to those attempting to transact business with the agency and refusing to leave, as specified. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 602.1 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

602.1. (a) Any person who intentionally interferes with any lawful business or occupation carried on by the owner or agent of a business establishment open to the public, by obstructing or intimidating those attempting to carry on business, or their customers, and who refuses to leave the premises of the business establishment after being requested to leave by the owner or the owner's agent, or by a peace officer acting at the request of the owner or owner's agent, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for up to 90 days, or by a fine of up to four hundred dollars (\$400), or by both that imprisonment and fine.

(b) Any person who intentionally interferes with any lawful business carried on by the employees of a public agency open to the public, by obstructing or intimidating those attempting to carry on business, or those persons there to transact business with the public agency, and who refuses to leave the premises of the public agency after being requested to leave by the office manager or a supervisor of the public agency, or by a peace officer acting at the request of the office manager or a supervisor of the public agency, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for up to 90 days, or by a fine of up to four hundred dollars (\$400), or by both that imprisonment and fine.

(c) Any person who intentionally interferes with any lawful business carried on by the employees of a public agency open to the public, by knowingly making a material misrepresentation of the law to those persons there to transact business

with the public agency, and who refuses to leave the premises of the public agency after being requested to leave by the office manager or a supervisor of the public agency, or by a peace officer acting at the request of the office manager or a supervisor of the public agency, is guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine of up to four hundred dollars (\$400).

(d) This section shall not apply to any of the following persons:

(1) Any person engaged in lawful labor union activities that are permitted to be carried out on the property by state or federal law.

(2) Any person on the premises who is engaging in activities protected by the California Constitution or the United States Constitution.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to supersede the application of any other law.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.



AB-1725 Local agency formation. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Bill No. 1725

CHAPTER 353

An act to amend Sections 56031, 56131.5, 56383, and 56658 of the Government Code, relating to local government.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1725, Committee on Local Government. Local agency formation.

(1) The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides the exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts, as specified. The act defines various terms for these purposes, including the term "contiguous," which the act defines as territory adjacent to territory within the local agency.

This bill would instead define "contiguous" as territory that abuts or shares a common boundary with territory within a local agency.

(2) The act, upon filing of an application for, or initiation by a local agency formation commission of, specified changes in organization or reorganization of a local health care district formed pursuant to specified law, including formation, annexation, consolidation, or dissolution, requires the local agency formation commission to notify all state agencies that have oversight or regulatory responsibility over, or a contractual relationship with, that local health care district of its receipt of the application or the initiation by the local agency formation commission of the proposed change of organization or reorganization and the proposal.

This bill would additionally require the local agency formation commission to notify these state agencies of the receipt of an application for, or the initiation by the local agency formation commission of, a proposed change of organization or reorganization that includes a detachment from a local health care district.

By requiring a local agency formation commission to provide specified notification to certain state agencies about detachments from a local health care district, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(3) The act authorizes a local agency formation commission to establish a schedule of fees and a schedule of service charges for proceedings taken pursuant to the act, as specified.

This bill would revise that provision to authorize a local agency formation commission to establish a schedule of fees and a schedule of service charges pursuant to the act.

(4) The act requires a petitioner or a legislative body desiring to initiate proceedings to submit an application to the executive officer of the principal county. Immediately after receiving an application and before issuing a certificate of filing, the act requires the executive officer to give mailed notice that the application has been received to specified entities, including each affected agency.

This bill would instead require that the mailed notice be given to, among other entities, each affected local agency.

(5) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs

mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 56031 of the Government Code is amended to read:

56031. (a) "Contiguous" means territory that abuts or shares a common boundary with territory within a local agency.

(b) Territory is not contiguous if the only contiguity is based upon a strip of land more than 300 feet long and less than 200 feet wide at its narrowest width, that width to be exclusive of highways.

SEC. 2. Section 56131.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

56131.5. (a) Upon the filing of an application for the formation of, annexation to, detachment from, consolidation of, or dissolution of a local health care district created pursuant to Division 23 (commencing with Section 32000) of the Health and Safety Code or of an application for a reorganization including any of those changes of organization or the initiation by the commission of any of those changes of organization or any reorganization including any of those changes of organization, the commission shall notify all state agencies that have oversight or regulatory responsibility over, or a contractual relationship with, the local health care district that is the subject of the proposed change of organization or reorganization, of its receipt of the application or the initiation by the commission of the proposed change of organization or reorganization and the proposal, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) The State Department of Health Care Services, including, but not limited to, the Medi-Cal Division.

(2) The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, including, but not limited to, the Cal-Mortgage Loan Insurance Division.

(3) The California Health Facilities Financing Authority.

(4) The State Department of Public Health, including, but not limited to, the Licensing and Certification Division.

(b) A state agency shall have 60 days from the date of receipt of notification by the commission to comment on the proposal. The commission shall consider all comments received from any state agency in making its decision.

SEC. 3. Section 56383 of the Government Code is amended to read:

56383. (a) The commission may establish a schedule of fees and a schedule of service charges pursuant to this division, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Filing and processing applications filed with the commission.

(2) Proceedings undertaken by the commission and any reorganization committee.

(3) Amending or updating a sphere of influence.

(4) Reconsidering a resolution making determinations.

(b) The fees shall not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service for which the fee is charged and shall be imposed pursuant to Section 66016. The service charges shall not exceed the cost of providing the service for which the service charge is charged and shall be imposed pursuant to Section 66016.

(c) The commission may require that an applicant deposit some or all of the required amount that will be owed with the executive officer before any further action is taken. The deposit shall be made within the time period specified by the commission. No application shall be deemed filed until the applicant deposits the required amount with the executive officer. The executive officer shall provide the applicant with an accounting of all costs charged against the deposited amount. If the costs are less than the deposited amount, the executive officer shall refund the balance to the applicant after the executive officer verifies the completion of all proceedings. If the costs exceed the deposited amount, the applicant shall pay the difference prior to the completion of all proceedings.

(d) The commission may reduce or waive a fee, service charge, or deposit if it finds that payment would be detrimental to the public interest. The reduction or waiver of any fee, service charge, or deposit is limited to the costs incurred by the commission in the proceedings of an application.

(e) Any mandatory time limits for commission action may be deferred until the applicant pays the required fee, service charge, or deposit.

(f) The signatures on a petition submitted to the commission by registered voters shall be verified by the elections official of the county and the costs of verification shall be provided for in the same manner and by the same agencies which bear the costs of verifying signatures for an initiative petition in the same county.

(g) For incorporation proceedings that have been initiated by the filing of a sufficient number of voter signatures on petitions that have been verified by the county registrar of voters, the commission may, upon the receipt of a certification by the proponents that they are unable to raise sufficient funds to reimburse fees, service charges, or deposits for the proceedings, take no action on the proposal and request a loan from the General Fund of an amount sufficient to cover those expenses subject to availability of an appropriation for those purposes and in accordance with any provisions of the appropriation. Repayment of the loan shall be made a condition of approval of the incorporation, if successful, and shall become an obligation of the newly formed city. Repayment shall be made within two years of the effective date of incorporation. If the proposal is denied by the commission or defeated at an election, the loan shall be forgiven.

SEC. 4. Section 56658 of the Government Code is amended to read:

56658. (a) Any petitioner or legislative body desiring to initiate proceedings shall submit an application to the executive officer of the principal county.

(b) (1) Immediately after receiving an application and before issuing a certificate of filing, the executive officer shall give mailed notice that the application has been received to each affected local agency, the county committee on school district organization, and each school superintendent whose school district overlies the affected territory. The notice shall generally describe the proposal and the affected territory. The executive officer shall not be required to give notice pursuant to this subdivision if a local agency has already given notice pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 56654.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature that a proposal for incorporation or disincorporation shall be processed in a timely manner. With regard to an application that includes an incorporation or disincorporation, the executive officer shall immediately notify all affected local agencies and any applicable state agencies by mail and request the affected agencies to submit the required data to the commission within a reasonable timeframe established by the executive officer. Each affected agency shall respond to the executive officer within 15 days acknowledging receipt of the request. Each affected local agency and the officers and departments thereof shall submit the required data to the executive officer within the timelines established by the executive officer. Each affected state agency and the officers and departments thereof shall submit the required data to the executive officer within the timelines agreed upon by the executive officer and the affected state departments.

(3) If a special district is, or as a result of a proposal will be, located in more than one county, the executive officer of the principal county shall immediately give the executive officer of each other affected county mailed notice that the application has been received. The notice shall generally describe the proposal and the affected territory.

(c) Except when a commission is the lead agency pursuant to Section 21067 of the Public Resources Code, the executive officer shall determine within 30 days of receiving an application whether the application is complete and acceptable for filing or whether the application is incomplete.

(d) The executive officer shall not accept an application for filing and issue a certificate of filing for at least 20 days after giving the mailed notice required by subdivision (b). The executive officer shall not be required to comply with this subdivision in the case of an application which meets the requirements of Section 56662 or in the case of an application for which a local agency has already given notice pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 56654.

(e) If the appropriate fees have been paid, an application shall be deemed accepted for filing if no determination has been made by the executive officer within the 30-day period. An executive officer shall accept for filing, and file, any application submitted in the form prescribed by the commission and containing all of the information and data required pursuant to Section 56652.

(f) When an application is accepted for filing, the executive officer shall immediately issue a certificate of filing to the applicant. A certificate of filing shall be in the form prescribed by the executive officer and shall specify the date upon which the proposal shall be heard by the commission. From the date of issuance of a certificate of filing, or the date upon which an application is deemed to have been accepted, whichever is earlier, an application shall be deemed filed pursuant to this division.

(g) If an application is determined not to be complete, the executive officer shall immediately transmit that determination to the applicant specifying those parts of the application which are incomplete and the manner in which they can be made complete.

(h) Following the issuance of the certificate of filing, the executive officer shall proceed to set the proposal for hearing and give published notice thereof as provided in this part. The date of the hearing shall be not more than 90 days after issuance of the certificate of filing or after the application is deemed to have been accepted, whichever is earlier. Notwithstanding Section 56106, the date for conducting the hearing, as determined pursuant to this subdivision, is mandatory.

SEC. 5. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.



SB-448 Local government: organization: districts. (2017-2018)



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Senate Bill No. 448

CHAPTER 334

An act to amend Sections 26909, 56073.1, and 56375 of, to add Sections 12463.4 and 56042 to, and to add Article 6 (commencing with Section 56879) to Chapter 5 of Part 3 of Division 3 of Title 5 of, the Government Code, relating to local government.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 448, Wieckowski. Local government: organization: districts.

(1) Existing law requires the officer of each local agency, as defined, who has charge of the financial records of the local agency, to furnish to the Controller a report of all the financial transactions of the local agency during the next preceding fiscal year within 7 months after the close of each fiscal year. Existing law also requires a report of an audit of a special district's accounts and records made by a certified public accountant or public accountant to be filed with the Controller and the county auditor of the county in which the special district is located within 12 months of the end of the fiscal year or years under examination.

This bill would instead require special districts defined by a specified provision to file those audit reports with the Controller and special districts defined by another specified provision to file those audit reports with the Controller and with the local agency formation commission of either the county in which the special district is located or, if the special district is located in 2 or more counties, with each local agency formation commission within each county in which the district is located. The bill would also require the Controller to publish on the Controller's Internet Web site a comprehensive list of special districts on or before July 1, 2019, and to annually update that list.

(2) The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides the exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts, as specified.

This bill would require the Controller to create a list of special districts that are inactive, as provided. The bill would also require the Controller to publish this list and to notify a local agency formation commission in the county or counties in which the special district is located if the Controller has included the special district in this list. The bill would require a local agency formation commission to initiate proceedings for the dissolution of any special district that is an inactive district and to dissolve those districts. The bill would define the term "inactive district" for these purposes. This bill would also make conforming changes. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 12463.4 is added to the Government Code, to read:

12463.4. On or before July 1, 2019, the Controller shall publish on the Controller's Internet Web site a comprehensive list of special districts. The Controller shall update the list every year thereafter. For purposes of this section, the term "special district" means an "independent district" or "independent special district" as those terms are defined in Section 56044.

SEC. 2. Section 26909 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 164 of the Statutes of 2016, is amended to read:

26909. (a) (1) The county auditor shall either make or contract with a certified public accountant or public accountant to make an annual audit of the accounts and records of every special district within the county for which an audit by a certified public accountant or public accountant is not otherwise provided. In each case, the minimum requirements of the audit shall be prescribed by the Controller and shall conform to generally accepted auditing standards.

(2) (A) If an audit of a special district's accounts and records is made by a certified public accountant or public accountant, the minimum requirements of the audit shall be prescribed by the Controller and shall conform to generally accepted auditing standards.

(B) A report of the audit required pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be filed within 12 months of the end of the fiscal year or years under examination as follows:

(i) For a special district defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 12463, with the Controller.

(ii) For a special district defined in Section 56036, with the Controller and with the local agency formation commission of the county in which the special district is located, unless the special district is located in two or more counties, then with each local agency formation commission within each county in which the district is located.

(3) Any costs incurred by the county auditor, including contracts with, or employment of, certified public accountants or public accountants, in making an audit of every special district pursuant to this section shall be borne by the special district and shall be a charge against any unencumbered funds of the district available for the purpose.

(4) For a special district that is located in two or more counties, this subdivision shall apply to the auditor of the county in which the treasury is located.

(5) The county controller, or ex officio county controller, shall effect this section in those counties having a county controller or ex officio county controller.

(b) A special district may, by unanimous request of the governing board of the special district and with unanimous approval of the board of supervisors, replace the annual audit required by this section with one of the following, performed in accordance with professional standards, as determined by the county auditor:

(1) A biennial audit covering a two-year period.

(2) An audit covering a five-year period if the special district's annual revenues do not exceed an amount specified by the board of supervisors.

(3) An audit conducted at specific intervals, as recommended by the county auditor, that shall be completed at least once every five years.

(c) (1) A special district may, by unanimous request of the governing board of the special district and with unanimous approval of the board of supervisors, replace the annual audit required by this section with a financial review, or an agreed-upon procedures engagement, in accordance with the appropriate professional standards, as determined by the county auditor, if the following conditions are met:

(A) All of the special district's revenues and expenditures are transacted through the county's financial system.

(B) The special district's annual revenues do not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

(C) The special district shall pay for any costs incurred by the county auditor in performing an agreed-upon procedures engagement. Those costs shall be charged against any unencumbered funds of the district available for that purpose.

(2) If the board of supervisors is the governing board of the special district, it may, upon unanimous approval, replace the annual audit of the special district required by this section with a financial review, or an agreed-upon procedures engagement, in accordance with the appropriate professional standards, as determined by the county auditor, if the special district satisfies the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1).

(d) (1) A special district may, by annual unanimous request of the governing board of the special district and with annual

unanimous approval of the board of supervisors, replace the annual audit required by this section with an annual financial compilation of the special district to be performed by the county auditor in accordance with professional standards, if all of the following conditions are met:

(A) All of the special district's revenues and expenditures are transacted through the county's financial system.

(B) The special district's annual revenues do not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

(C) The special district shall pay for any costs incurred by the county auditor in performing a financial compilation. Those costs shall be a charge against any unencumbered funds of the district available for that purpose.

(2) A special district shall not replace an annual audit required by this section with an annual financial compilation of the special district pursuant to paragraph (1) for more than five consecutive years, after which a special district shall comply with subdivision (a).

(e) Notwithstanding this section, a special district shall be exempt from the requirement of an annual audit if the financial statements are audited by the Controller to satisfy federal audit requirements.

(f) Upon receipt of the financial review, agreed-upon procedures engagement, or financial compilation, the county auditor shall have the right to appoint, pursuant to subdivision (a), a certified public accountant or a public accountant to conduct an audit of the special district, with proper notice to the governing board of the special district and board of supervisors.

(g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2027, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 3. Section 26909 of the Government Code, as added by Section 2 of Chapter 164 of the Statutes of 2016, is amended to read:

26909. (a) (1) The county auditor shall either make or contract with a certified public accountant or public accountant to make an annual audit of the accounts and records of every special district within the county for which an audit by a certified public accountant or public accountant is not otherwise provided. In each case, the minimum requirements of the audit shall be prescribed by the Controller and shall conform to generally accepted auditing standards.

(2) (A) If an audit of a special district's accounts and records is made by a certified public accountant or public accountant, the minimum requirements of the audit shall be prescribed by the Controller and shall conform to generally accepted auditing standards.

(B) A report of the audit required pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be filed within 12 months of the end of the fiscal year or years under examination as follows:

(i) For a special district defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 12463, with the Controller.

(ii) For a special district defined in Section 56036, with the Controller and with the local agency formation commission of the county in which the special district is located, unless the special district is located in two or more counties, then with each local agency formation commission within each county in which the district is located.

(3) Any costs incurred by the county auditor, including contracts with, or employment of, certified public accountants or public accountants, in making an audit of every special district pursuant to this section shall be borne by the special district and shall be a charge against any unencumbered funds of the district available for the purpose.

(4) For a special district that is located in two or more counties, this subdivision shall apply to the auditor of the county in which the treasury is located.

(5) The county controller, or ex officio county controller, shall effect this section in those counties having a county controller or ex officio county controller.

(b) A special district may, by unanimous request of the governing board of the special district and with unanimous approval of the board of supervisors, replace the annual audit required by this section with one of the following, performed in accordance with professional standards, as determined by the county auditor:

(1) A biennial audit covering a two-year period.

(2) An audit covering a five-year period if the special district's annual revenues do not exceed an amount specified by the board of supervisors.

(3) An audit conducted at specific intervals, as recommended by the county auditor, that shall be completed at least once every five years.

(c) (1) A special district may, by unanimous request of the governing board of the special district and with unanimous approval of the board of supervisors, replace the annual audit required by this section with a financial review, in accordance with the appropriate professional standards, as determined by the county auditor, if the following conditions

are met:

(A) All of the special district's revenues and expenditures are transacted through the county's financial system.

(B) The special district's annual revenues do not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

(2) If the board of supervisors is the governing board of the special district, it may, upon unanimous approval, replace the annual audit of the special district required by this section with a financial review in accordance with the appropriate professional standards, as determined by the county auditor, if the special district satisfies the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1).

(d) Notwithstanding this section, a special district shall be exempt from the requirement of an annual audit if the financial statements are audited by the Controller to satisfy federal audit requirements.

(e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2027.

SEC. 4. Section 56042 is added to the Government Code, to read:

56042. "Inactive district" means a special district that meets all of the following:

(a) The special district is as defined in Section 56036.

(b) The special district has had no financial transactions in the previous fiscal year.

(c) The special district has no assets and liabilities.

(d) The special district has no outstanding debts, judgments, litigation, contracts, liens, or claims.

SEC. 5. Section 56073.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:

56073.1. "Resolution of application" means the document adopted by a local agency or school district initiating a change of organization or reorganization pursuant to Section 56654 or the document adopted by a commission pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 56375 or by subdivision (c) of Section 56879.

SEC. 6. Section 56375 of the Government Code is amended to read:

56375. The commission shall have all of the following powers and duties subject to any limitations upon its jurisdiction set forth in this part:

(a) (1) To review and approve with or without amendment, wholly, partially, or conditionally, or disapprove proposals for changes of organization or reorganization, consistent with written policies, procedures, and guidelines adopted by the commission.

(2) The commission may initiate proposals by resolution of application for any of the following:

(A) The consolidation of a district, as defined in Section 56036.

(B) The dissolution of a district.

(C) A merger.

(D) The establishment of a subsidiary district.

(E) The formation of a new district or districts.

(F) A reorganization that includes any of the changes specified in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (D), or (E).

(G) The dissolution of an inactive district pursuant to Section 56879.

(3) A commission may initiate a proposal described in paragraph (2) only if that change of organization or reorganization is consistent with a recommendation or conclusion of a study prepared pursuant to Section 56378, 56425, or 56430, and the commission makes the determinations specified in subdivision (b) of Section 56881.

(4) A commission shall not disapprove an annexation to a city, initiated by resolution, of contiguous territory that the commission finds is any of the following:

(A) Surrounded or substantially surrounded by the city to which the annexation is proposed or by that city and a county boundary or the Pacific Ocean if the territory to be annexed is substantially developed or developing, is not prime agricultural land as defined in Section 56064, is designated for urban growth by the general plan of the annexing city, and is not within the sphere of influence of another city.

(B) Located within an urban service area that has been delineated and adopted by a commission, which is not prime agricultural land, as defined by Section 56064, and is designated for urban growth by the general plan of the annexing city.

(C) An annexation or reorganization of unincorporated islands meeting the requirements of Section 56375.3.

(5) As a condition to the annexation of an area that is surrounded, or substantially surrounded, by the city to which the annexation is proposed, the commission may require, where consistent with the purposes of this division, that the annexation include the entire island of surrounded, or substantially surrounded, territory.

(6) A commission shall not impose any conditions that would directly regulate land use density or intensity, property development, or subdivision requirements.

(7) The decision of the commission with regard to a proposal to annex territory to a city shall be based upon the general plan and rezoning of the city. When the development purposes are not made known to the annexing city, the annexation shall be reviewed on the basis of the adopted plans and policies of the annexing city or county. A commission shall require, as a condition to annexation, that a city rezone the territory to be annexed or present evidence satisfactory to the commission that the existing development entitlements on the territory are vested or are already at build-out, and are consistent with the city's general plan. However, the commission shall not specify how, or in what manner, the territory shall be rezoned.

(8) (A) Except for those changes of organization or reorganization authorized under Section 56375.3, and except as provided by subparagraph (B), a commission shall not approve an annexation to a city of any territory greater than 10 acres, or as determined by commission policy, where there exists a disadvantaged unincorporated community that is contiguous to the area of proposed annexation, unless an application to annex the disadvantaged unincorporated community to the subject city has been filed with the executive officer.

(B) An application to annex a contiguous disadvantaged community shall not be required if either of the following apply:

(i) A prior application for annexation of the same disadvantaged community has been made in the preceding five years.

(ii) The commission finds, based upon written evidence, that a majority of the registered voters within the affected territory are opposed to annexation.

(b) With regard to a proposal for annexation or detachment of territory to, or from, a city or district or with regard to a proposal for reorganization that includes annexation or detachment, to determine whether territory proposed for annexation or detachment, as described in its resolution approving the annexation, detachment, or reorganization, is inhabited or uninhabited.

(c) With regard to a proposal for consolidation of two or more cities or districts, to determine which city or district shall be the consolidated successor city or district.

(d) To approve the annexation of unincorporated, noncontiguous territory, subject to the limitations of Section 56742, located in the same county as that in which the city is located, and that is owned by a city and used for municipal purposes and to authorize the annexation of the territory without notice and hearing.

(e) To approve the annexation of unincorporated territory consistent with the planned and probable use of the property based upon the review of general plan and rezoning designations. No subsequent change may be made to the general plan for the annexed territory or zoning that is not in conformance to the rezoning designations for a period of two years after the completion of the annexation, unless the legislative body for the city makes a finding at a public hearing that a substantial change has occurred in circumstances that necessitate a departure from the rezoning in the application to the commission.

(f) With respect to the incorporation of a new city or the formation of a new special district, to determine the number of registered voters residing within the proposed city or special district or, for a landowner-voter special district, the number of owners of land and the assessed value of their land within the territory proposed to be included in the new special district. The number of registered voters shall be calculated as of the time of the last report of voter registration by the county elections official to the Secretary of State prior to the date the first signature was affixed to the petition. The executive officer shall notify the petitioners of the number of registered voters resulting from this calculation. The assessed value of the land within the territory proposed to be included in a new landowner-voter special district shall be calculated as shown on the last equalized assessment roll.

(g) To adopt written procedures for the evaluation of proposals, including written definitions consistent with existing state law. The commission may adopt standards for any of the factors enumerated in Section 56668. Any standards adopted by the commission shall be written.

(h) To adopt standards and procedures for the evaluation of service plans submitted pursuant to Section 56653 and the initiation of a change of organization or reorganization pursuant to subdivision (a).

- (i) To make and enforce regulations for the orderly and fair conduct of hearings by the commission.
- (j) To incur usual and necessary expenses for the accomplishment of its functions.
- (k) To appoint and assign staff personnel and to employ or contract for professional or consulting services to carry out and effect the functions of the commission.
- (l) To review the boundaries of the territory involved in any proposal with respect to the definiteness and certainty of those boundaries, the nonconformance of proposed boundaries with lines of assessment or ownership, and other similar matters affecting the proposed boundaries.
- (m) To waive the restrictions of Section 56744 if it finds that the application of the restrictions would be detrimental to the orderly development of the community and that the area that would be enclosed by the annexation or incorporation is so located that it cannot reasonably be annexed to another city or incorporated as a new city.
- (n) To waive the application of Section 22613 of the Streets and Highways Code if it finds the application would deprive an area of a service needed to ensure the health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the area and if it finds that the waiver would not affect the ability of a city to provide any service. However, within 60 days of the inclusion of the territory within the city, the legislative body may adopt a resolution nullifying the waiver.
- (o) If the proposal includes the incorporation of a city, as defined in Section 56043, or the formation of a district, as defined in Section 2215 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the commission shall determine the property tax revenue to be exchanged by the affected local agencies pursuant to Section 56810.
- (p) To authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundaries pursuant to Section 56133.
- (q) To enter into an agreement with the commission for an adjoining county for the purpose of determining procedures for the consideration of proposals that may affect the adjoining county or where the jurisdiction of an affected agency crosses the boundary of the adjoining county.
- (r) To approve with or without amendment, wholly, partially, or conditionally, or disapprove pursuant to this section the annexation of territory served by a mutual water company formed pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 14300) of Division 3 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code that operates a public water system to a city or special district. Any annexation approved in accordance with this subdivision shall be subject to the state and federal constitutional prohibitions against the taking of private property without the payment of just compensation. This subdivision shall not impair the authority of a public agency or public utility to exercise eminent domain authority.

SEC. 7. Article 6 (commencing with Section 56879) is added to Chapter 5 of Part 3 of Division 3 of Title 5 of the Government Code, to read:

Article 6. Inactive Special Districts

56879. (a) On or before November 1, 2018, and every year thereafter, the Controller shall create a list of special districts that are inactive, as defined in Section 56042, based upon the financial reports received by the Controller pursuant to Section 53891. The Controller shall publish the list of inactive districts on the Controller's Internet Web site. The Controller shall also notify the commission in the county or counties in which the district is located if the Controller has included the district in this list.

(b) The commission shall initiate dissolution of inactive districts by resolution within 90 days of receiving notification from the Controller pursuant to subdivision (a), unless the commission determines that the district does not meet the criteria set forth in Section 56042. The commission shall notify the Controller if the commission determines that a district does not meet the criteria set forth in Section 56042.

(c) The commission shall dissolve inactive districts. The commission shall hold one public hearing on the dissolution of an inactive district pursuant to this section no more than 90 days following the adoption of the resolution initiating dissolution. The dissolution of an inactive district shall not be subject to any of the following:

(1) Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 57000) to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 57176), inclusive, of Part 4.

(2) Determinations pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 56881.

(3) Requirements for commission-initiated changes of organization described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 56375.

56880. This article shall not apply to a special district formed by special legislation that is required by its enabling statute to obtain funding within a specified period of time or be dissolved. That district shall not be subject to this article during that specified period of time.

SEC. 8. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.



AB-1222 Vehicles: electronic wireless communications devices. (2017-2018)



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Assembly Bill No. 1222

CHAPTER 297

An act to amend Section 23123.5 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1222, Quirk. Vehicles: electronic wireless communications devices.

Existing law makes it a crime to drive a motor vehicle while holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or electronic wireless communications device, as specified. Existing law defines an electronic wireless communications device as including, but not limited to, a broadband personal communication device, a specialized mobile radio device, a handheld device or laptop computer with mobile data access, a pager, or a two-way messaging device.

This bill would remove a specialized mobile radio device and a two-way messaging device from the list of devices specifically included as an electronic wireless communications device.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 23123.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

23123.5. (a) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle while holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or an electronic wireless communications device unless the wireless telephone or electronic wireless communications device is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation, and it is used in that manner while driving.

(b) This section shall not apply to manufacturer-installed systems that are embedded in the vehicle.

(c) A handheld wireless telephone or electronic wireless communications device may be operated in a manner requiring the use of the driver's hand while the driver is operating the vehicle only if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The handheld wireless telephone or electronic wireless communications device is mounted on a vehicle's windshield in the same manner a portable Global Positioning System (GPS) is mounted pursuant to paragraph (12) of subdivision (b) of Section 26708 or is mounted on or affixed to a vehicle's dashboard or center console in a manner that does not hinder the driver's view of the road.

(2) The driver's hand is used to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the handheld wireless telephone or wireless communications device with the motion of a single swipe or tap of the driver's finger.

(d) A violation of this section is an infraction punishable by a base fine of twenty dollars (\$20) for a first offense and fifty dollars (\$50) for each subsequent offense.

(e) This section does not apply to an emergency services professional using an electronic wireless communications device while operating an authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in Section 165, in the course and scope of his or her duties.

(f) for the purposes of this section, "electronic wireless communications device" includes, but is not limited to, a broadband personal communication device, a handheld device or laptop computer with mobile data access, or a pager.

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CS-1. ANNOUNCEMENT — PRESIDENT MUNSON:

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

**CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6
Non-Safety Group Negotiations – Chief Abbott**

- FFA NON-SAFETY GROUP DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:
NEGOTIATORS CHIEF ABBOTT, DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

CS-3. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE — GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957

- *FIRE CHIEF/CEO* DISTRICT NEGOTIATOR:
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CS-4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION — PRESIDENT MUNSON

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