

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
SUBJECT: BOARD MEETING PACKAGE
DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

Enclosed is your Board package for the Regular September 22, 2020 Board Meeting. We have tried to include the information you will need to effectively consider and act on agenda items.

Due to the Covid-19 Outbreak and pursuant to the Declarations by Governor Newsome and the County of San Diego, until further notice, all Board Meetings will be **TELEPHONIC ONLY**.

The Board, Staff and Public may participate by calling into the following number: 1-408-419-1715. Meeting ID is 834 677 344, followed by #.

All Board documents are on line at:

<https://www.ncfire.org/2020-09-22-board-tuesday-september-22-2020-regular-meeting>

Please note this month's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully,



Stephen Abbott
Fire Chief/CEO



PROUDLY SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF FALLBROOK, BONSALE AND RAINBOW

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NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

AGENDA FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA

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

CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL INVOCATION PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT — PRESIDENT LUEVANO** (pgs. 1-2)
➤ *Standing Event:* Members of the Public may directly address the Board of Directors on Events of interest to the Public provided no action will be taken on non-agenda Events. The Board President may limit comments to three minutes per speaker (Board of Directors – Elections, Officers and Terms SOG § 4.2.6.3).

ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT EVENTS:

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

2. **REVIEW AND APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2020** (pgs. 3-8)
➤ *Standing Event:* Review and approve minutes from August meeting as presented.
3. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2020** (pgs. 9-18)
➤ *Standing Event:* Review and Accept Financial Report for August as presented.
4. **REVIEW AND APPROVE POLICIES & PROCEDURES:** None (pgs. 19-20)
5. **MONTHLY OPERATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT – AUGUST 2020** (pgs. 21-32)
➤ *Standing Event:* Monthly Report demonstrating Call Mix, Turnout Time, Call by Unit, Transports, Total Response Times, Aid Received & Provided, Monthly Inspection Report, Health & Safety – Injuries & Accidents and Turnover of Care statistics.

ACTION ITEMS:

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

6. **PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 (4:15 P.M.): REVIEW AND APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2020/2021 AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2020-11 – FM JUUL, DFC MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 33-70)
➤ *Yearly Item:* Review and approve Final Budget for FY 2020/2021 and Resolution 2020-11. Requires Roll Call Vote.

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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7. **SET PUBLIC HEARINGS DATE/TIME CERTAIN OCTOBER 27, 2020: FOR ADOPTION OF UPDATED AMBULANCE FEE SCHEDULE RESOLUTION (4:15 P.M.), FOR ADOPTION OF UPDATED COST RECOVERY RESOLUTION (4:25 P.M.) AND FOR ADOPTION OF UPDATED FIRE PREVENTION FEES RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE (4:35 P.M.) — D/C MAHR, FM FIERI AND CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 71-74)
- *Recurring Action:* Recommendation to set Public Hearing date and times certain on October 27, 2020 for hearings as outlined.
8. **REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-12 RE: TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR DEPARTMENT RESPONSE AWAY FROM OFFICIAL DUTY STATIONS & ASSIGNED TO AN EMERGENCY EVENT — DFC MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 75-78)
- *New Item:* Review and approve Resolution 2020-12, which adopts the terms and conditions for the method of reimbursement calculation, adding the Fire Marshal and Medical Service Office as defined by the California Fire Assistance Agreement.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

No action shall be undertaken on any Discussion Event. 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.

9. **There are no Discussion Agenda items for the September 22, 2020 Meeting.** (pgs. 79-80)

STANDING DISCUSSION EVENTS: *All Events listed under the Standing Discussion Events are presented every meeting.*

- **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** (pgs. 81-82)
 - "Special Taxes by Voter Initiative Not Restricted by Proposition 13 or Proposition 218"
- **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** (pgs. 83-84)
 - BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM
- **NEWS ARTICLES:** As attached. (pgs. 85-124)
- **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** (pgs. 125-126)
- **STAFF:**
 - Chief Abbott
 - Other Staff
- **BOARD**
- **BARGAINING GROUPS**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

CLOSED SESSION

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

- CS-1. **ANNOUNCEMENT — PRESIDENT LUEVANO:** (pgs. 127-128)
- An announcement regarding the items to be discussed in Closed Session will be made prior to the commencement of Closed Session.



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CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54956.9 – CHIEF ABBOTT:

- Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9 – one case.

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54956.8 – CHIEF ABBOTT:

- PROPERTY LOCATION: 4157 Olive Hill Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028;
PARTIES: North County Fire Protection District (Seller);
UNDER NEGOTIATION: Terms of Purchase;
DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS: Chief Abbott, District Counsel James

CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 – MANAGEMENT GROUP NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT:

- NCFPD MANAGEMENT GROUP DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:
CHIEF ABBOTT, DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

CS-5. 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-6. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 – SAFETY GROUP NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT:

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

CS-7. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE – Government Code § 54957:

- Fire Chief/CEO DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:
DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

CS-8. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – PRESIDENT LUEVANO

CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The Board will return to Open Session at the conclusion of Closed Session to Report on Closed Session Matters and to Hear Remaining Agenda Items, if any.

ADJOURNMENT

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is: **Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 4:00 p.m.**

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.ncfire.org>. The Agenda was also available for review at the Office of the Board Secretary, located at 330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook (760) 723-2012. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the District after distribution of the agenda packet, are available for public inspection in the Office of the Board Secretary, 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 **September 17, 2020**."

Board Secretary Loren Stephen-Porter:

Loren Stephen-Porter

Date:

September 17, 2020



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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1. Members of the Public may directly address the Board of Directors on items of interest to the Public provided no action will be taken on non-agenda items. The Board President may limit comments to three minutes per speaker (Board of Directors Operations – Elections, Officers and Terms SOG § 4.2.6.3.).*

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1 **August 25, 2020**

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

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

5 **THE INVOCATION GIVEN BY CHAPLAIN HELMAN.**

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

7 **ROLL CALL:**

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

9 **Late:** Director Harris (after initiation of Closed Session).

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

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14 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

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

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19 **ACTION AGENDA**

20 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

21 2. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 2020**

22 3. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2020**

23 4. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

24 President Luevano inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 2-4. There
25 being no discussion, President Luevano asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
26 On a motion by Director Hoffman, seconded by Vice President Van Doorn the motion to
27 approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

30 **ACTION ITEMS:**

31 1. **PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND TIME CERTAIN, AUGUST 25, 2020, AT 4:15 P.M. TO REVIEW**
32 **AND RATIFY DISTRICT COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS, MAKING DETERMINATION THAT**
33 **"AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE ARE NECESSARY" AND APPROVING RESOLUTION 2020-10**

34 **AMENDING THE CODE — CHIEF ABBOTT AND B/S STEPHEN-PORTER:** B/S Stephen-Porter
35 presented the Conflict of Interest Code to the Board for review and approval, noting that
36 there were several suggested changes to the Code, which have been reviewed and
37 approved by District Counsel. The changes involved the following updates: [1] renumbering
38 of columns from Roman to Numeric, [2] adding the position of Finance Manager, [3] revising
39 reporting categories for the Board Secretary, HR/Finance Specialist and Mechanic
40 Supervisor and [4] revision of statement regarding where the original 700 Form submissions
41 may be retained. On a motion by Director Hoffman, seconded by Vice President Van Doorn,
42 the motion determining that amendments to the Code are necessary, to ratify the
43 recommendations and to approve Resolution 2020-10 with necessary amendments to the
44 Code as presented, passed unanimously.

45 5. **REVIEW AND APPROVE ALTERNATIVE REVENUE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN — CHIEF ABBOTT:**

46 Chief Abbott presented his implementation plan for various means of cost recovery as
47 discussed at the July Board meeting. He noted the various items that could be
48 implemented by approval of the Plan, while other require further approval after
49 hearing. Chief Abbott estimated that under the Plan presented, programs may
50 recover between \$300-500,000 in ongoing recovery revenue. In-depth discussion
51 ensued regarding what other jurisdictions are doing, how to best implement some of
52 the recovery measures and the phase-in rate. There are a number of items that
53 required hearings, including the ambulance rates and fire prevention fees. It would
54 require the hearings to be set at the September meeting with the hearings at the
55 October meeting. It was suggested that if it could be accomplished by the end of the
56 year, then implementation of the fire fees could be immediate. Ambulance fees would
57 be phased in with two-thirds implementation by the end of the year and the remainder
58 to be accomplished by no later than October of 2021, with modification to be made

59 by the Board depending upon the hearing cycle. On a motion by Director Hoffman,
60 seconded by Vice President Van Doorn, the motion to support set the necessary hearings
61 at the September meeting for the hearing at the October meeting, with the implementation
62 as discussed or amended at hearing passed unanimously.

63 **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

64 6. There were no Discussion Agenda Items for the August 25, 2020, Board Meeting.

66 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

67 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel James presented his report "The CCPA's
68 Impact on Public Agencies." Brief discussion ensued with it being noted that the District
69 needs to protect itself from these types of problems by requiring appropriate insurance and
70 indemnity clauses in its contracts. This is informational only, no action required at this time..

71 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Brief discussion ensued regarding the items,
72 Informational only, no action required.

73 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

74 ● **NEWS ARTICLES:** Brief discussion ensued regarding articles with Vice President
75 Van Doorn noted the Village News article was outstanding. This is informational only, no
76 action required.

77 ● **COMMENTS:**

78 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**

79 ● **STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO:** Chief Abbott updated the Board on the overhead
80 sharing discussions, noting that the District counterparts have decided to hold off on
81 determinations until after the November elections. Chief Abbott reported that the Dispatch
82 UAL was 40% of expected. He noted that MSO Murphy has been working with the Health
83 Care District on COVID testing, with three test dates this month. He informed the Board our
84 test sites are the most active in the County. Chief Abbott noted the District will be working
85 on a Request for Proposal for new living quarters for Station 3 with dedicated funds for
86 Rainbow. Chief Abbott updated the Board on the election, noting that of the three open
87 seats, only one is contested with two candidates. Chief Abbott updated the Board on the

88 LAFCO work on reorganizing CA 135, including the County Fire Authority into a dependent
89 fire district. Our District still has not heard from LAFCO regarding the pending Municipal
90 Service Review. Chief Abbott updated the Board on the predictive fire outlook. He also
91 updated the Board on other changes in fire agreements and Trump action on fire funding in
92 California. Chief Abbott thanked the Staff for all their extra work during the busy fire season.
93 Informational only, no further action required.

94 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: DFC MAROVICH:** DFC Marovich informed the
95 Board that the final budget will be presented next month. Ms. Juul, who assumes the
96 Finance Manager position at the end of the month will be making the presentation, while he
97 shadows her until his retirement. **D/C MAHR:** D/C Mahr noted that the call volume that had
98 been down during the initial stages of COVID, has returned to normal. No staff are out at
99 this time with COVID, after the initial ten and Staff are maintaining COVID guidelines
100 throughout the District. D/C Mahr updated the Board on staffing out on fires. **D/C**
101 **McREYNOLDS:** D/C McReynolds informed the Board the District will be hosting a North Zone
102 drill in Bonsall for a Technical Rescue Rope Drill and invited the Board to attend. There will
103 be testing for FF/PM in the first week of September. D/C McReynolds informed the Board
104 B/C MacMillan will assume more training responsibilities as he assumes more Human
105 Resources responsibilities. **FM Fieri:** FM Fieri updated the Board on the outstanding
106 inspections, noting a re-inspection rate of 78%. He opined the District should be caught up
107 by the September meeting. **B/S STEPHEN-PORTER:** B/S Stephen-Porter thanked Counsel
108 James for the assistance on the Conflict of Interest Code and will work with him and Chief
109 McReynolds on the CCPA as necessary.

110 ● **BOARD: PRESIDENT LUEVANO:** President Luevano thanked FM Fieri and staff for their
111 work on the weed abatement and inspection issues. He also thanked everyone for their
112 prayers during his recent procedure. **VICE PRESIDENT VAN DOORN:** Vice President Van
113 Doorn noted he was looking forward to the fund raiser and hill climb by the Association. He
114 inquired whether the District was looking at intersection and railing control on two areas
115 where recent accidents had occurred. Brief discussion ensued.

116 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS:** No comments.

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

118 **CLOSED SESSION**

119 ● **OPENING CLOSED SESSION:**

120 At 5:17 p.m., President Luevano inquired whether there was a motion to adjourn to Closed
121 Session. There being no objection, President Luevano read the items to be discussed in
122 Closed Session and the Open Session was closed. A short break ensued after the reading
123 of the Closed Session Items. At 5:25 p.m., and the Board entered Closed Session to hear:

124 CS-1. **ANNOUNCEMENT —PRESIDENT LUEVANO:** *An announcement regarding the items to be*
125 *discussed in Closed Session will be made prior to the commencement of Closed Session.*

126 CS-2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 — MANAGEMENT**
127 **GROUP NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT:**

128 NCFPD MANAGEMENT GROUP **DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:** CHIEF ABBOTT, DISTRICT
129 COUNSEL JAMES, SPECIAL COUNSEL ROGERS

130 CS-3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 — NON-SAFETY**
131 **GROUP NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT:**

132 FFA NON-SAFETY GROUP NEGOTIATORS **DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:** CHIEF ABBOTT, DISTRICT
133 COUNSEL JAMES, SPECIAL COUNSEL ROGERS

134 CS-4. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 — SAFETY GROUP**
135 **NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT:**

136 FFA SAFETY GROUP NEGOTIATORS **DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:** CHIEF ABBOTT, DISTRICT
137 COUNSEL JAMES, SPECIAL COUNSEL ROGERS

138 CS-5. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR — GOVERNMENT CODE**
139 **§ 54956.8 — DFC MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT:**

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

141 **PARTIES:** North County Fire Protection District (Seller);

142 **UNDER NEGOTIATION:** Terms of Purchase;

143 **DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:** Chief Abbott, District Counsel James

144 CS-6. **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION — PRESIDENT LUEVANO**

145 ● **REOPENING OPEN SESSION:**

146 On a motion by Director Harris, which was seconded by Director Munson and which passed
147 unanimously, the Board returned Open Session 6:55 p.m., the following items were reported
148 out to the public:

149 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 — MANAGEMENT
150 GROUP NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT: No reportable action.

151 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 — NON-SAFETY
152 GROUP NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT: No reportable action.

153 CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 — SAFETY GROUP
154 NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT: No reportable action.

155 CS-5. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR — GOVERNMENT CODE
156 § 54956.8 — DFC MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT: No reportable action.

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158 **ADJOURNMENT**

159 A motion was made at 6:58 p.m. by Director Munson and seconded by Director Hoffman to
160 adjourn the meeting and reconvene on September 22, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. The motion carried
161 unanimously.

162 Respectfully submitted,

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165 Loren Stephen-Porter

166 Board Secretary

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168 Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: September 22, 2020

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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DFC CHIEF STEVEN MAROVICH, HR/FS CHERIE JUUL AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
SUBJECT: REVENUE & EXPENDITURES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2020 (16%)

Revenue Sources	Budgeted	Collected	Over/Under	% of Budget
Property Taxes - FBK	15,940,646.00	223,517.70	(15,717,128.30)	1%
Property Taxes - RNBW	303,000.00	4,301.57	(298,698.43)	1%
Ambulance and Collections	2,245,000.00	428,171.45	(1,816,828.55)	19%
GEMT-State Supplement	90,000.00	-	(90,000.00)	0%
Prevention Fees	185,000.00	30,859.00	(154,141.00)	17%
Tower Lease Agreements	103,000.00	13,963.00	(89,037.00)	14%
Other Revenue Sources	50,000.00	3,117.00	(46,883.00)	6%
Interest	50,000.00	10,266.00	(39,734.00)	21%
Cost Recovery	80,000.00	7,982.00	(72,018.00)	10%
Fallbrook Healthcare District	92,000.00	16,563.12	(75,436.88)	18%
Community Facilities District (CFD)	116,942.00	11,893.00	(105,049.00)	10%
Strike Team Reimbursements	151,523.00	-	(151,523.00)	-
Other Reimbursements	100,000.00	-	(100,000.00)	0%
Mitigation Fees & Interest - FBK	300,000.00	1,398.45	(298,601.55)	0%
Donations & Grants	104,157.00	12,323.50	(91,833.50)	12%
Annexation fees	-	-	-	-
Transfers & Loans	-	-	-	0%
Total Revenue:	19,911,268.00	764,355.79	(19,146,912.21)	4%
	Budgeted	Spent	Over/Under	% of Budget
TTL Expenditures YTD thru 08-31-2020	18,855,478.00	3,846,695.00	(15,008,783.00)	20%
Revenue over Expenditures		(3,082,339.21)		

North County Fire Protection District
For the Tenth Month Ending April 30, 2020

83% of Budget

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

Description	August actual	Running Total	Prelim Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used	Notes
TOTAL PERSONNEL	1,606,372.00	3,234,625.00	15,413,861.00	12,179,236.00	21.0%	
101 Total Board Administration	11,100.00	35,739.00	274,900.00	239,161.00	13.0%	
102 Total Administration	57,325.00	101,256.00	1,045,139.00	943,883.00	9.7%	
103 Total Fire Prevention	420.00	1,087.00	62,400.00	61,313.00	1.7%	
104 Total Emergency Services	5,309.00	256,575.00	425,042.00	168,467.00	63.4%	Vehicle and Facility ins paid
105 Total Emergency Med Svcs	13,810.00	27,926.00	220,202.00	192,276.00	12.7%	
106 Total Volunteers/Explorers	2,500.00	2,500.00	14,760.00	12,260.00	16.9%	
107 Total Communications	174,512.00	186,674.00	620,004.00	433,330.00	30.1%	Q1 Dispatch fees/MDC & AVL paid
108 Total Shop/Maintenance	11,463.00	28,410.00	355,905.00	327,495.00	8.0%	
109 Total Training	2,694.00	7,643.00	73,265.00	65,622.00	10.4%	
120 Total General Fund Reserve	-	-	350,000.00	350,000.00	0.0%	
GRAND TOTAL	1,885,505.00	3,882,435.00	18,855,478.00	14,973,043.00	20.6%	
200 Total Capital Expenditures	67,812.16	101,307.15	815,137.95	713,830.80	12.4%	

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Tax Apportionments FY 20-21**

DATE	APP #	GROSS	REFUNDS & ADJUSTMENTS	FY 20/21 NET	FY 20/21 RUNNING	FY 19/20 NET	FY 19/20 RUNNING
08 12 2020	1	223,517.70	1,322.63	222,195.07	222,195.07	229,418.43	229,418.43
09 22 2020	2			-	222,195.07	79,480.12	308,898.55
10 20 2020	3			-	222,195.07	154,586.49	463,485.04
11 17 2020	4			-	222,195.07	534,416.39	997,901.43
12 15 2020	5			-	222,195.07	5,133,895.38	6,131,796.81
01 19 2021	6			-	222,195.07	2,451,410.99	8,583,207.80
02 16 2021	7			-	222,195.07	359,238.37	8,942,446.17
03 16 2021	8			-	-	-	-
04 13 2021	9			-	222,195.07	3,210,146.99	12,152,593.16
05 11 2021	10			-	222,195.07	2,553,885.70	14,706,478.86
06 22 2021	11			-	222,195.07	290,352.38	14,996,831.24
07 22 2021	12			-	222,195.07	373,389.57	15,370,220.81
						66,170.93	15,436,391.74
						-	
TOTAL YTD		223,517.70	1,322.63	222,195.07	222,195.07	229,418.43	229,418.43
Net Rev Increase							-3.15%

RAINBOW FIRE PROTECTION SUBZONE

Tax Apportionments FY 20/21

DATE	APP #	GROSS	REFUNDS & ADJUSTMENTS	FY 20/21 NET	FY 20/21 RUNNING	FY 19/20 NET	FY 19/20 RUNNING
08 18 2020	1	4,301.57	25.45	4,276.12	4,276.12	4,195.51	4,195.51
09 22 2020	2			-	4,276.12	1,453.47	5,648.98
10 20 2020	3			-	4,276.12	2,826.97	8,475.95
11 17 2020	4			-	4,276.12	9,760.17	18,236.12
12 15 2020	5			-	4,276.12	94,409.63	112,645.75
01 19 2021	6			-	4,276.12	53,866.73	166,512.48
02 16 2021	7			-	4,276.12	6,951.95	173,464.43
03 16 2021	8			-	4,276.12	-	173,464.43
04 13 2021	9			-	4,276.12	62,105.80	235,570.23
05 11 2021	10			-	4,276.12	50,125.46	285,695.69
06 22 2021	11			-	4,276.12	5,661.27	291,356.96
07 22 2021	12			-	4,276.12	7,164.56	298,521.52
TOTAL YTD		4,301.57	25.45	4,276.12	4,276.12	4,195.51	4,195.51
Net Rev Increase							1.92%

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

AMBULANCE REVENUE FY 2020-2021

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>BILLED</u>	<u>CONTRACTUAL WRITE DOWNS</u>	<u>TOTAL AR FY 20-21</u>	<u>TOTAL AR FY 19-20</u>	<u>BAD DEBT WRITE-OFFS</u>	<u>REFUNDS</u>	<u>ADJ AR</u>	<u>DEPOSITS RECIEVED</u>	<u>BILLING FEES</u>	<u>FY 20-21 NET REVENUE</u>	<u>FY 19-20 NET REVENUE</u>
07 31 2020	492,609.07	283,771.92	208,837.15	274,112.06	28,136.09	1,978.64	178,722.42	208,837.15	11,557.11	197,280.04	155,833.88
08 31 2020	582,819.64	342,604.08	240,215.56	215,953.31	22,564.45	(488.08)	218,139.19	240,215.56	11,527.20	228,688.36	181,256.99
09 30 2020			-	307,159.93			-			-	199,107.55
10 31 2020			-	248,890.07			-			-	205,273.64
11 30 2020			-	229,003.49			-			-	196,525.33
12 31 2020			-	331,817.90			-			-	179,942.32
01 31 2021			-	201,170.29			-			-	212,967.00
02 28 2021			-	240,188.15			-			-	188,887.92
03 31 2021			-	208,936.67			-			-	175,643.85
04 30 2021			-	198,311.38			-			-	172,516.79
05 31 2021			-	279,286.84			-			-	162,862.20
06 30 2021			-	230,124.08			-			-	217,930.48
TOTAL:	1,075,428.71	626,376.00	449,052.71	490,065.37	50,700.54	1,490.56	396,861.61	449,052.71	23,084.31	425,968.40	337,090.87
					Net A/R Change		-8.37%			New Revenue Change	26.37%

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
COST RECOVERY FY 2020/2021**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>YTD % Collected</u>	<u>Billing Fees</u>	<u>Net Revenue 20/21</u>	<u>Net Revenue 19/20</u>
7 31 2020	6,940.75	6,636.04	95.61%	1,327.21	5,308.83	2,791.46
8 30 2020	4,267.15	3,342.00	78.32%	668.40	2,673.60	10,144.80
9 30 2020			#DIV/0!	-	-	3,820.80
10 31 2020			#DIV/0!	-	-	7,134.40
11 30 2020			#DIV/0!	-	-	4,703.90
12 31 2020			#DIV/0!	-	-	5,374.67
1 31 2021			#DIV/0!	-	-	7,444.82
2 28 2021			#DIV/0!	-	-	5,974.40
3 30 2021			#DIV/0!	-	-	10,046.76
4 30 2021			#DIV/0!	-	-	8,884.00
5 31 2021			#DIV/0!	-	-	11,421.86
6 30 2021			#DIV/0!	-	-	2,667.60
TOTAL:	11,207.90	9,978.04	89.03%	1,995.61	7,982.43	12,936.26
					Net Rev Increase	-38.29%

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NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT
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August 31, 2020

FALLBROOK	BALANCE	INTEREST	
		RATE	
County of San Diego/General Fund - FBK	622,201.39	0.01%	Operating
County of San Diego/General Fund - RNBW	1,173,923.87	0.01%	Operating
County of San Diego/Capital Reserve	399,799.89	0.01%	Capital Reserves
County of San Diego/Fire Mitigation Fund - FBK	772,391.31	0.01%	Mitigation Fees
County of San Diego/Fire Mitigation Fund - RNBW	4,050.26	0.01%	Mitigation Fees
Local Agency Investment Fund	2,144,919.87	1.22%	LAIF
Workers' Comp JPA	476,263.62	0.26%	PASIS Funds
Bank of America/PASIS	23,826.27	0.01%	
First National/Benefit Fund	156,195.79	0.70%	
First National/Payroll	229,890.96	0.70%	
First National/Accounts Payable	365,972.03	0.70%	
First National/Accounts Receivable	144,493.29	0.70%	
Pacific Western Bank/Accounts Receivable	1,574,379.32	0.00%	
TOTAL	8,088,307.87		

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08 1 2020	AUG 2020	Employee Benefit Specialists, Inc.	Aug 2020 EBS Invoice	8,567.37
08 1 2020	37652289239	DIRECTV	08/01/20-08/31/20	152.99
08 1 2020	01082020	POLICE AND FIRE PSYCHOLOGY	Donnelly psych	325.00
08 1 2020	9859768707	VERIZON WIRELESS	07/02/20-08/01/20	77.24
08 1 2020	21NOCFPDC01	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO - RCS	CAP CODE	52.50
08 1 2020	21NOCFPDN01	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO - RCS	FIRE RADIOS/ NEXT GEN RCS	5,883.00
08 1 2020	011015180	XEROX - PASADENA	6/25-7/21/20	368.86
08 1 2020	011015179	XEROX - PASADENA	6/25/20-7/21/20	162.28
08 1 2020	000015116144	AT&T	7/1/20-7/31/20	1,968.55
08 1 2020	09/01/20STMNT	THE STANDARD	AUGUST	577.50
08 2 2020	0381456080220	TIME WARNER CABLE	08/02/20-09/01/20	341.58
08 2 2020	0381472080220	TIME WARNER CABLE	08/02/20-09/01/20	1,146.58
08 3 2020	07/03/20-08/03/20-02	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	07/03/20-08/03/20	419.53
08 3 2020	07/03/20-08/03/20-03	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	07/03/20-08/03/20	311.92
08 3 2020	2020-68	STREAMLINE AUTOMATION SYSTEMS, LLC	2020-68 STREAMLINE CLOUD FEE	6,957.00
08 3 2020	3114190	Zoll Medical Corp	DEBRAUWERE PO	767.72
08 4 2020	STA 1 7/11-8/10/20	TIME WARNER CABLE	SERV STA 1 7/11-8/10	149.95
08 4 2020	INV411322	L.N. CURTIS & SONS	bluetooth flow meter	804.08
08 4 2020	8/4/20	Brendan McReynolds	AMBULANCE DRIV LIC	120.00
08 4 2020	9502888940	TELEFLEX	MED SUPPLIES NEEDLES	2,386.00
08 5 2020	1100	JIM'S SIGN SHOP	NCF LOGOS NEW AMBLNCE	640.00
08 5 2020	41202751	Arrow Pipeline Repair, Inc.	STA 4 CAMERA INSPECT	265.00
08 5 2020	76909	THE COUNSELING TEAM	JULY STMNT	525.00
08 6 2020	528365	FALLBROOK AWARDS	Appreciation awards	39.65
08 6 2020	00H0036333755	READY FRESH	SERVICE AUG	48.23
08 6 2020	1450	NATIONWIDE MEDICAIL/SURGICAL	FEN/CIT	51.85
08 6 2020	1451	NATIONWIDE MEDICAIL/SURGICAL	FENCIT	51.85
08 7 2020	19101	Advanced Communication Systems, Inc.	Reapirs & Parts Per J. Rivera	1,160.10
08 11 2020	20525	BOISE MOBILE EQUIP	SEAT BELT RCVR	42.52
08 11 2020	34653	KNOCKOUT PEST CONTROL	JOB W11993	3,395.00
08 12 2020	8/12/20	POSTAL ANNEX #25	AUG STMNT	3.79
08 12 2020	2007099	Wittman Enterprises, LLC	invoice 2007099	11,557.11
08 12 2020	202021-103	NORTH COUNTY DISPATCH JPA	202021-103	164,428.40
08 13 2020	303325	BOX APPLIANCE	OVEN tHERMOSTAT STA 5	471.26
08 14 2020	PR AP 08/14/2020	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	FBK FFA DUES PR 08/14/2020	2,502.44
08 14 2020	PR AP 0/14/20	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	FFA PMT SR 08/14/2020	31.59
08 14 2020	PR AP 08/14/2020	FIREFIGHTERS LEG. ACTION GRP	FLAG PMT 08/14/2020	84.00
08 14 2020	PR AP 08/14/2020	LINCOLN NATIONAL	LINCOLN NAT'L PMT 08/14/2020	2,465.87
08 14 2020	7/21/20-8/3/20	Dustin Glasgow	REIMBURSE MILAGE	867.68
08 15 2020	8/15/20	LEGAL SHIELD	AUG STMENT 8/15	586.20
08 20 2020	AUG APRIVAL	Collin Baker	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FSC 3345	823.50
08 20 2020	34904	THOMAS EMS	NARC BOX REPAIR	262.49

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08 22 2020	8/22/20	MATHIEU LINDSEY	PS 5305 CLASS	1,066.50
08 24 2020	SAFER GRANT TUITION	TRENT CHAVEZ MATZEL	ACTUAL \$2857.52 MAX 2500	2,500.00
08 28 2020	PR 8/28/2020	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	PR AP 8/28/20	2,502.44
08 28 2020	PR 8/28/20 SR	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	PR AP 8/28/20 SINGLE ROLE	28.08
08 28 2020	PR AP 8/28/20 FLAG	FIREFIGHTERS LEG. ACTION GRP	PR AP 8/28/20 FLAG	84.00
08 28 2020	PR AP 8/28/20	LINCOLN NATIONAL	PR AP 8/28/20	2,541.47

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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
SUBJECT: STANDING ITEM: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. None.

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North County Fire

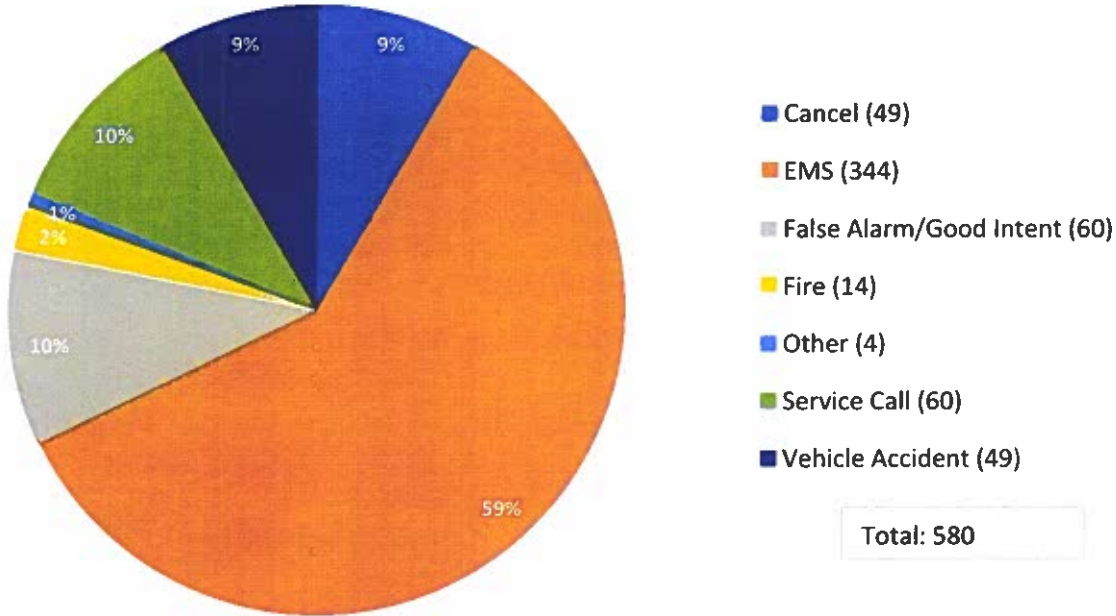


MONTHLY OPERATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT:

Aug 2020

Call Mix

August



* Future reports will separate true Mechanical False Alarms VS Good Intent

Total incidents year to date:

Aug 2019: 4038

Aug 2020: 3971



Turnout Time

(Time of station notification to responding)

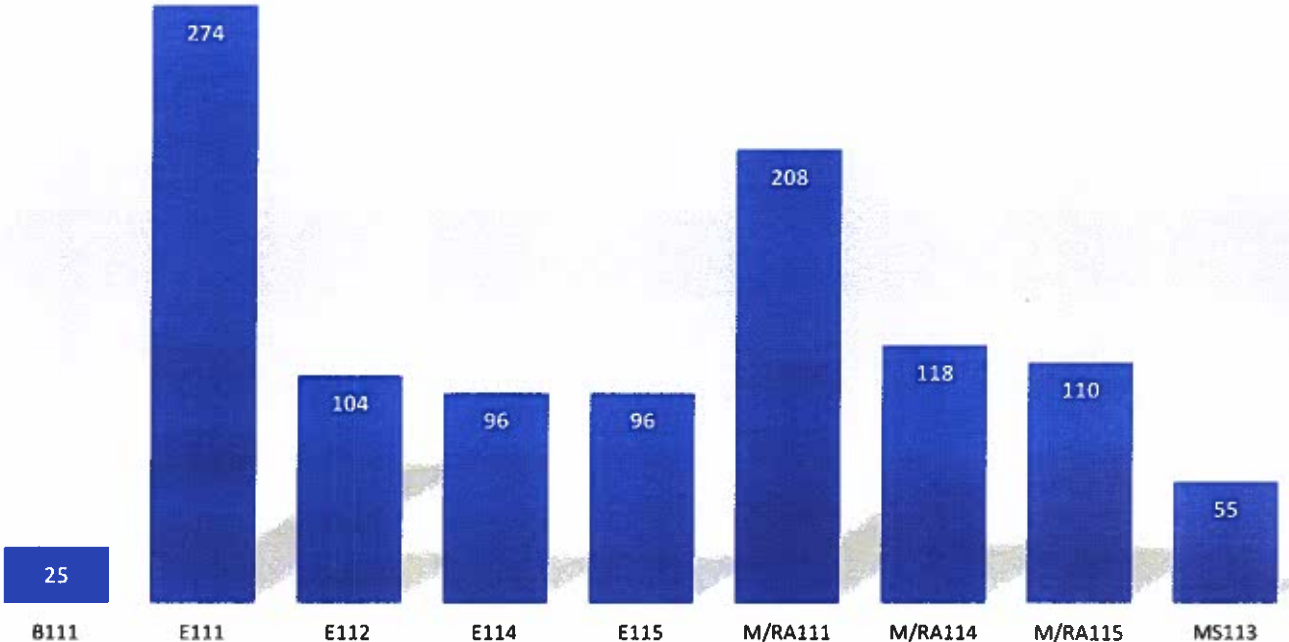
90th Percentile – Emergency Calls Only

Shift	Unit Name	August	Shift	Unit Name	August	Shift	Unit Name	August
A-SHIFT	B111	0:02:03 (9)	B-SHIFT	B111	0:02:14 (4)	C-SHIFT	B111	0:01:53 (9)
	E111	0:01:46 (79)		E111	0:01:22 (74)		E111	0:02:23 (86)
	E112	0:02:33 (29)		E112	0:02:12 (37)		E112	0:01:40 (24)
	E114	0:02:35 (37)		E114	0:02:21 (34)		E114	0:02:33 (22)
	E115	0:01:55 (29)		E115	0:01:41 (37)		E115	0:02:14 (29)
	M111	0:01:43 (26)		M111	0:01:45 (71)		M111	0:01:51 (70)
	M114	0:02:25 (43)		M114	0:02:24 (38)		M114	0:02:28 (37)
	M115	0:01:14 (42)		M115	0:01:11 (57)		M115	0:01:26 (47)
	MS113	0:02:19 (22)		MS113	0:02:02 (9)		MS113	0:01:57 (15)
RA111	0:02:09 (38)							



Calls by Unit

August

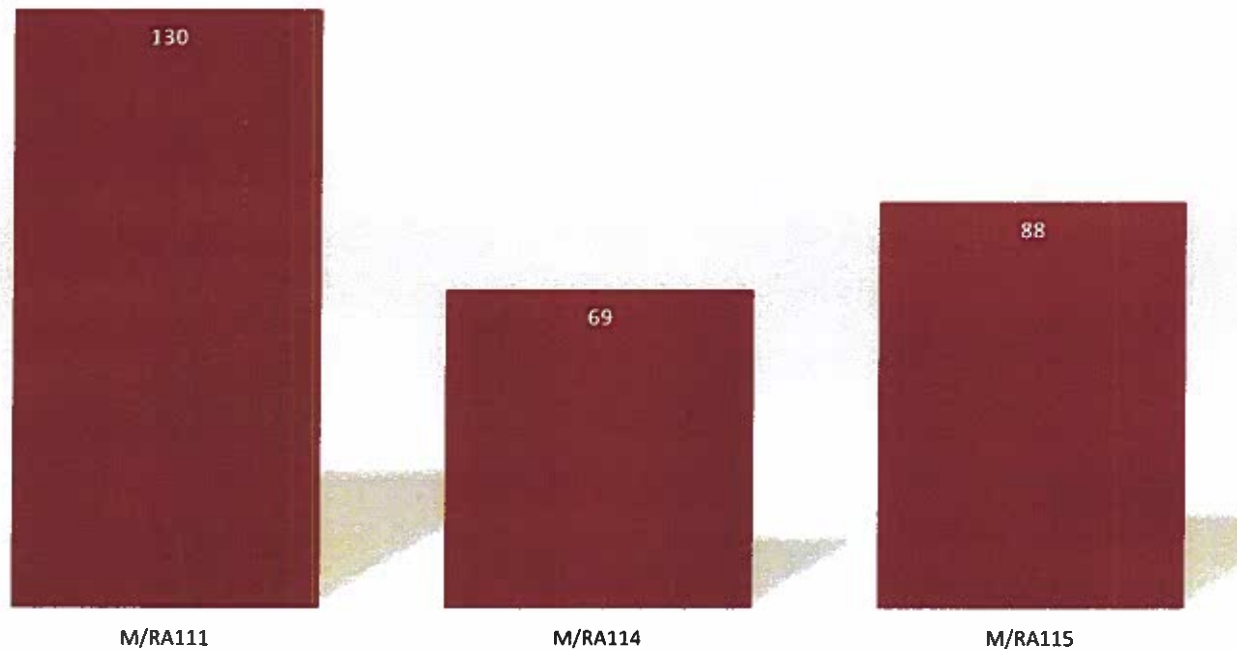


*Includes calls that were canceled in route



Transports

Total



July 2020: 251
Aug 2020: 287



Total Response Times

90th Percentile – Emergency Calls Only – 1st On Scene

	Urban	Suburban	Rural
August	0:08:04 (269)	0:11:39 (18)	0:11:27 (18)

August 2020



Aid Received & Aid Provided

Aid Received (time arrived) into NORTH COUNTY FPD from CAL FIRE, OCEANSIDE FD, VISTA FD

Jurisdiction	Home Jurisdiction	Incidents/Responses Filter (Time Arrived)
		2020
	CAL FIRE	10.00
	CAMP PENDLETON	17.00
NORTH COUNTY FPD	OCEANSIDE FD	4.00
	PALA FD	5.00
	VISTA FD	17.00
	Grand Total	53.00

Aid Provided (count) by NORTH COUNTY FPD into CAL FIRE, OCEANSIDE FD, VISTA FD

Home Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction	Incidents/Responses Filter
		2020
	CAL FIRE	13
NORTH COUNTY FPD	OCEANSIDE FD	33
	PALA FD	3
	VISTA FD	24
	Grand Total	73



Monthly Inspection Report

2020

August		
Crew	Assigned	Completed
1A	7	1
1B	7	5
1C	6	6
2A	5	0
2B	5	0
2C	5	0
3A	5	4
3B	5	4
3C	5	4
4A	6	4
4B	4	4
4C	5	2
5A	5	8
5B	8	7
5C	3	5



Health & Safety

Injuries

2 Injuries

Accidents

0 Vehicle



Turnover of Care

Total Offloads
281

TOC Compliance
86.1%

90th Percentile Offload Time in Minutes
52.5

Median Offload Time in Minutes
24.3

Percent Offloads Under 30 Minutes
61.2%

Percent Offloads Under 20 Minutes
34.5%

San Diego County
Transfer of Care - via FirstWatch
Ambulance Operating Area Data
Use filters below to select data by
Ambulance Operating Area, Month, and Year

Ambulance Operating Area

SD COUNTY	AMR Float Units
Barona	Carlsbad
Chula Vista	Coronado
CSA 17	CSA 69
El Cajon	Escondido
GHD Zone 1	Inland North
Inland South	National City
North County FPD	Oceanside
Poway	Ramona
San Diego	San Marcos
Sycuan	Unified Service Area
Viejas	Vista

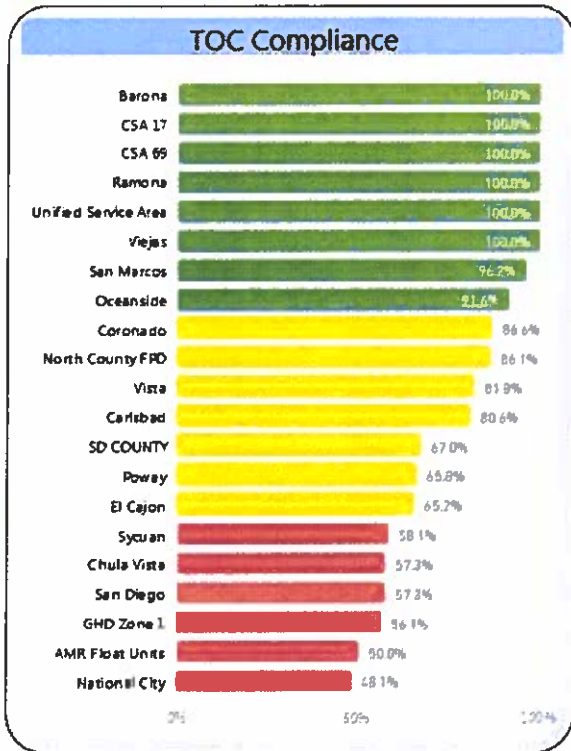
Month

January	February	March
April	May	June
July	August	September
October	November	December

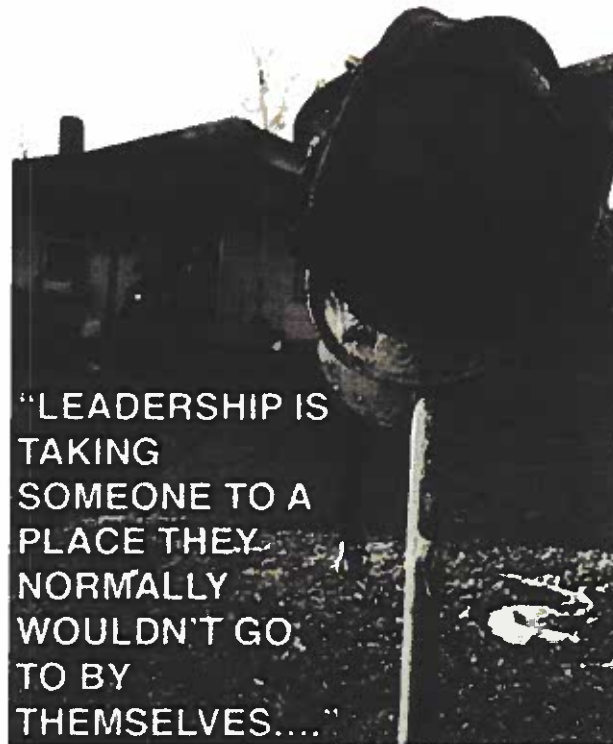
Year

2018	2019	2020
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Ambulance Operating Area Ranking - TOC Compliance
10



Leadership



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NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: FINANCE MGR JUUL, DEPUTY CHIEF MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
SUBJECT: FY 20/21 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors approve the following:

- FY20/21 Final Budget during the Public Hearing, set for September 22, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. time certain.
- Adopt Resolution 2020-11 as presented.

DISCUSSION:

Attached are the final documents for the FY20/21 Final Budget submitted for the Board's approval. The detailed Budget in its entirety is presented as an attached document. Over the last Fiscal Year and into FY20/21, the District has continued to experience a steady increase of property tax revenue as a result of the economic growth. The Final Budget presented herein reflects a balanced spending plan for the upcoming Fiscal Year that will allow the District to meet routine operational needs. The power point presentation will be discussed in detail during the presentation.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

REVENUE:

The District realized a 4.89% increase in last year's property tax funding over the previous year and is budgeting an increase in property tax of approximately \$757,341, which represents a 3.5% increase. The balance of increase in revenue is directly related to increase in ambulance revenue, interest income, Fallbrook Regional Health District, and anticipated mitigation fees.

EXPENSES:

The increases in the following areas over last year's Budget is a direct reflection of these factors:

- Personnel – Increase in salaries, specifically the firefighter/FF medics, reflect the 6-month cost of hiring the three additional personnel for station 3. Reflection of the reclassification of a Finance Manager to replace the Deputy Fire chief and carrying 3 additional single-role medics versus 3 single role EMTs. The implementation of the Pension Obligation Bond increases the UAL by \$320,000 for leveling off the costs in the first year. Health insurance rates were up slightly causing a \$115,000 increase and the District will be paying out two larger claims in workers compensation.
- Department 101 – Savings from the community outreach and legal costs.
- Department 104 – Increase in vehicle insurance and addition of emergency equipment.
- Department 105 – Increase in the cost of medical supplies and need for additional Single Role physicals.
- Department 108 – Increase in fuel costs and parts & accessories.
- Facility and CIP – The Facility plan reflects the increase of \$400,000 towards the purchase and installation of a replacement modular living quarters for Fire Station #3, to be funded with Rainbow reserve funds. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) reflects purchasing three staff vehicles, vehicle lifts, hose reel and Auto Pulses.

SUMMARY:

Staff presents the attached Final Budget for adoption and approval of Resolution 2020-11 as presented.

North County Fire

Final Budget FY 2020/21

Funding Source	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 2021 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 2021	Final/Final Variance
Property Tax	15,476,356	15,684,731	15,940,646	16,233,697	757,341
Property Tax RBW Division	285,000	304,535	303,000	310,626	25,626
Ambulance Fees	1,945,000	2,305,194	2,245,000	2,300,000	355,000
Prevention Fees	200,000	210,271	185,000	185,000	(15,000)
Tower Lease Agreements	103,000	107,054	103,000	110,000	7,000
Other Revenue Sources	50,000	84,368	50,000	50,000	-
Interest	70,000	86,757	50,000	60,000	(10,000)
Weed Abatement/Mowing Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-
Cost Recovery	70,000	83,077	80,000	80,000	10,000
Fallbrook Regional Health District	181,637	73,977	92,000	92,000	(89,637)
Community Facilities District (CFD)	149,079	97,914	116,942	116,942	(32,137)
Annexation Fees	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FEES	2,768,716	3,048,612	2,921,942	2,993,942	225,226
Strike Team Reimb - OES	89,000	111,369	151,523	180,154	91,154
Other Reimbursements	150,000	155,280	100,000	100,000	(50,000)
GEMT - State Supplement	130,000	-	90,000	90,000	(40,000)
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS	369,000	266,649	341,523	370,154	1,154
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	18,899,072	19,304,527	19,507,111	19,908,419	1,009,347
Donations & Grants	288,215	354,147	104,157	64,246	(223,969)
Mitigation Fees & Interest (Fallbrook)	300,000	573,323	300,000	300,000	-
Mitigation Fees & Interest (Rainbow)	-	64	-	-	-
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	588,215	927,534	404,157	364,246	(223,969)
GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	19,487,287	20,232,060	19,911,268	20,272,665	785,378
Transfer from Reserves	1,852,000	1,852,000	-	468,000	(1,384,000)
GRAND TOTAL ALL SOURCES	21,339,287	22,084,060	19,911,268	20,740,665	(598,622)

Account	Description	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	
Personnel							
	Salaries	7,117,746	7,018,027	7,218,959	7,348,309	230,564	
	Overtime	1,225,830	1,434,195	1,142,955	1,094,299	(131,531)	
	Other Pay	945,399	1,037,287	1,001,035	1,003,493	58,094	
	Benefits	4,852,928	4,374,621	5,350,912	5,218,593	365,666	
	Workers Comp.	750,000	775,517	700,000	760,000	10,000	
	TOTAL	14,891,902	14,639,647	15,413,861	15,424,695	532,793	
O & M							
	Board Administration	101	468,900	445,011	274,900	464,900	(4,000)
	Administration	102	1,090,029	1,025,418	1,045,139	679,303	(410,726)
	Prevention	103	70,400	37,475	62,400	62,400	(8,000)
	Operations	104	358,096	382,280	425,042	457,102	99,006
	Emergency Medical	105	205,233	218,124	220,202	460,202	254,969
	Explorers/Volunteers	106	62,995	45,250	14,760	-	(62,995)
	Communications	107	686,832	623,607	620,004	620,004	(66,828)
	Fleet Maintenance	108	308,890	311,699	355,905	355,905	47,015
	Training	109	75,000	87,825	83,265	83,265	8,265
	TOTAL	3,326,375	3,176,690	3,101,617	3,183,081	(143,294)	
	Contingency		200,000		247,853	221,953	21,953
	Deposit to Reserves		150,000		300,000	300,000	150,000
	TOTAL	350,000	-	547,853	521,953	171,953	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	18,568,278	17,816,337	19,063,331	19,129,729	561,451	

Category	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
Facilities							
	Bond - Station 5	237,163	237,163	235,508	235,508	(1,655)	13 additional years
	Note - Station 5	1,581,792	1,614,530	-	-	(1,581,792)	Paid off
	Administration Building	85,751	85,752	85,751	85,751	-	10 additional years
	Solar Loan I	35,407	35,407	35,407	35,407	-	9 additional years
	Solar Loan II	12,575	12,575	12,575	12,575	-	15 additional years
	Rainbow Station				400,000	400,000	New Modular
TOTAL		1,952,688	1,985,427	369,241	769,241	(1,183,447)	
Capital Improvement Plan							
	Ambulance I	45,661	45,661	45,661	45,661	-	Paid off this year
	Ambulance II	45,742	45,742	45,742	45,742	-	One additional year
	Ambulance Remount	50,794	40,647	50,794	50,794	-	Paid off this year
	Ambulance Remount (2nd)	150,000	183,585			(150,000)	
	EKG	60,666	60,666	60,666	60,666	-	Two additional years
	800 Radios	151,851	151,851	151,851	151,851	-	One additional year
	Type I Engines (2)	133,980	133,980	133,980	133,980	-	Large Pay off in two
	Brush Engine						
	Forklift	38,000	38,192			(38,000)	
	Holmatro				45,000	45,000	←
	Tire Machine	20,000	19,764			(20,000)	←
	Extractor				8,000	8,000	←
	Fleet Maint. Hose Reel				20,000	20,000	←
	Auto Pulse				40,000	40,000	←
	Vehicle Lift				40,000	40,000	←
	Staff Vehicles	87,000	26,267		200,000	113,000	← carry over from 19/20
TOTAL		783,694	746,357	488,694	841,694	58,000	
Total Facilities and CIP		2,736,382	2,731,784	857,935	1,610,935	(1,125,447)	

Account	Description	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21
Revenue					
	Property Tax	15,761,356	15,989,266	16,243,646	16,544,323
	Fees	2,768,716	3,048,612	2,921,942	2,993,942
	Reimbursements	369,000	266,649	341,523	370,154
	Restricted Funds	2,440,215	2,779,534	404,157	832,246
	Grand Total	21,339,287	22,084,060	19,911,268	20,740,665
Expenses					
	Personnel	14,891,902	14,639,647	15,413,861	15,424,695
	O&M	3,326,375	3,176,690	3,101,617	3,183,081
	Contingency	200,000	0	247,853	221,953
	Deposit to Reserves	150,000	0	300,000	300,000
	Facilities	1,952,688	1,985,427	369,241	769,241
	Capital Improvement Plan	783,694	746,357	488,694	841,694
	Grand Total	21,304,660	20,548,121	19,921,268	20,740,665
		34,627	1,535,939	(10,000)	(0)



Description	FY 19/20	Notes
2018/19 Reserve Balance	9,451,478	←
2019/20 revenue	20,232,060	←
Withdraw from Reserves	1,852,000	←
2019/20 expense	(17,816,337)	←
Total Debt service 2019/20	(849,445)	←
Capital Projects:		
Apparatus	(183,585)	Ambulance
Vehicles	(26,267)	1staff vehicles
Other Equipment	(57,956)	Forklift and tire machine
Station Improvements	(1,614,530)	Pay off station 5 bond
Total Capital Projects	(1,882,338)	←
New Debt:		
Proceeds Apparatus		
Proceeds modular		
Total Proceeds	-	
Net Operations	1,535,940	←
Change in Reserves	(316,060)	←
2019/20 Reserve Balance	9,135,418	←

Description	FY 19/20
Restricted:	
Fallbrook Mitigation	751,891
Rainbow Mitigation	3,927
Committed:	
Compensated Absences	1,933,977
Workers Comp	450,000
Facility and CIP	3,250,583
Assigned:	
Operating Reserve (Dry yield)	2,225,000
Unassigned:	
General Fund	520,040
Total	9,135,418

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



FINAL BUDGET FY 20/21



North County Fire Protection District

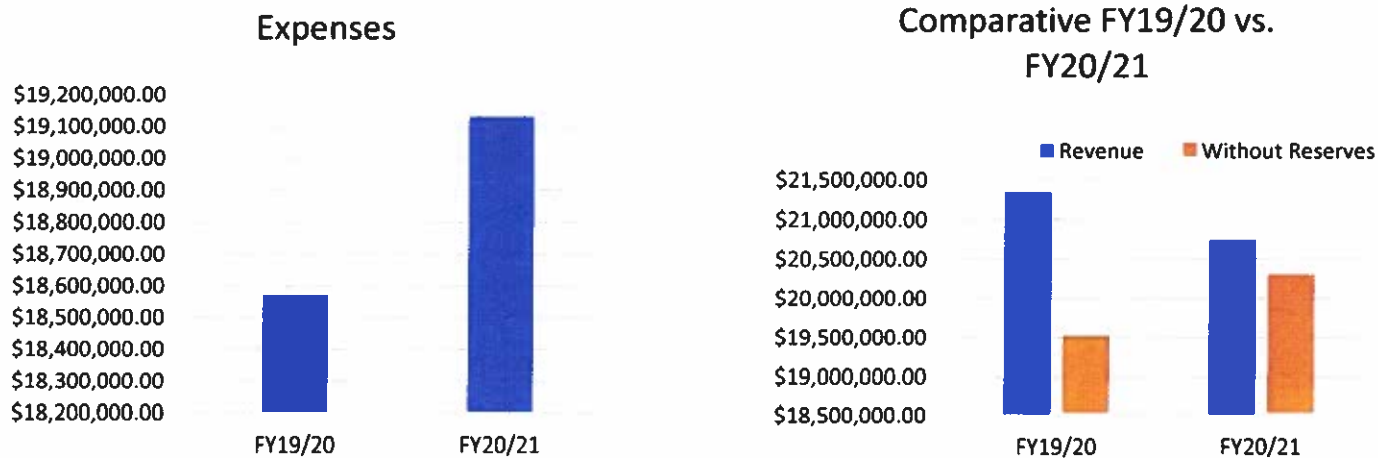
Final Budget - FY20/21

September 2020

The Fire District proposed Operating and Capital Replacement Budget for FY20/21 is submitted to the Board of Directors for its review and consideration. The annual budget serves as a foundation and is an important tool available to the District to set priorities for the North County Fire Protection District over the next year and beyond. This narrative intends to demonstrate that the District is fiscally prudent in proposing the necessary revenue and expenditures, while providing the highest level of emergency response, fire prevention and administrative services.

Overview

In evaluating the FY20/21 budget, you will notice that if you eliminate the dollars transferred from reserves the projected total revenue increased from the previous year by 4.0%; and the projected FY20/21 total operating expenditures increased 3% compared to FY19/20 expenditures.



Projected Revenues

Revenue - \$20,740,665

Taxes & Assessments - ↑ 3.5% (\$757,341): Tax revenue has continued to increase over the past year with the District projecting a 3.5% increase overall from FY19/20 tax apportionment received. The District realized a 4.89% increase in actual revenue from FY18/19 to FY19/20, but Finance has decided to increase tax revenue by 3.5% given the uncertainty of the economy at this time.

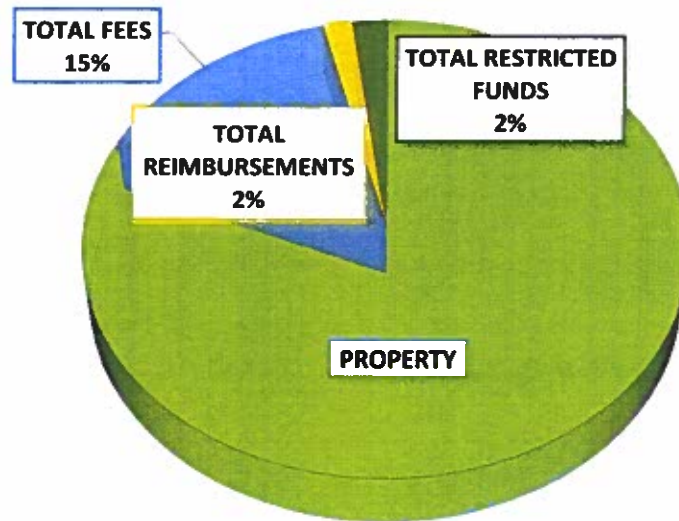
Ambulance Fees - ↑ 18.3% (\$355,000): The increase in Ambulance fees has given us significant growth in revenue. This is due in large part to QAF (Quality Assurance Fee) program. This provides supplemental Medi-Cal payments to the District. Last update from our ambulance billing company, Wittman Enterprises, the FY19/20 estimate was \$166,309.31. Another contributing factor to the increase in revenue is better billing/documentation practices.

Donations & Grants – Finance lowered the amount (\$223,969) due to the elimination of the SAFER grant.

Mitigation Fees – We estimate that we will collect \$300,000 in restricted Fire Mitigation Fees, including interest.

Transfer from Reserves – The District budgeted \$68,000 in FY19/20 to purchase a Staff vehicle and extractor. The money will be expended in FY20/21 in the year the equipment is received.

Overall, the District is projecting an increase of 4% or \$785,378 in the projected FY20/21 Total Revenue compared to FY19/20.



Projected Operating Expenditures

The following is a summary of expenditure changes between proposed FY20/21 budget and FY19/20 expenditures:

Personnel - \$15,424,695

Overall personnel costs increased 3.6% or \$532,793 over FYE20 expenditures. The primary changes are:

Salary – increase 3.2% or \$230,564 due to the addition of 3 FF/PM’s in January 2021, but the cost is offset from the retirement of the Deputy Chief.

Benefits –increase 7.5% or \$365,666 in benefits due to PERS UAL from the POB leveling off and healthcare rate increases.

Workers Comp – FY19/20 & FY20/21 remain level due to a couple of large payouts we will incur this fiscal year. Both years are 50% increased over previous years due to these payouts.

Department 104 – increased 27.6% or \$99,006 as a result of a large increase to vehicle insurance, necessary firefighting equipment and Safety PPE.

Department 108 – shows an increase of 15% or \$47,015 attributable to an increase in fuel costs.

Facilities and Capital Improvement Plan

The District’s Capital Improvement Plan (Equipment, Facility, and Fleet) totals \$1,610,935. Facilities consists of \$769,241, which includes the loans outstanding on Station 5, Admin building and Solar systems. The District is moving forward on improving the facility out in Rainbow by purchasing a modular (\$400,000). The Capital Improvement Plan, which comprises \$841,694 of the total, will consist of the following: one set of extrication equipment, an extractor, fleet maintenance hose reel, auto-pulses, vehicle lift, and four Staff cars, which one Staff vehicle is carried over from FY19/20.

For the District to remain fiscally responsible regarding facilities and capital improvement, the budget needs to reflect at minimum \$720,000 and \$745,000 respectively per fiscal year.

Category	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
Facilities							
	Bond - Station 5	237,163	237,163	235,508	235,508	(1,655)	13 additional years
	Note - Station 5	1,581,792	1,614,530	-	-	(1,581,792)	Paid off
	Administration Building	85,751	85,752	85,751	85,751	-	10 additional years
	Solar Loan I	35,407	35,407	35,407	35,407	-	9 additional years
	Solar Loan II	12,575	12,575	12,575	12,575	-	15 additional years
	Rainbow Station				400,000	400,000	New Modular
	TOTAL	1,952,688	1,985,427	369,241	769,241	(1,183,447)	
Capital Improvement Plan							
	Ambulance I	45,661	45,661	45,661	45,661	-	Paid off this year
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	TOTAL	783,694	746,357	488,694	841,694	58,000	
	Total Facilities and CIP	2,736,382	2,731,784	857,935	1,610,935	(1,125,447)	

Budget Summary

The District expects that FY20/21 tax revenue will have a moderate increase and that the refund of property taxes will remain stabilized. The FY20/21 planned expenditures are higher than FY19/20. District personnel continually evaluate and monitor all revenues and expenditures without sacrificing the high level of service we provide to the community.

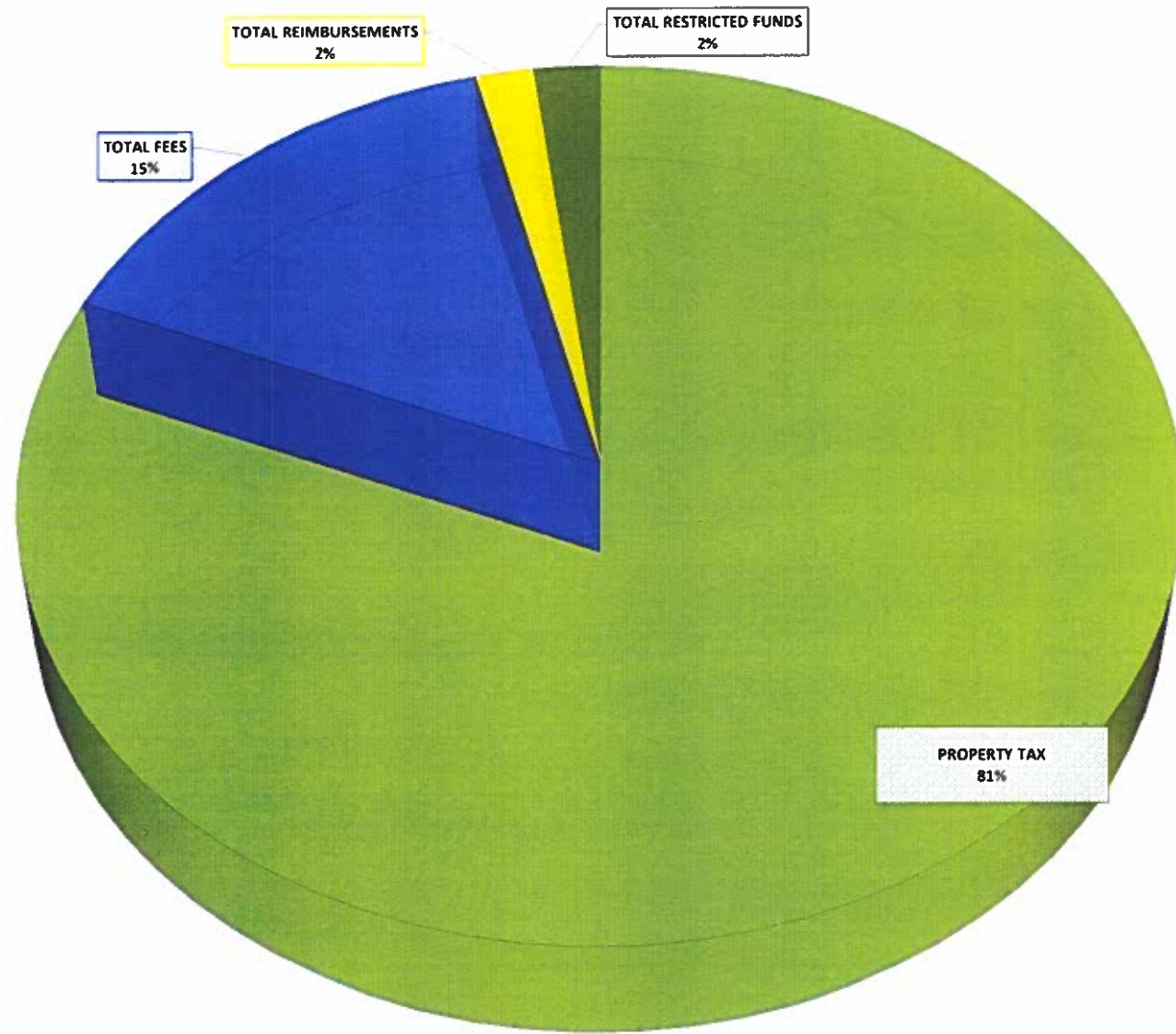
Due to strong, responsible leadership and prudent fiscal policy, the Fire District is well positioned to move forward in purchasing a modular out in Rainbow without incurring any additional debt.

District Staff is to be commended for their participation in the budget process, while always keeping in mind the District's mission and values.

REVENUE

Funding Source	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
Property Tax	15,476,356	15,684,731	15,940,646	16,233,697	757,341	3.5% increase over final
Property Tax RBW Division	285,000	304,535	303,000	310,626	25,626	
Ambulance Fees	1,945,000	2,305,194	2,245,000	2,300,000	355,000	QAF
Prevention Fees	200,000	210,271	185,000	185,000	(15,000)	
Tower Lease Agreements	103,000	107,054	103,000	110,000	7,000	
Other Revenue Sources	50,000	84,368	50,000	50,000	-	
Interest	70,000	86,757	50,000	60,000	(10,000)	
Weed Abatement/Mowing Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-	
Cost Recovery	70,000	83,077	80,000	80,000	10,000	
Fallbrook Regional Health District	181,637	73,977	92,000	92,000	(89,637)	
Community Facilities District (CFD)	149,079	97,914	116,942	116,942	(32,137)	
Annexation Fees	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL FEES	2,768,716	3,048,612	2,921,942	2,993,942	225,226	
Strike Team Reimb - OES	89,000	111,369	151,523	180,154	91,154	
Other Reimbursements	150,000	155,280	100,000	100,000	(50,000)	
GEMT - State Supplement	130,000	-	90,000	90,000	(40,000)	
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS	369,000	266,649	341,523	370,154	1,154	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	18,899,072	19,304,527	19,507,111	19,908,419	1,009,347	
Donations & Grants	288,215	354,147	104,157	64,246	(223,969)	SAFER II eliminated.
Mitigation Fees & Interest (Fallbrook)	300,000	573,323	300,000	300,000	-	
Mitigation Fees & Interest (Rainbow)	-	64	-	-	-	
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	588,215	927,534	404,157	364,246	(223,969)	
GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	19,487,287	20,232,060	19,911,268	20,272,665	785,378	
Transfer from Reserves	1,852,000	1,852,000	-	468,000	(1,384,000)	Staff car and extractor, Rainbow
GRAND TOTAL ALL SOURCES	21,339,287	22,084,060	19,911,268	20,740,665	(598,622)	

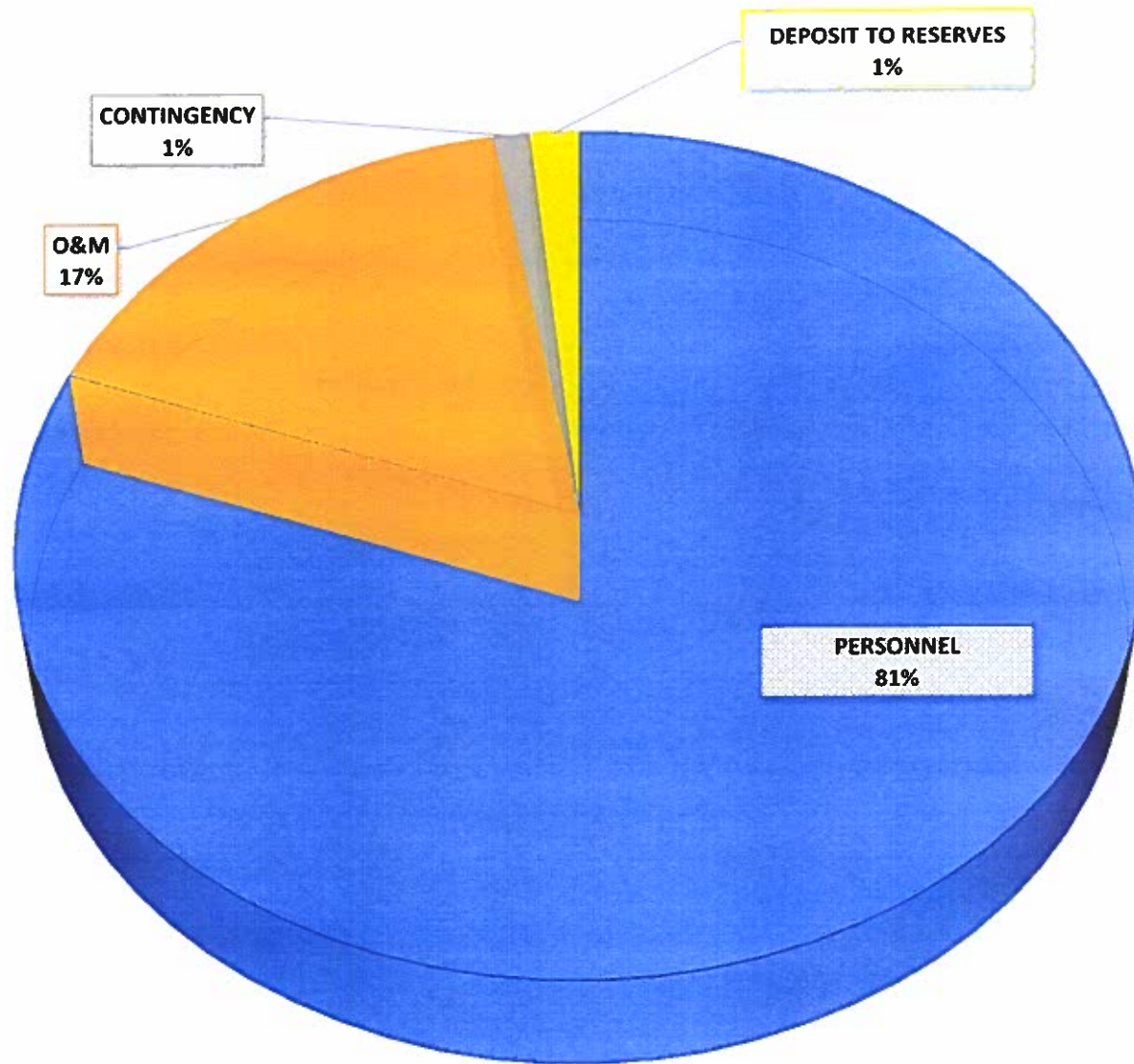
REVENUE



EXPENSE SUMMARY

Account	Description	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
Personnel							
	Salaries	7,117,746	7,018,027	7,218,959	7,348,309	230,564	
	Overtime	1,225,830	1,434,195	1,142,955	1,094,299	(131,531)	
	Other Pay	945,399	1,037,287	1,001,035	1,003,493	58,094	
	Benefits	4,852,928	4,374,621	5,350,912	5,218,593	365,666	
	Workers Comp	750,000	775,517	700,000	760,000	10,000	
TOTAL		14,891,902	14,639,647	15,413,861	15,424,695	532,793	
O & M							
Board Administration	101	468,900	445,011	274,900	464,900	(4,000)	
Administration	102	1,090,029	1,025,418	1,045,139	679,303	(410,726)	
Prevention	103	70,400	37,475	62,400	62,400	(8,000)	
Operations	104	358,096	382,280	425,042	457,102	99,006	
Emergency Medical	105	205,233	218,124	220,202	460,202	254,969	
Explorers/Volunteers	106	62,995	45,250	14,760	-	(62,995)	
Communications	107	686,832	623,607	620,004	620,004	(66,828)	
Fleet Maintenance	108	308,890	311,699	355,905	355,905	47,015	
Training	109	75,000	87,825	83,265	83,265	8,265	
TOTAL		3,326,375	3,176,690	3,101,617	3,183,081	(143,294)	
Contingency		200,000		247,853	221,953	21,953	
Deposit to Reserves		150,000		300,000	300,000	150,000	
TOTAL		350,000	-	547,853	521,953	171,953	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		18,568,278	17,816,337	19,063,331	19,129,729	561,451	

EXPENSE SUMMARY



BALANCE

Account	Description	FY19/20-Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Notes
Revenue						
	Property Tax	15,761,356	15,989,266	16,243,646	16,544,323	
	Fees	2,768,716	3,048,612	2,921,942	2,993,942	
	Reimbursements	369,000	266,649	341,523	370,154	
	Restricted Funds	588,215	927,534	404,157	364,246	
	Transfer from Reserves	1,852,000	1,852,000	0	468,000	
	Grand Total	21,339,287	22,084,060	19,911,268	20,740,665	
Expenses						
	Personnel	14,891,902	14,639,647	15,413,861	15,424,695	
	O&M	3,326,375	3,176,690	3,101,617	3,183,081	
	Contingency	200,000	0	247,853	221,953	
	Deposit to Reserves	150,000	0	300,000	300,000	anticipated in June
	Facilities	1,952,688	1,985,427	369,241	769,241	
	Capital Improvement Plan	783,694	746,357	488,694	841,694	
	Grand Total	21,304,660	20,548,121	19,921,268	20,740,665	
		34,627	1,535,939	(10,000)	(0)	

PERSONNEL

Dept	Account	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
SAFETY			SALARIES					
102	5010-01-003	CEO/Fire Chief	185,000	190,100	194,000	194,000	9,000	
102	5010-01-004	Deputy Fire Chief	173,393	173,099	86,636	86,636	(86,757)	
103	5010-01-008	Fire Marshal	125,235	101,530	125,148	125,148	(87)	
104	5010-01-009	Division Chief/Operations	161,295	161,022	161,183	161,183	(112)	
105	5010-01-009	Division Chief	161,295	161,022	161,183	161,183	(112)	
104	5010-01-010	Battalion Chiefs	415,120	406,734	414,831	414,831	(289)	
104	5010-01-011	Captains/Captain Medics	1,639,838	1,497,071	1,604,149	1,632,551	(7,287)	
104	5010-01-012	Engineers/Engineer Medics	1,443,282	1,378,884	1,440,365	1,440,365	(2,917)	
104	5010-01-013	Firefighters/FF Medics	1,066,427	1,233,458	1,204,538	1,204,538	138,111	
TOTAL SAFETY			5,370,885	5,302,920	5,392,033	5,420,435	49,550	
MISC. (Non-Safety)								
102	5010-01-005	Executive Assistant	103,749	102,386	103,749	103,749	-	
102	5010-01-009	Finance Manager			105,000	105,000	105,000	
102	5010-01-007	HR/Finance Specialist	177,861	168,612	87,833	87,833	(90,028)	
102	5010-01-010	Payroll & AP			48,000	48,000	48,000	
103	5010-01-022	Fire Protection Specialist	153,220	130,133	156,942	156,942	3,722	
108	5010-01-018	Mechanic III	97,429	97,209	99,666	99,666	2,237	
102	5010-01-025	Administrative/IT Specialist	85,755	80,167	85,755	85,755	-	
108	5010-01-029	Mechanic II	76,506	75,748	76,506	76,506	-	
105	5010-01	MSO	103,382	81,446	108,475	108,475	5,093	
102	5010-01-008	Front/Social	32,862	17,518	34,505	34,505	1,643	
TOTAL NON-SAFETY			830,764	753,219	906,431	906,431	75,667	
SAFER								
104	5010-01-015	SAFER II	125,071	99,725	50,846	28,242	(96,829)	
TOTAL SAFER			125,071	99,725	50,846	28,242	(96,829)	
SINGLE ROLE								
106	5010-03	Single Role - EMT	353,808	339,822	253,344	289,536	(64,272)	
106	5010-04	Single Role - Medic	432,432	495,024	611,520	698,880	266,448	FLSA included
TOTAL SR			786,240	834,846	864,864	988,416	202,176	
PART-TIME								
103	5010-01-023	PT Fire Protection Specialist		19,579				
103	5010-24	Hydrant Maint.		723				
103	5010-01-016	Plan Checker		4,913				
104	5010-01-016	Courier	4,785	2,102	4,785	4,785	-	
TOTAL PART TIME			4,785	27,317	4,785	4,785	0	
TOTAL PERSONNEL			7,117,746	7,018,027	7,218,959	7,348,309	230,563	

PERSONNEL

Dept	Account	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
OVERTIME								
102	5010-06	Overtime/Admin	15,075	13,772	8,000	8,000	(7,075)	
103	5010-06	Overtime/Admin	4,523	2,115	2,300	2,300	(2,223)	
103	5010-08	CERT	1,256		750	750	(506)	
103	5010-07	Overtime/Fire & Arson	-		-	-	-	
104	5010-02	FLSA 56 Hour Adjustment	124,314	122,364	127,249	127,249	2,935	
104	5010-03	Overtime Promotional Testing	2,500	3,573	5,000	20,000	17,500	
104	5010-04	Association Leave	10,050	5,359	11,000	11,000	950	
104	5010-05	Overtime/Ambulance Callback	2,010	1,027	2,000	2,000	(10)	
104	5010-06	Lead Medic	9,045	8,490	10,000	10,000	955	
104	5010-07	Overtime/Other	12,000	3,973	10,000	10,000	(2,000)	
104	5010-09	Overtime/Replacement	532,650	440,214	500,000	500,000	(32,650)	
104	5010-12	Orientation/Mentorship	20,100		-	-	(20,100)	
104	5010-17	Vacancy	-	126,146	70,604	30,000	30,000	
104	5010-09-001	Admin	32,480	23,258	25,000	30,500	(1,980)	
104	5010-11	Workers Comp	60,300	117,879	50,000	50,000	(10,300)	
104	5010-10	Overtime/Strike Team	-	314,460	-	-	-	
104	5010-15	Overtime/Fire Callback	15,075	30,816	20,000	20,000	4,925	
104	5125-00	Mapping	3,136		-	-	(3,136)	
105	5010-06	Overtime/Admin/Other	1,005	279	1,000	1,000	(5)	
105	5010-02	FLSA 53/56 Hour Adjustment	112,320		123,552	-	(112,320)	Moved to salaries
105	5010-08	Ambulance Call back				10,000	10,000	
105	5010-03	Overtime/Full Time Coverage	20,100	105,408	20,000	20,000	(100)	
105	5010-04	Testing	3,317	102	14,000	14,000	10,683	
105	5010-05	SR New Hire (Mentorship)	130,000	54,570	30,000	50,000	(80,000)	
105	5010-09	SR New Hire (Mentorship) FT				60,000	60,000	
105	5010-16	Single Role SL/AL	64,800	21,684	75,000	75,000	10,200	
106	5010-13	Drills & Training Volunteers	5,000	3,154	-	-	(5,000)	
106	5010-14	Overtime/Admin-Explorers	10,000	3,887	10,000	10,000	-	
107	5010-06	Communication - Overtime	3,116	1,279	1,500	1,500	(1,616)	
108	5010-06	Overtime/Admin	1,508	3,139	1,000	1,000	(508)	
109	5010-07	Overtime/Training	30,150	27,248	25,000	30,000	(150)	
TOTAL			1,225,830	1,434,195	1,142,955	1,094,299	(131,531)	

PERSONNEL

Dept	Account	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
OTHER PAY								
102	5030-45	Total Medicare Tax	120,982	123,762	121,248	122,418	1,436	
102	5030-08	Total Social Security	7,500	8,561	7,500	7,500	-	
102	5030-09	FSA	1,500		1,500	1,500	-	
102	5010-16	A/L & S/L Reimbursement	563,518	650,362	607,486	607,486	43,968	
104	5010-16	Holiday Time Adjustment	207,139	203,534	212,001	213,289	6,150	
102	5050-00	Total Uniforms	24,000	40,281	41,300	41,300	17,300	
105	5050-00	SR Uniforms	20,760	10,787	10,000	10,000	(10,760)	
TOTAL			945,399	1,037,287	1,001,035	1,003,493	58,094	
BENEFITS								
102	5020-00	Retirement (Misc - Classic)	63,800	53,782	82,033	82,033	18,233	
102	5020-00-001	PEPRA Retirement (Misc)	34,991	33,090	38,546	38,546	3,555	
102	5020-00-102	Classic UAL (Misc)	350,933	338,864	-	354,514	3,581	
102	5020-00-103	PEPRA UAL (Misc)	1,250	1,207	1,900	1,522	272	
104	5020-00	Retirement (Safety - Classic)	1,242,371	1,123,506	1,192,577	1,192,577	(49,794)	
104	5020-00-001	PEPRA (Safety - PEPRA)	163,433	79,813	98,409	98,409	(65,024)	
104	5020-00-003	SAFER II Retirement	17,339	23,673	11,978	11,978	(5,361)	
104	5020-00-102	Classic UAL (Safety)	1,382,438	1,334,894	-	296,765	(1,085,673)	
104	5020-00-103	PEPRA UAL Safety	1,829	1,766	5,600	3,577	1,748	
104	5020-00-104	Pension Obligation Bond			2,191,941	1,406,016	1,406,016	
105	5020-00	Retirement	55,603	41,210	77,828	77,828	22,225	
102	5030-40	Flexible Plan Insurance	1,476,940	1,283,553	1,585,000	1,592,200	115,260	
102	5030-41	Flexible Plan Insurance-Retirees	62,000	59,264	65,100	62,628	628	
TOTAL			4,852,928	4,374,621	5,350,912	5,218,593	365,666	
WORKERS COMPENSATION								
102	5100-42	Worker's Compensation	750,000	775,517	700,000	760,000	10,000	Large payout

DEPARTMENT 101- BOARD ADMINISTRATION

Dept	Account	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
101	5010-14	Board Members	7,500	5,200	7,500	7,500	-	
101	5043-00	Elections	-		25,000	25,000	25,000	Needs clarification
101	5150-00	Memberships/Subscriptions	7,900	6,919	7,900	7,900	-	
101	5170-72	Office Supplies	2,000	656	2,000	2,000	-	
101	5180-83	Legal Fees	70,000	73,836	60,000	60,000	(10,000)	
101	5180-84	Negotiations/Labor	-	2,377	15,000	15,000	15,000	
101	5190-00	Advertising/Notices	4,000	3,067	4,000	4,000	-	
101	5230-30	Employee Recognition	5,000	361	5,000	5,000	-	
101	5230-31	Meetings/Travel	9,000	568	9,000	9,000	-	
101	5230-32	Community Relations	235,000	254,290	5,000	5,000	(230,000)	
101	5230-38	Professional Development	2,500	1,364	2,500	2,500	-	
101	5340-00	Refunds and Interest	115,000	86,244	121,000	121,000	6,000	
101	5170-70	County Admin Costs				190,000		Moved from 102 Admin
101	5340-01	LAFCO Assessment Fee	11,000	10,130	11,000	11,000	-	
TOTAL			468,900	445,011	274,900	464,900	(194,000)	

DEPARTMENT 102 - ADMINISTRATION

Dept	Account	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
102	5070-00	Ambulance Billing	115,000	146,816	130,000	-	(115,000)	Moved to 105 EMS
102	5100-43	Unemployment Insurance	750	1,456	1,400	1,500	750	
102	5130-66	Structures & Grounds	200,000	168,828	140,000	175,000	(25,000)	
102	5130-68	Facility Expenses			25,000	25,000	25,000	
102	5140-01	Personnel/JPA Academy	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	
102	5145-00	Personnel Recruitment	5,000	4,946	7,000	7,000	2,000	
102	5150-00	Memberships/Subscriptions	4,500	3,914	4,500	4,500	-	
102	5160-00	QAF	87,690	82,850	80,000	-	(87,690)	Moved to 105 EMS
102	5170-70	County Admin Costs	210,000	176,752	221,000	-	(210,000)	Moved into 101 Board Admin
102	5170-71	Bank Fees	500	435	500	500	-	
102	5170-72	Office Supplies	7,500	7,570	7,500	7,500	-	
102	5170-73	Postage	5,000	3,176	5,000	5,000	-	
102	5170-74	Printing	4,500	3,625	4,500	4,500	-	
102	5180-81	Auditors	18,000	13,500	18,000	18,000	-	
102	5180-82	Professional Services	81,000	53,646	76,000	76,000	(5,000)	
102	5180-83	Computer Support	125,000	112,742	120,000	140,000	15,000	GP upgrade for full system
102	5180-84	Computer Training	-	-	-	-	-	
102	5180-85	Computer Hardware/Software	30,000	27,418	30,000	30,000	-	
102	5200-00	Rents and Leases/Equipment	10,000	9,196	10,000	10,000	-	
102	5221-01	Office Furniture/Supplies	5,000	884	5,000	5,000	-	
102	5230-19	Trauma Interventions Program	7,300		7,300	7,300	-	
102	5230-30	Employee Recognition	3,500	8,094	3,500	3,500	-	
102	5230-31	Disciplinary Training	6,500		-	-	(6,500)	
102	5230-37	Physicals/Wellness Program	35,000	60,388	35,000	35,000	-	
102	5230-38	Professional Development	25,000	19,486	7,500	7,500	(17,500)	
102	5230-39	Employee Asst Program	7,000	23,115	7,000	7,000	-	
102	5230-40	Formal Education	-		-	-	-	
102	5230-41	Meetings and Misc. Expenses	5,000	1,353	5,000	5,000	-	
102	5230-49	PERS Medical Admin Fees	4,000	3,423	4,000	9,871	5,871	
102	5230-50	Post-Retirement Admin Fee	3,789	4,707	3,789	3,982	193	
102	5260-23	Water	28,000	26,158	28,000	28,000	-	
102	5260-24	Sewer	11,500	13,736	12,650	12,650	1,150	
102	5260-25	Trash	10,000	12,341	12,000	12,000	2,000	
102	5260-26	Gas & Electric	31,000	34,862	31,000	35,000	4,000	
TOTAL			1,090,029	1,025,418	1,045,139	679,303	(410,726)	

DEPARTMENT 103 - PREVENTION

Dept	Account	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
103	5120-56	Hydrants	-	696	-	-	-	
103	5150-00	Memberships/Subscriptions	4,100	3,502	4,100	4,100	-	
103	5230-30	Fire Safety Council	1,900		1,900	1,900	-	
103	5230-31	CERT Program	1,900	2,128	1,900	1,900	-	
103	5230-32	Materials/Public Education	22,000	13,293	22,000	22,000	-	
103	5230-34	Required Weed Abatement	30,000	10,973	30,000	30,000	-	
103	5230-35	Investigative Supplies	1,000	635	1,000	1,000	-	
103	5230-36	Arson Investigative Training	1,500	52	1,500	1,500	-	
103	5230-38	Professional Development	3,000	1,366	-	-	(3,000)	
103	5230-39	Formal Education	5,000	4,831	-	-	(5,000)	
TOTAL			70,400	37,475	62,400	62,400	(8,000)	

DEPARTMENT 104 - OPERATIONS

Dept	Account	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
104	5080-00	Emerg. Incident Meals/Provisions	2,000	1,861	2,000	2,000	-	
104	5090-21	Kitchen/Janitorial Supplies	26,200	26,772	28,960	28,960	2,760	
104	5100-44	Facility/Vehicle Insurance	166,945	174,519	243,344	243,344	76,399	
104	5120-12	Firefighting Equipment	77,836	89,105	96,800	102,550	24,714	includes SHSGP rope rescue + taxes
104	5125-00	Map Maintenance Program	15,280	9,147	4,550	4,550	(10,730)	
104	5150-00	Memberships/Subscriptions	4,625	5,262	6,088	6,088	1,463	
104	5221-00	Safety Equipment/PPE	58,650	70,955	36,470	62,780	4,130	
104	5230-41	Meetings and misc.	2,985	2,830	2,000	2,000	(985)	
104	5223-00	Disaster Preparedness	1,000		2,000	2,000	1,000	
104	5230-38	Professional Development	2,575	1,828	2,830	2,830	255	
TOTAL			358,096	382,280	425,042	457,102	99,006	

DEPARTMENT 105 - EMS

Dept	Account	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
105	5070-00	Ambulance Billing				150,000	150,000	Moved from 102 admin
105	5160-00	QAF				90,000	90,000	Moved from 102 admin
105	5140-00	Medical Supplies/Equipment	136,122	175,196	161,674	161,674	25,552	
105	5150-00	Memberships/Subscriptions	50	-	50	50	-	
105	5180-82	Professional Services	3,000	2,651	-	-	(3,000)	
105	5221-01	Medical & Pre-Emp Exams	24,200	19,015	25,000	25,000	800	
105	5230-32	Material	1,500	1,412	900	900	(600)	
105	5230-33	EMS Equipment	4,498	718	1,099	1,099	(3,399)	
105	5230-34	Medical Licensing/Certs	10,432	8,643	8,548	8,548	(1,884)	
105	5230-35	Defib Maint & Maint Agreement	20,431	10,490	20,431	20,431	-	
105	5230-38	Professional Development	5,000		2,500	2,500	(2,500)	
TOTAL			205,233	218,124	220,202	460,202	254,969	

DEPARTMENT 106 - SINGLE ROLE/EXPLORERS

Dept	Account	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
106	5120-12	Explorer/Materials & Equip	-	1,170	-	-	-	
106	5050-00	PPE for volunteers	42,495		14,760	-	(42,495)	
106	5180-82	Medical & Pre-Emp Exams	14,500	5,914	-	-	(14,500)	
106	5221-00	PPE- Single Role	-	34,571	-	-	-	
106	5230-38	Professional Development	6,000	3,595	-	-	(6,000)	
TOTAL			62,995	45,250	14,760	-	(62,995)	

DEPARTMENT 107 - COMMUNICATIONS

Dept	Account	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
107	5060-27	Telephone/Cable TV/ IPTele	48,800	57,962	46,454	46,454	(2,346)	
107	5060-29	Verizon Data	33,581	17,060	20,808	20,808	(12,773)	
107	5060-30	MDC & AVL Maint Cost	37,400	11,689	12,016	12,016	(25,384)	
107	5120-52	Radios/Parts & Service	25,600	8,301	20,000	20,000	(5,600)	
107	5120-54	Alarm Services & Supplies	1,500	756	1,500	1,500	-	
107	5120-56	T-1 Phone Line Maintenance	36,000	26,713	36,000	36,000	-	
107	5120-69	RCS 800 MHZ Maint Fee	72,534	72,394	73,059	73,059	525	
107	5150-00	Memberships/Subscriptions	1,700	2,146	1,704	1,704	4	
107	5180-00	Dispatch Services	429,717	426,586	407,963	407,963	(21,754)	
107	5230-31	Meetings & Travel	-	-	500	500	500	
107	5230-38	Professional Development	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			686,832	623,607	620,004	620,004	(66,828)	

DEPARTMENT 108 - SHOP

Dept	Account	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
108	5090-22	Laundry/Linen Supplies	1,000		1,000	1,000	-	
108	5090-53	Hazmat Disposal & Permits	9,100	15,761	9,625	9,625	525	
108	5120-52	Parts & Accessories	112,000	99,221	122,600	122,600	10,600	
108	5120-53	Fuel	150,000	158,928	183,000	183,000	33,000	
108	5120-54	Oils & Lubricants	7,210	5,946	7,600	7,600	390	
108	5120-59	Sublet Repairs	15,000	17,460	16,000	16,000	1,000	
108	5150-00	Memberships/Subscriptions	80		80	80	-	
108	5180-52	Fleet Maint Software	5,000	2,058	6,500	6,500	1,500	
108	5220-00	Small Tools/Minor Equipment	4,500	8,019	4,500	4,500	-	
108	5230-38	Professional Development	5,000	4,305	5,000	5,000	-	
108	5230-39	Formal Education	-		-	-	-	
TOTAL			308,890	311,699	355,905	355,905	47,015	

DEPARTMENT 109 - TRAINING

Dept	Account	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
109	5150-00	Memberships/Subscriptions	-		-	-	-	
109	5230-20	Training Materials	9,000	4,459	4,000	4,000	(5,000)	
109	5230-38	Professional Development	45,000	38,267	34,265	29,265	(15,735)	
109	5230-31	Meeting and misc.	1,000	66	-	-	(1,000)	
109	5230-39	Formal Education	20,000	45,033	45,000	50,000	30,000	
TOTAL			75,000	87,825	83,265	83,265	8,265	

FACILITIES CIP

Category	Line Item	FY19/20 Budget	YTD thru 06/30/20	FY 20/21 Prelim Budget	Final Budget FY 20/21	Final/Final Variance	Notes
Facilities							
	Bond - Station 5	237,163	237,163	235,508	235,508	(1,655)	13 additional years
	Note - Station 5	1,581,792	1,614,530	-	-	(1,581,792)	Paid off
	Administration Building	85,751	85,752	85,751	85,751	-	10 additional years
	Solar Loan I	35,407	35,407	35,407	35,407	-	9 additional years
	Solar Loan II	12,575	12,575	12,575	12,575	-	15 additional years
	Rainbow Station				400,000	400,000	New Modular
TOTAL		1,952,688	1,985,427	369,241	769,241	(1,183,447)	
Capital Improvement Plan							
	Ambulance I	45,661	45,661	45,661	45,661	-	Paid off this year
	Ambulance II	45,742	45,742	45,742	45,742	-	One additional year
	Ambulance Remount	50,794	40,647	50,794	50,794	-	Paid off this year
	Ambulance Remount (2nd)	150,000	183,585			(150,000)	
	EKG	60,666	60,666	60,666	60,666	-	Two additional years
	800 Radios	151,851	151,851	151,851	151,851	-	One additional year
	Type I Engines (2)	133,980	133,980	133,980	133,980	-	Large Pay off in two
	Brush Engine	-				-	
	Forklift	38,000	38,192			(38,000)	
	Holmatro				45,000	45,000	
	Tire Machine	20,000	19,764			(20,000)	
	Extractor				8,000	8,000	
	Fleet Maint. Hose Reel				20,000	20,000	
	Auto Pulse				40,000	40,000	
	Vehicle Lift				40,000	40,000	
	Staff Vehicles	87,000	26,267		200,000	113,000	carry over from 19/20
TOTAL		783,694	746,357	488,694	841,694	58,000	
Total Facilities and CIP		2,736,382	2,731,784	857,935	1,610,935	(1,125,447)	

RESERVE SUMMARY

Description	FY 19/20	Notes	Description	FY 20/21	Notes
2018/19 Reserve Balance	9,451,478		2019/20 Reserve Balance	9,135,418	
2019/20 revenue	20,232,060		2020/21 revenue <u>projected</u>	20,272,664	
Withdraw from Reserves	1,852,000		Withdraw from Reserves	468,000	
2019/20 expense	(17,816,337)		2020/21 expense <u>projected</u>	(19,129,729)	
Total Debt service 2019/20	(849,445)		Total Debt service 2020/21	(857,935)	
Capital Projects:			Capital Projects:		
Apparatus	(183,585)	Ambulance	Apparatus		
Vehicles	(26,267)	1staff vehicles	Vehicles	(200,000)	4 staff vehicles
Other Equipment	(57,956)	Forklift and engine lifts	Other Equipment	(153,000)	extractor, autopulse, veh lift
Station Improvements	(1,614,530)	Pay off station 5 bond	Station Improvements	(400,000)	Rainbow
Total Capital Projects	(1,882,338)		Total Capital Projects	(753,000)	
New Debt:			New Debt:		Loans
Proceeds Apparatus			Proceeds Apparatus		
Proceeds modular			Proceeds modular		
Total Proceeds	-		Total Proceeds	-	
Net Operations	1,535,940		Net Operations	0	
Change in Reserves	(316,060)		Change in Reserves	(468,000)	
2019/20 Reserve Balance	9,135,418		2020/21 Reserve Balance	8,667,418	

RESERVE SUMMARY

Description	FY 19/20	Notes	Description	FY 20/21	Notes
Restricted:			Restricted:		
Fallbrook Mitigation	751,891		Fallbrook Mitigation	751,891	
Rainbow Mitigation	3,927		Rainbow Mitigation	3,927	
Committed:			Committed:		
Compensated Absences	1,933,977		Compensated Absences	2,189,237	
Workers Comp	450,000		Workers Comp	450,000	
Facility and CIP	3,250,583		Facility and CIP	2,850,583	
Assigned:			Assigned:		
Operating Reserve (Dry yield)	2,225,000		Operating Reserve (Dry yield)	2,225,000	
Unassigned:			Unassigned:		
General Fund	520,040		General Fund	196,780	
Total	9,135,418		Total	8,667,418	

2018/19 Reserve Balance tied to Final Audit June 30, 2019: Balance Sheet Gov. Funds page 12, Total Fund Balance



NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2020-11

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL TAX YEAR 2020/2021

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District has heretofore adopted a Preliminary Budget in accordance with the Uniform Accounting Procedures of the Administrative Code of the State of California, and

WHEREAS, said Board has held a Public Hearing and made appropriate deductions, increases and deletions, and

WHEREAS, said Board must adopt a Final Budget pursuant to Section 13906 of the Health and Safety Code, State of California.

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

SECTION 1: The Budget of Fiscal Tax Year 2020/2021 attached hereto, is hereby approved and adopted.

SECTION 2: The sum of **\$16,233,697** is required to be raised for said Budget by property taxes, with a total of **\$20,740,665** from all revenue sources, for the purposes of operation and maintenance of the North County Fire Protection District for the Fiscal Tax Year of 2020/2021. Further, the Board has determined said amount is necessary to provide the same level of fire protection actually provided by FY 1977/78. The Board has also determined that said amount meets the intent and provisions of SB 154, Article 3, Section 162746 (a) (1).

SECTION 3: The Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Auditor and Controller of the County of San Diego at 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92101.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District, County of San Diego, State of California, on this **22nd day of September, 2020** by the following **Roll Call Vote**:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:

Fred Luevano, Board President



NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2020-11

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL TAX YEAR 2020/2021

ATTEST:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District thereof held on the 22nd day of September, 2020, and that the same now appears on record in my office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this 22nd day of September, 2020.

Loren Stephen-Porter, Board Secretary

Official Seal

**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA 92028
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

I am a citizen of the United States, over twenty-one years of age, and the Associate Editor of said newspaper The Village News, Inc., 111 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028 a newspaper adjudicated by the Superior Court, County of San Diego GIN013243 is a newspaper of general circulation, published and is circulated at least once a week in Fallbrook, County of San Diego, State of California.

**The Notice of _____
PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF
2020/2021 FINAL BUDGET
North County Fire Protection District**

Legal Number: NA

Which the attached is a true printed copy, and Published in said newspaper for 2 weeks, and on the following day: 07/02/20, 07/09/20

in the regular issue of said newspaper, **THE VILLAGE NEWS, INC., 111 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028** and not in any other supplement. I certify and declare under penalty that this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: July 9, 2020
Fallbrook, California 92028

Lucette Moramarco
Signature
**LUCETTE MORAMARCO
ASSOCIATE EDITOR**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California, County of San Diego, has adopted the District's Preliminary Budget. The Budget is available for inspection by interested persons and taxpayers at the Administrative Offices, located at 330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California and will remain so available until the final hearing thereon.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT will conduct a Public Hearing on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020, AT A TIME CERTAIN OF 4:15 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as such matter can be heard, at the Fallbrook Public Utility District, 990 E. Mission Road, Fallbrook, California, OR alternatively, if COVID-19 meeting restrictions continue to apply, the public hearing will be TELEPHONIC, to consider **ADOPTION OF THE FY 2020/2021 FINAL BUDGET**. Any interested person or taxpayer may appear at the said time and place and be heard regarding the increase, decrease or omission of any item of the Budget, or for the including of any additional items.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Loren Stephen-Porter
Board Secretary
June 23, 2020

Published July 2, 9, 2020

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: D/C MAHR, FM FIERI AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
SUBJECT: SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ADOPTION OF AMBULANCE AND FIRE PREVENTION FEES

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Ambulance Fees:** Set a public hearing, time certain, for **October 27, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.**, to review and adopt updated Ambulance Fees Resolution.
- **Cost Recovery Program:** Set public hearing date, time certain, for **October 27, 2020 at 4:25 p.m.**, to review and adopt updated Cost Recovery Resolution.
- **Fire Prevention Fees:** Set public hearing date, time certain, for **October 27, 2020 at 4:35 p.m.**, to review and adopt updated Fire Prevention Fees Ordinance/Resolution.

BACKGROUND:

The District has been exploring alternate ways of revenue and cost recovery methods in the wake of the failure of Proposition A. Pursuant to the discussions at the August 25, 2020 meeting, analysis reveals that the District has an opportunity to recover cost through modification of its Ambulance Fee Rates for certain services.

In addition, the Board requested the Fire Prevention Plan Review and Inspection Services be adjusted. The District is entitled to charge a reasonable fee to cover the costs associated with the provision of these services.

DISCUSSION:

The District's current ambulance billing rate is below the regional average and therefore, the District is contemplating a plan to adjust its ambulance rates to meet regional averages. This will allow the District to recover costs more fully for provision of emergency and medical services.

Modification to the Cost Recovery resolution will allow the District to recover for False Alarms and related services. This will allow the District to recover costs more fully for provision of these response services.

Fire Prevention Fees are based upon actual costs incurred by the District, which is determined by multiplying the average time allotted for a particular service by the hourly

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compensation rate of the employee providing that service. The District is anticipating adding recovery of costs for Fire Code Violations.

Setting public hearings to review and approve the specific changes will ensure the District is recovering expenses to cover the costs of providing these services.

Documentation supporting the fees and implementation for these schedules will be presented at the October 27, 2020 meeting.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: No fiscal changes to set the hearings.

SUMMARY:

Staff recommends setting a time certain public hearing dates and times as presented.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 330 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California, County of San Diego, will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at a time certain of 4:15 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as such matter can be heard, at the Fallbrook Public Utility District, 990 E. Mission Road, Fallbrook, California, OR alternatively, if COVID-19 meeting restrictions continue to apply, the public hearing will be TELEPHONIC, to discuss and approve modification to the fee structure for Emergency Medical Services. The potential rate modification is due to the increased cost of operating Emergency Medical Services and ambulance transport services in the greater Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow area. Members of the public will have an opportunity to make public comment pertaining to the adoption of this fee structure. A copy of the suggested fee schedule may be obtained via fax or email by contacting Division Chief Kevin Mahr by phone at (760) 723-2015, via email at kmahr@ncfire.org, or it may be picked up in person at the District Office, located at 330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California, 92028, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Kevin Mahr, Division Chief - Operations
North County Fire Protection District
330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California, 92028-2938
(760) 723-2015

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 330 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California, County of San Diego, will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at a time certain of 4:25 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as such matter can be heard, at the Fallbrook Public Utility District, 990 E. Mission Road, Fallbrook, California, OR alternatively, if COVID-19 meeting restrictions continue to apply, the public hearing will be TELEPHONIC, to discuss and consider modification of the Cost Recovery Program. The Program permits the District to recover certain response costs and the modification will be to add recovery for false alarms and other related incidents. Members of the public will have an opportunity to make public comment pertaining to the modification of this Recovery Cost schedule. A copy of the suggested schedule may be obtained via fax or email by contacting Division Chief Kevin Mahr by phone at (760) 723-2015, via email at kmahr@ncfire.org, or it may be picked up in person at the District Office, located at 330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California, 92028, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 330 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California, County of San Diego, will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at a time certain of 4:35 p.m.** at the Fallbrook Public Utility District, 990 East Mission Road, Fallbrook, California, or as soon thereafter as such matter can be heard, OR alternatively, if COVID-19 meeting restrictions continue to apply, the public hearing will be TELEPHONIC, to discuss and approve the updated Fire Prevention Fee Schedule. The Fire Prevention Ordinance imposes fees for services provided by the Fire Prevention Bureau for plan review, inspection, land divisions and annual permits for certain occupancies and processes. Members of the public will have an opportunity to make public comment pertaining to the adoption of this schedule. A copy of this fee schedule may be obtained from the Fire Prevention Bureau of the North County Fire Protection District Headquarters Fire Station at 330 S. Main Avenue in Fallbrook, California, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or may be obtained by fax or email by contacting Fire Marshal Dominic Fieri by phone at (760) 723-2010 or email at dfieri@ncfire.org.

Dominic Fieri, Fire Marshal
North County Fire Protection District
330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California, 92028-2938
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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Loren Stephen-Porter
Board Secretary
Dated: September 22, 2020

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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DFC MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION FOR CFAA REIMBURSEMENT

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the attached Resolution 2020-12 as presented.

BACKGROUND:

The California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) is the negotiated reimbursement mechanism for local government fire agency responses through the California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System. The terms and conditions that outline the methods of reimbursement calculation are defined in the CFAA Reimbursement Policy & Procedures. The District first approved the terms and conditions in Resolution 2015-03 in April of 2015, adopting such terms and conditions for reimbursement as required.

DISCUSSION:

In order to continue receiving reimbursement from portal-to-portal at our present rate of pay for each employee, it is necessary for the governing body to approve by resolution the method by which our personnel will be reimbursed on such incidents. With adoption of Resolution 2020-12, the District is adding the Fire Marshal and Medical Service Officer to the list of response personnel who will be included the portal-to-portal reimbursement.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The District will receive reimbursement for the Fire Marshal and the Medical Services Officer should they be utilized for local government fire agency responses.

SUMMARY:

Adoption of this Resolution will preserve strike team and overhead reimbursement at the present rate.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



RESOLUTION 2020-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IDENTIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE AWAY FROM THEIR OFFICIAL DUTY STATION AND ASSIGNED TO AN EMERGENCY INCIDENT

WHEREAS, the North County Fire Protection District is a public agency located in the County of San Diego, State of California; and

WHEREAS, it is the North County Fire Protection District's desire to provide fair and legal payment to all its employees for time worked; and

WHEREAS, the North County Fire Protection District has in its employ, fire response personnel that includes: Fire Chief/CEO, Deputy Fire Chief, Division Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs, Fire Marshal, Medical Services Officer, Fire Captains, Fire Engineers, Firefighter/Paramedics, Firefighter/EMTs, Firefighters, Fire Mechanics and Fire Prevention Officers; and

WHEREAS, the North County Fire Protection District will compensate its employees portal-to-portal while in the course of their employment and away from their official duty station and assigned to an emergency incident, in support of an emergency incident or pre-positioned for emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the North County Fire Protection District will compensate its employees overtime in accordance with their current Memorandum of Understanding while in the course of their employment and away from their official duty station and assigned to an emergency incident, in support of an emergency incident or pre-positioned for emergency response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the North County Fire Protection District Board of Directors that:

1. Personnel shall be compensated according to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Personnel Rules and Regulations, and/or other directive that identifies personnel compensation in the workplace.
2. In the event a personnel classification does not have an assigned compensation rate, a "Base Rate" as set forth in an organizational policy, administrative directive or similar document will to compensate such personnel.
3. North County Fire Protection District will maintain a current salary survey or acknowledgement of acceptance of the "base rate" on file with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Fire Rescue Division.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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4. Personnel will be compensated (portal-to-portal) beginning at the time of dispatch to the return to jurisdiction when equipment and personnel are in service and available for agency response.
5. District fire department response personnel include: Fire Chief/CEO, Deputy Fire Chief, Division Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs, Fire Marshal, Medical Services Officer, Fire Captains, Fire Engineers, Firefighter/Paramedics, Firefighter/EMTs, Firefighters, Fire Mechanics and Fire Prevention Officers.

APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors North County Fire Protection District, County of San Diego, State of California, on this **22nd day of September 22, 2020**, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:

Fred Luevano, Board President

ATTEST:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District thereof held on the **22nd day of September 22, 2020**, and that the same now appears on record in my office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this **22nd day of September 22, 2020**.

Loren A. Stephen-Porter
Board Secretary

Official Seal

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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AGENDA

There are no Discussion Agenda Items for the September 22, 2020, Board Meeting.

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September 1, 2020

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

Re: General Counsel Board Report for September 1, 2020

Special Taxes by Voter Initiative Not Restricted by Proposition 13 or Proposition 218

While the California Constitution prohibits local governments from imposing a special tax without two-thirds voter approval, the approval threshold for special taxes proposed by a citizen initiative is a simple majority, according to a recent California appellate court decision.

City and County of San Francisco involved approval of a citizen initiated measure, Proposition C, which proposed a special tax to be used for homeless services. Despite only being approved by 61.34 percent, Proposition C was certified by the City as passing. The City's certification was challenged by a group of business and taxpayer associations, who alleged that the City violated article XIII A, section 4, and article XIII C, section 2, of the California Constitution, added as a part of Propositions 13 and 218, respectively, because passage of Proposition C did not receive two-thirds voter approval.

The court looked to the plain language of Proposition 13, which requires that "cities, counties and special districts" seeking to impose special taxes must first obtain two-thirds voter approval. None of the provisions of the California Constitution amended by Proposition 13 spoke expressly to the powers of initiative. At the time voters approved Proposition 13, "the initiative power had long been ensconced in our Constitution." As such, the Court inferred that if the intent was to constrain future voters to approve initiatives by two-thirds vote, that requirement would have been clear. Instead, there is express language under article II, section 10(a) of the California Constitution that provides that an initiative requires a majority vote only, a "defining characteristic of the initiative" that must be "jealously guard[ed]" by the courts, and where doubts exist, must be resolved in favor of the exercise of that right. This point is bolstered by provisions in the Elections Code stating that the people's power by initiative to raise City taxes was similarly subject only to a majority vote.

The challenging associations also argued that Proposition C was invalid under article XIII C, section 2(d) of the California Constitution, which was added by Proposition 218. Similar to Proposition 13, Section 2(d) states that a special tax imposed, extended or increased by a "local government" must be approved by a two-thirds vote. The court concluded that the

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plain language of Section 2(d), shows that the initiative power was not intended to be similarly limited.

City and County of San Francisco is the first appellate-level decision to apply California Cannabis Coalition to the question of whether the super-majority requirements of Proposition 218 and Proposition 13 apply to special taxes placed on the ballot by initiative. Other cases are being decided on the same issue, including challenges to the City of Fresno's Measure P and the City of Oakland's Measure AA. While they lost on appeal, the petitioners may still petition the Supreme Court for review in this case. Depending on how the various appellate courts rule in those other cases, there is a chance for conflicting appellate court decisions, which will increase the likelihood of further review by the Supreme Court.



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

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cc: Chief Steve Abbott
Board members



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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
SUBJECT: WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:**

- None.

● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:**

- **LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020: ACKNOWLEDGING MEDICAL SERVICES**

E111:

Captain Jones
Engineer Harlin
FF/PM Hager

M114:

PM Nash
EMT Webb

September 1, 2020

North County Fire Protection District
Attn: Operations Chief, Kevin Mahr
330 South Main Avenue
Fallbrook, CA 92028

Dear Chief Mahr,

I am writing to acknowledge the excellent service I received on Tuesday, September 25, 2020. On that morning, my husband was preparing to take me to the emergency room at Palomar Hospital because I had been experiencing symptoms consistent with a heart attack or stroke for a few days. As we were preparing to leave, my symptoms became so concerning that the decision was made to call for assistance.

Within minutes the fire department arrived and took my blood pressure; it was 200/110 and it is normally 127/78. They put me in the back of the ambulance and I was scared that I was going to have a stroke. The EMT who attended to me, Justin, was amazing. He reassured me several times that I was in good hands and that they would take care of me in the event that my condition became more serious. I was grateful for his calm, professional, and reassuring mannerism and I had complete trust in him. I was also frightened because rarely are RNs able to place an IV on the first try - much to my relief, Justin did it effortlessly in the back of the ambulance while enroute to the hospital.

It is reassuring for my husband and I to know that Fallbrook has a great team of firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs. Again, thank you for the outstanding service.

JUSTIN NASH } MI14
ADAM WEBB }
ROB HAGER }
JOE HARLOW } E111
EDDIE JONES }

'Nothing left in the bucket': West Coast wildfire resources run thin

By James Anderson and Matthew Brown



article

Wildfires burning across Northern California mixes with the marine layer, blanketing San Francisco in darkness and an orange glow on September 9, 2020 in San Francisco, California. **(Photo by Philip Pacheco/Getty Images)**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Justin Silvera came off the fire lines in Northern California after a grueling 36 straight days battling wildfires and evacuating residents ahead of the flames. Before that, he and his crew had worked for 20 days, followed by a three-day break.

Silvera, a 43-year-old battalion chief with Cal Fire, California's state firefighting agency, said he's lost track of the blazes he's fought this year. He and his crew have sometimes been on duty for 64 hours at a stretch, their only rest coming in 20-minute catnaps.

"I've been at this 23 years, and by far this is the worst I've seen," Silvera said before bunking down at a motel for 24 hours. After working in Santa Cruz County, his next assignment was to head north to attack wildfires near the Oregon border.

His exhaustion reflects the situation up and down the West Coast fire lines: This year's blazes have taxed the human, mechanical and financial resources of the nation's wildfire fighting forces to an extraordinary degree. And half of the fire season is yet to come. Heat, drought and a strategic decision to attack the flames early combined with the coronavirus to put a historically heavy burden on fire teams.

"There's never enough resources," said Silvera, one of nearly 17,000 firefighters in California. "Typically with Cal Fire we're able to attack — air tankers, choppers, dozers. We're good at doing that. But these conditions in the field, the drought, the wind, this stuff is just taking off. We can't contain one before another erupts."

Washington State Forester George Geissler says there are hundreds of unfulfilled requests for help throughout the West. Agencies are constantly seeking firefighters, aircraft, engines and support personnel.

Fire crews have been summoned from at least nine states and other countries, including Canada and Israel. Hundreds of agreements for agencies to offer mutual assistance have been maxed out at the federal, state and local levels, he said.

"We know that there's really nothing left in the bucket," Geissler said. "Our sister agencies to the south in California and Oregon are really struggling."

Demand for firefighting resources has been high since mid-August, when fire officials bumped the national preparedness level to critical, meaning at least 80% of crews were already committed to fighting fires, and there were few personnel and little equipment to spare.

Because of the extreme fire behavior, "you can't say for sure having more resources would make a difference," said Carrie Bilbao, a spokesperson for the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise.

Andy Stahl, a forester who runs Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, an advocacy group in Oregon, said it would have been impossible to stop some of the most destructive blazes, a task he compared to "dropping a bucket of water on an atomic bomb."

But Stahl contends the damage could have been less if government agencies were not so keen to put out every blaze. By stamping out smaller fires and those that ignite during wetter months, Stahl said officials have allowed fuels to build up, setting the stage for bigger fires during times of drought and hot, windy weather.

That's been exacerbated this year by the coronavirus pandemic, which prompted U.S. Forest Service Chief Vickie Christiansen to issue a directive in June to fight all fires aggressively, reversing a decades-long trend of allowing some to burn. The idea was to minimize large concentrations of firefighters by extinguishing blazes quickly.

Fighting the flames from the air was key to the strategy, with 35 air tankers and 200 helicopters being used, Forest Service spokesperson Kaari Carpenter said.

Yet by Aug. 30, following the deaths of some firefighters, including four aviators, and several close calls, fire officials in Boise warned that long-term fatigue was setting in. They called for a "tactical pause" so fire commanders could reinforce safe practices.

Tim Ingalsbee, a member of the advocacy group Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics and Ecology, said the June directive from Christiansen returned the forest service to a mindset prevalent for much of the last century that focused on putting out fires as quickly as possible. He said allowing more fires to burn when they are not threatening life or property would free up firefighters for the most dangerous blazes.

With no end in sight to the pandemic, Ingalsbee worried the focus on aggressively attacking every fire could prove lasting.

"More crews, more air tankers, more engines and dozers still can't overcome this powerful force of nature," he said. "The crews are beat up and fatigued and spread thin, and we're barely halfway through the traditional fire season."

Cal Fire's roughly 8,000 personnel have been fighting blazes from the Oregon border to the Mexico border, repeatedly bouncing from blaze to blaze, said Tim Edwards, president of the union for Cal Fire, the nation's second largest firefighting agency.

"We're battle-hardened, but it seems year after year, it gets tougher, and at some point in time we won't be able to cope. We'll reach a breaking point," said Edwards, a 25-year veteran.

The immediate dangers of the fires are compounded by worries about COVID in camp and at home.

Firefighters "see all this destruction and the fatigue, and then they're getting those calls from home, where their families are dealing with school and child care because of COVID. It's stressing them out, and we have to keep their heads in the game," he said.

COVID also has limited the state's use of inmate fire crews — either because of early inmate releases to prevent outbreaks in prisons or because many are under quarantine in those prisons, both Berland and Geissler said.

Aside from the human toll, the conflagrations in Colorado and Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, and now California and the Pacific Northwest have cost hundreds of millions of dollars.

California alone has spent \$529 million since July 1 on wildfires, said Daniel Berlant, assistant deputy director of Cal Fire. By comparison, the state spent \$691 million the entire fiscal year that ended June 30. The U.S. government will reimburse most state costs for the biggest disasters.

Back in the field, Silvera and his crew saved two people at the beginning of their 26-day duty tour. The two hikers encountered the crew after the firefighters themselves were briefly trapped while trying to save the headquarters building at Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

"We got in a bad spot, and there were a few hours there we didn't know if we'd make it," Silvera said. "Those people found us, and we wouldn't have been in there."

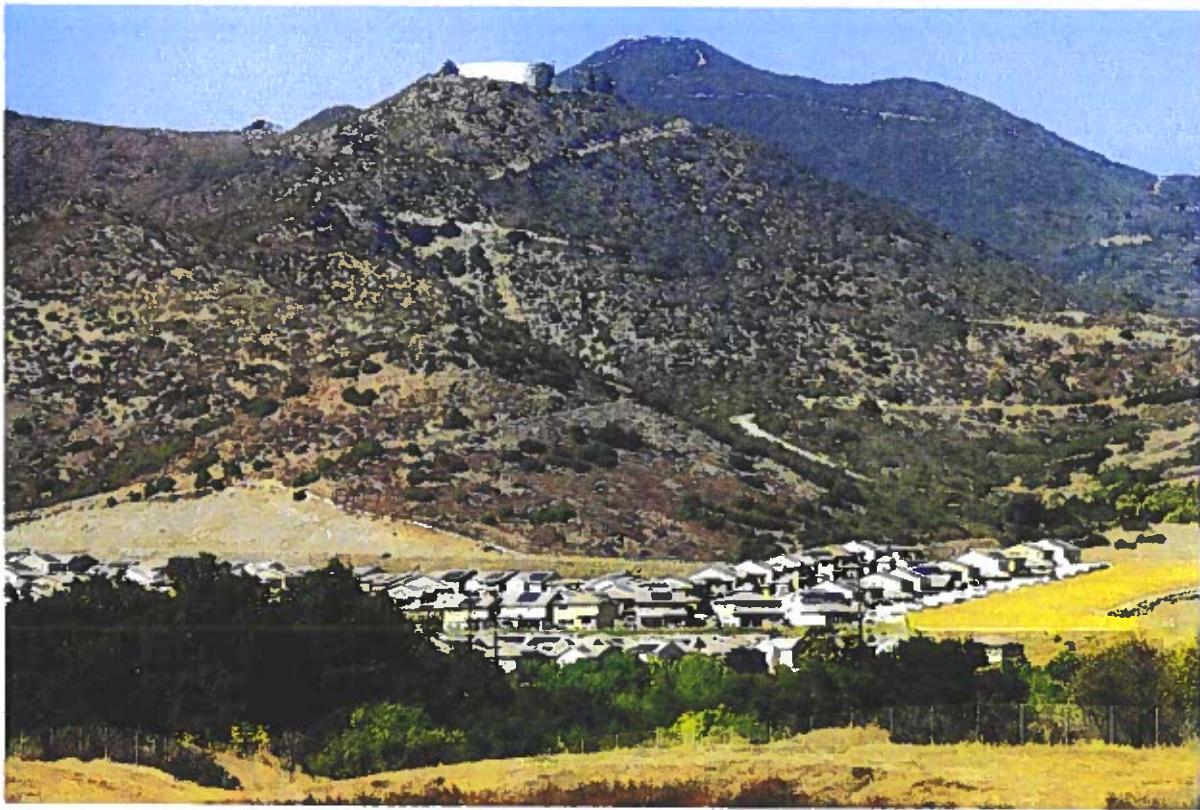
"That's what you sign up for."

NEWS: **GOVERNMENT**

Developers of new houses escape hefty San Diego County fire fee increase

 by **Camille von Kaenel**
August 27, 2020

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The Horse Creek Ridge housing development in Fallbrook is shown on Aug. 6, 2020. San Diego County has scrapped an increase in a developer fee that helps cover firefighting costs in Fallbrook and other rural areas. (Zoë Meyers/inewssource)

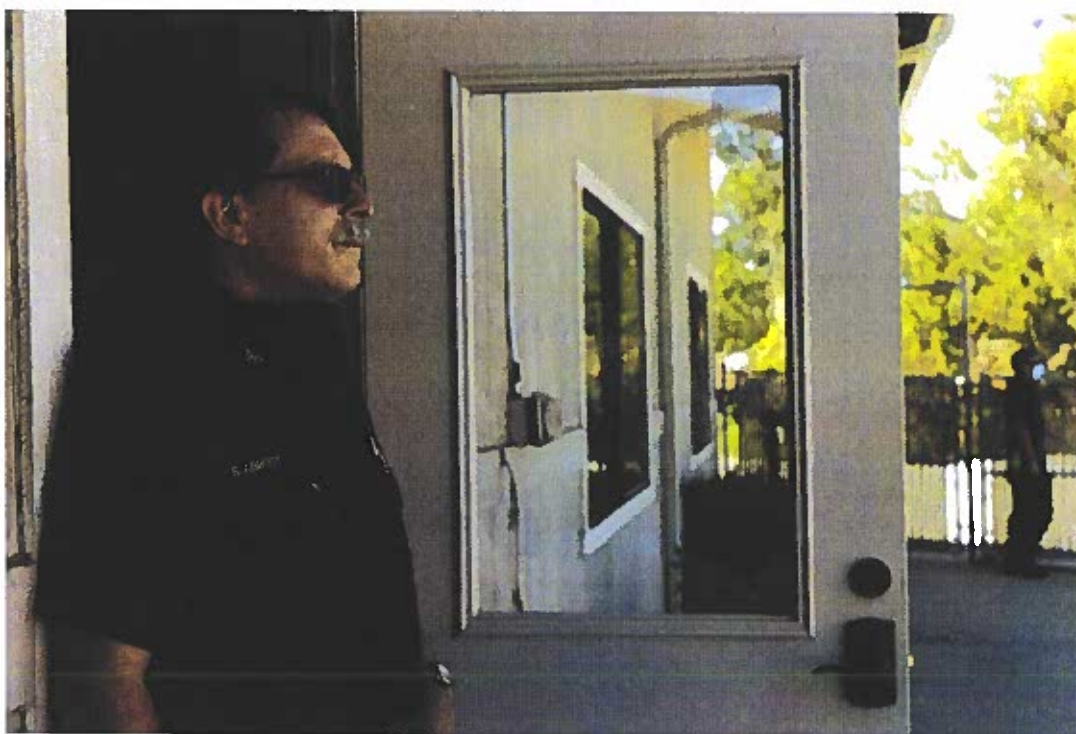
San Diego County has quietly scrapped a nearly 30% increase in the one-time fee developers of new homes pay to help cover fire station and equipment costs for rural areas.

The county's chief administrative officer removed the increase from a Board of Supervisors agenda in May, so the elected supervisors never voted on it. A spokesperson told *inewssource* that **economic hardships** experienced by residents and businesses

because of COVID-19 prompted the decision to delay raising the fee.

It would have been the largest increase of the fire mitigation fee in at least 20 years and would have generated potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars to improve fire protection. Fire chiefs from Lakeside to Fallbrook to Borrego Springs backed the proposal but eventually went along with the delay.

Stephen Abbott is chief of the **North County Fire Protection District** and president of the San Diego County Fire Districts Association. He worries delaying the increase means he won't be able to replace aging fire stations in his district, which serves Fallbrook.



Fire Chief Stephen Abbott is shown outside of Station 4 of the North County Fire Protection District in Fallbrook, Aug. 6, 2020. (Zoë Meyers/inewssource)

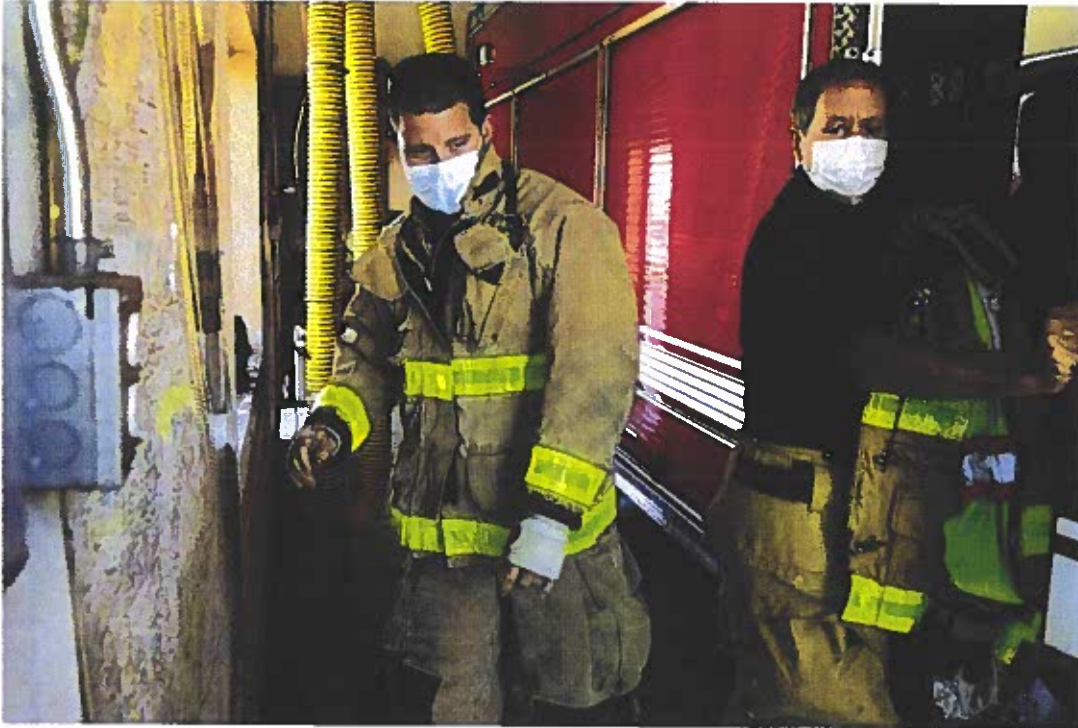
Abbott estimates the existing fees can barely bring in enough money over the next 20 to 30 years to cover the cost to rebuild one of his small fire stations. The increase would have come closer to capturing what he called “the true costs” of building fire stations that are needed to keep up with anticipated new housing developments.

Four of his five fire stations are outdated, he said. Some aren't earthquake or fire resistant, and one is “in a constant state of disrepair,” Abbott said.

Two stations are approaching 60 years old, while others are temporary facilities going

on 40 years old. In an emergency, he said, the layout of the buildings and slow sliding doors delay firefighters' response.

"That (fee increase) would have gone a long way," Abbott said.



Fire Capt. Rick Rees, right, makes room for paramedic Jake Swan to get into a truck at Fire Station 4 in Fallbrook, Aug. 6, 2020. Firefighters say the narrow space in the station is one of several factors that can slow their response. (Zoë Meyers/inewssource)

Wildfires have burned the region before, including in 2002, when the 5,760-acre Gavilan Fire destroyed 43 homes. One of them belonged to Dorothy Roth, who has lived in the Fallbrook area for 40 years.

Sometimes, it's easy for residents to overlook fire protection needs in the backcountry, Roth said.

"When there is no fire going on, you do not notice these things," she said.

Amid the Gavilan Fire's **complicated aftermath, she** started the **Fallbrook Fire Safe Council** to help clear vegetation for neighbors and teach readiness and fire prevention skills. She is still the volunteer organization's facilitator.

She's seen some positive changes come to fire response since she lost her home, including better radio communications and evacuation procedures. But she's still on

edge.

“It would be much better to have more modern equipment. It would be much better for rescue and all kinds of things,” Roth said. “But until we get them, we just have to keep plodding along.”

‘Timing just wasn’t right’

The county’s proposal to boost the fire fee came in February following a staff assessment. A **committee** of fire chiefs and representatives from the San Diego County Farm Bureau, Building Industry Association of San Diego County, the Planning Commission and the county Fire Authority recommended increasing it from 58 cents per square foot of new housing to 75 cents.



A separate trailer where firefighters spend time between calls is shown at Fire Station 4 in Fallbrook, Aug. 6, 2020. Traveling between buildings is one of several factors that can slow the response time of firefighters at the station. (Zoë Meyers/inewssource)

The San Diego County Fire Districts Association that Abbott heads also urged the supervisors **in a letter** to approve the increase.

But when the pandemic hit the region in March and continued to worsen, fire officials agreed to back down from the request. That included Abbott and Tony Meham, the Cal Fire San Diego chief and county Fire Authority director.

“We understand what’s going on,” Mecham told *inewssource*. “People are out of work. People are hurting. It’s not the time to be raising fees.”

Holly Porter, the deputy chief administrative officer who oversees the county’s public safety group, linked nixing the fire fee hike to the decisions made to **waive and defer other county fees** because of economic challenges related to COVID-19.

Why this matters

As new housing gets built in San Diego County’s most fire-prone areas, mitigation fees are one of the few tools rural fire departments have to raise money to upgrade stations and equipment.

Even so, 754 permit applications for new homes were made in the county’s unincorporated areas during the first half of 2020 compared to 494 for the same period last year — an increase of nearly 53%. That’s according to data from the Building Industry Association of San Diego.

The association’s president and CEO, Borre Winckel, said his problem with the fire mitigation fee is that it’s largely

ineffective at raising money unless housing development significantly increases in the region.

Supervisor Jim Desmond, whose North County district includes Fallbrook and other areas with rural fire stations, told *inewssource* he supported freezing fees to help during the economic downturn brought on by the pandemic. That included not raising the fire mitigation fee.

“I didn’t get that far in depth with it, but the timing just wasn’t right,” Desmond said.

Supervisor Dianne Jacob, whose East County district also includes rural fire stations that would have benefited from the increase, said she relies on the recommendations of the fire officials when it comes to the fee charged to developers of new housing projects, but she stressed this mitigation fee is a “small piece” of the county’s fire funding effort.

In fiscal 2019, the fee **brought in just over \$2 million**. For comparison, Abbott said it could cost \$7 million or more to build a modern fire station in his district.

Jacob said the county general fund pays for the Fire Authority and “all the improvements that have taken place” in its service areas.

But independent fire protection districts not under the county’s jurisdiction have

struggled to raise revenue in rural communities.

A **ballot measure** last October in Abbott’s district would have raised \$20 million through a parcel tax, but it fell 10 percentage points short of meeting the required two-thirds vote for passage.

Since the measure failed, he said, “We’ve economized about as much as we could, but what we don’t want to do is to cut service.”

Abbott said he’s considering other measures to raise money or cut costs, including adjusting fees or contracting out services.

“At some point we’re going to have to make a difficult decision about appropriately funding these facilities in the backcountry,” he said.

Mecham said the county has also negotiated with large developers to build fire stations as part of their housing projects.

For now, what revenue is generated from the fire mitigation fee will go toward helping to fund the renovation and expansion of the station at Palomar Mountain, the construction of a new station in Valley Center, the purchase of inspection vehicles in Rancho Santa Fe, and **other projects** like these in unincorporated county areas.

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WILDFIRE

San Diego firefighting resources stretched to the limit

This year has seen one of the worst fire seasons on record and crews are stretched thin moving from fire to fire.

San Diego firefighting resources stretched to the limit

Author: Amanda Shotsky (Reporter)

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY, Calif. —

San Diego fire crews have been stretched thin recently as they respond to wildfires up and down the West Coast. News 8 spoke to local families and Cal Fire officials about resources being used in San Diego and throughout the state battling deadly wildfires.

This year has seen one of the worst fire seasons on record and crews are stretched thin moving from fire to fire. It has been a challenge for those on the front lines as well as their families at home.

"It's a little nervousness but I know he knows the job," said San Diego mom and wife Mindy Hall.

She said she's proud to be in a firefighting family. Her husband Darren is a captain with the Coronado Fire Department and has been with the force for over 25 years. But this year has been one unlike any other.

"It's a different feel now that he's gone and we don't know when he'll be back," Mindy said.

Darren led a strike team battling the Valley Fire and with just one day off that team was helping to fight the Creek Fire near Fresno as of Saturday.

"This is completely not the norm," Mindy said. "Usually you go on a strike team and you're on that one fire but because of the dire need up north they just sent them."

With hundreds of wildfires raging across the western coast, resources are stretched to the limit. Thomas Shoots with Cal Fire said in California alone we've already burned 26 times what we saw in 2019.

"There's not enough resources in the world to be put at every fire and give them the resources to stay small," Shoots said.

Firefighters have been working in 24-hour shifts before taking a break which fire officials say is par for the course.

"Figuring out what each fire needs and moving around resources is really our specialty but anytime we have a ton of major fires it's going to be a struggle," said Shoots.

Mindy said a very different struggle is trying to explain the situation to her 3-year-old daughter.

"The biggest challenge is her wondering when's daddy coming home," she said.

But Mindy said an outpouring of community support for those fighting on the front lines has been a beautiful thing to see during a difficult time.

"It is an exhausting job what they are doing. They are away from their families, they don't know when they are going to come home, they are not sleeping in their own bed, but their spirits are so high and they're serving their community," she said.

California avoids major power outages as wildfires rage

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Rescuers in military helicopters airlifted 207 people to safety over the weekend after an explosive wildfire trapped them in a popular camping area in California's Sierra National Forest, one of dozens of fires burning amid record-breaking temperatures that strained the state's electrical grid and for a time threatened power outages for millions.

The California Office of Emergency Services said Black Hawk and Chinook helicopters were used for the rescues that began late Saturday, Sept. 5, and continued into Sunday morning at Mammoth Pool Reservoir. At least two people were severely injured and 10 more suffered moderate injuries. Two campers refused rescue and stayed behind, the Madera County Sheriff's Office said, and there was no immediate word on their fates.

A photo tweeted by the California National Guard showed more than 20 evacuees packed tightly inside one helicopter, some crouched on the floor clutching their belongings. In another photo taken on the ground from a helicopter cockpit, the densely wooded hills surrounding the aircraft were in flames.

The blaze dubbed the Creek Fire has charred more than 71 square miles (184 square kilometers) of timber, and the 800 firefighters on the scene had yet to get any containment after two days of work on steep terrain in sweltering heat. Some homes and businesses have burned, but there was no official tabulation yet.

Other blazes broke out in Southern California and forced evacuations in San Diego and San Bernardino counties. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire, said the latter blaze, called the El Dorado Fire, started Saturday morning and was caused by a smoke-generating pyrotechnic device used during a gender-reveal party.

The Creek Fire churned southward from the reservoir through miles of dense forest and by Sunday afternoon threatened a marina and cabins along Shaver Lake, where Jack Machado helped friends remove propane tanks from the lodge Cottages at the Point. Sheriff's deputies went through the town of several hundred residents to make sure people complied with evacuation orders.

"The lake is totally engulfed with smoke. You can't hardly see in front of you," Machado said. "The sky's turning red. It looks like Mars out there."

Temperatures in the fire zone were in the 90s, but that was cool compared to

many parts of the state. Downtown Los Angeles reached 111 F. and a record-shattering high of 121 F was recorded in the nearby Woodland Hills neighborhood of the San Fernando Valley.

It was the highest temperature ever recorded in Los Angeles County, according to the National Weather Service. The mark rivaled the high in California's Death Valley, typically the hottest place in the country.

Meanwhile, downtown San Francisco set a record for the day with a high of 100, smashing the previous mark by 5 degrees.

"By our calculations, over 99% of California's population is under an Excessive Heat Warning or Heat Advisory today," the weather service in Sacramento said in a tweet Sunday afternoon.

The exceptionally hot temperatures were driving the highest power use of the year, and transmission losses because of the wildfires have cut into supplies. Eric Schmitt of the California Independent System Operator that manages the state's power grid said up to 3 million customers faced power outages if residents didn't curtail their electricity usage.

About 7 p.m., the California Independent System Operator declared an emergency and said power outages were imminent because a transmission line carrying power from Oregon to California and another in-state power plant went offline unexpectedly. The cause of the outages is unknown at this time, the agency said.

But about 8:30 p.m., the agency issued a tweet calling off the emergency "thanks to conservation of Californians!" It said no power outages were ordered by operators of the grid.

Pacific Gas & Electric, the state's largest utility, warned customers that it might cut power starting Tuesday, Sept. 8, because of expected high winds and heat that could create even greater fire danger. Some of the state's largest and deadliest fires in recent years have been sparked by downed power lines and other utility equipment.

The Creek Fire started Friday and by Saturday afternoon exploded in size, jumped the San Joaquin River and cut off the only road into the Mammoth Pool Campground, Dan Tune, national forest representative, said. At least 2,000 structures were threatened in the area about 290 miles (467 kilometers) north of Los Angeles. The cause of the fire hasn't been determined.

While some campers were rescued by helicopters, others made a white-knuckle drive to safety. Juliana Park recorded video of flames on both sides of her car as she and others fled down a mountain road.

"A backpacking trip cut short by unforeseen thunder, ash rain, and having to drive through literal fire to evacuate #SierraNationalForest in time," Park said in a tweet. "Grateful to the SNF ranger who led us down ... wish we got her name."

The Mammoth Pool Reservoir is about 35 miles (56 kilometers) northeast of Fresno. It's surrounded by thick pine forests and is a popular destination for boating and fishing. Bone-dry conditions and the hot weather fueled the flames once the fire started, and it grew rapidly.

Lindsey Abbott and her family were guided to safety by a stranger they followed down from their campsite near Whisky Falls.

"It was so hot, you could feel the flames going through the window," she told ABC30 in Fresno.

Ashley Wagner was among those rescued, along with two relatives and a friend. They were trapped in Logan's Meadow behind Wagner's Store, a 63-year-old business run by her aunt that was destroyed.

"My family's history just went up in flames," Wagner told the station.

In Southern California, crews scrambled to douse several fires that popped up, including one that closed mountain roads in Angeles National Forest. The largest was a blaze in the foothills of Yucaipa east of Los Angeles that prompted evacuation orders for eastern portions of the city of 54,000 along with several mountain communities. Cal Fire said the fire scorched at least 4.7 square miles (12.2 square kilometers) of brush and trees.

In eastern San Diego County, the Valley Fire broke out Saturday afternoon, and fire officials warned the blaze was burning at a "dangerous rate of speed." By Sunday morning it had destroyed at least 10 structures after burning 6.25 square miles (16 square kilometers) and prompting evacuations near the remote community of Alpine in the Cleveland National Forest. At least two of the lost structures were homes, ABC10 News in San Diego reported.

Cal Fire said 14,800 firefighters were battling 23 major fires in the state. California has seen 900 wildfires since Aug. 15, many of them started by an intense series of thousands of lightning strikes. The blazes have burned more than 1.5 million acres (2,343 square miles). There have been eight fire deaths and nearly 3,300 structures destroyed.

Weber reported from Los Angeles.

Big rig overturns, causing chain-reaction crash and traffic jam on Interstate 15

By David Hernandez

A big-rig overturned across three lanes of Interstate 15 in North County and caused a chain-reaction crash that snarled northbound traffic Thursday, authorities said.

Five people were taken to hospitals with various injuries, none of which were life-threatening, North County Fire Protection District spokesman Capt. John Choi said.

The big-rig flipped over as it transitioned onto northbound I-15 from eastbound state Route 78 in the Pala area about 2:45 p.m. A pickup and a minivan were involved in a chain-reaction crash, with the pickup rear ending the trailer.

Fire crews had to free the big rig driver and at least one occupant in the pickup.

Three of four northbound I-15 lanes were closed until about 5 p.m. The far right lane and a transition ramp from eastbound SR-78 to northbound I-15 remained closed into the evening.

"There's a tremendous backup," Choi said. He advised drivers to avoid the area.

5 Hospitalized after Fallbrook Multi-Vehicle Collision on I-15

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5 Injured in 3-Vehicle Crash on Interstate 15 in Fallbrook

Fallbrook, California – At around 2:44 p.m., Thursday, September 3, the North County Fire responded to a multi-vehicle collision on Interstate 15 in Fallbrook that left five people injured.

Authorities said a semi-truck, a minivan, and a Toyota Tacoma were involved in the crash, but what led to the collision was not immediately determined.

Two people were trapped inside two different vehicles and needed extrication.

The North County Fire officials said five people were transported to various hospitals in the area with non-life-threatening injuries.

The incident led to the closure of all northbound lanes of the freeway as of 3:08 p.m.

The Sig Alert remained effective until 4:10 p.m.

The cause of the collision remains under investigation.

Arin Khodaverdian, CEO and Managing Attorney of Alpine Law Group, urges accidents victims and their families to immediately seek legal assistance. “Those who are affected by tragedy have rights, but they must act quickly in order to preserve those rights. Swift action by an intelligent and experienced attorney is imperative in order to preserve evidence, interview witnesses and immediately begin pursuing any and all responsible parties.”

“Usually, clients hire me immediately after their first consultation because

they quickly figure out that I will treat them like family. I lift a weight off their shoulders immediately. That is my job. We simply leave no stone unturned – period. We go after everyone and everything. There is no other way to ensure justice,” Mr. Khodaverdian states.

While Mr. Khodaverdian does not represent any of the parties involved in this incident, he has recovered over **\$100 million** for thousands of injury victims and their families. “In one case, we were able to recover a **7-figure settlement within 11 business days** of being hired by the family of a victim killed by a negligent driver. We have numerous other 6-figure settlements within 30 days. While these results are atypical and do not predict future outcomes, justice in these cases helped bring about closure and a swift sense of justice for the families.”

Mr. Khodaverdian is the recipient of numerous accolades including one of the: **Top 10 Wrongful Death Settlements in CA in 2019; Top 10 Motor Vehicle Accident Settlements in CA in 2019; Top 10 Truck Accident Settlements in CA in 2019, and Top 10 Motorcycle Accident Settlements in CA in 2019.** He is a Berkeley graduate and proud personal injury and wrongful death attorney. He is **personally available 24/7** for free, no-obligation consultations and second opinions by calling **800-984-4123**. He can also be reached via email using the contact form on this site.

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Half-acre brush fire stopped in Fallbrook

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The sky is tinted orange from wildfire smoke as the sun sets behind a grove of cactus in Fallbrook, Sept. 5.

Firefighters contained a fire that broke out Sunday, Sept. 6, in a field near homes in Fallbrook.

The blaze was reported at 11:51 p.m. in an area near Los Alisos Drive and Live Oak Park Road, according to information from Capt. John Choi of the North County Fire Protection District.

According to Choi, fire crews arrived on scene shortly after the report came in and stopped the forward spread of the fire, which was initially estimated to be about a quarter acre in size before being revised upward to about half an acre.

Some area structures were threatened before firefighters got the blaze under control, Choi said.

No injuries were reported.

Choi said around 12:20 p.m. that crews were expected to remain at the scene for another 60 to 90 minutes.

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NCFPD meeting deals with alternative revenue, conflict of interest code

By [Jeff Pack](#)
Staff Writer

The meeting of the North County Fire Protection District Board of Directors, Tuesday, Aug. 25, dealt with two main issues, according to Stephen Abbott, fire chief and CEO of the district.

“The one was the conflict of interest code and then the other one was the approval of the alternative revenue implementation plan,” he said during a phone interview.

The revenue implementation plan Abbott referred to was a California State University San Marcos report generated after the school canvassed various departments around the country to come up with solutions that the district could consider going forward.

The reason for the need to reevaluate the district’s fee schedule, he said, comes from the failure of Measure A to pass in November 2019.

“We need to find alternative sources of revenue and or create other efficiencies in order to be able to fund our preferred facilities maintenance,” Abbot said. “We had a facility condition assessment report that was done a few years ago, which illustrated we needed about a million dollars a year of ongoing funds dedicated to facility maintenance and construction. Four of our firefighter stations are at or near the end of their useful life.

“With the failure of Measure A, which would for the sake of discussion, would have produced that million dollars a year, we’re now looking outwards through other ways of doing that. Fully implemented, this plan will generate somewhere between a third and a half of what we would need to fund that facilities plan. So, it’s pretty significant. And it’s in line with others are doing more and more around the country in terms of expanding full cost recovery.” Abbot said

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“As an example, San Marcos just raised their ambulance rates pretty significantly, between 30% and 40% based on the particular level of service,” Abbott said. “The city of Escondido will similarly be pursuing full costs (as well).”

Abbott said that not all the measures will bring in a ton of money, but he said every little bit will help. For instance, the district receives about 100 false alarms from local businesses each year.

“It’s not a tremendous number, but in that particular case, the issue is not just a matter of recovering costs, but it’s also trying to discourage the repeat offenses,” he said. “Everybody has false alarms for unattended food and those kinds of things. And we anticipate that that, but it’s different when people have faulty alarm systems and they keep going off. We’ve had a few places in town that we’ve made a career of responding to.”

The board unanimously agreed to move forward with the plan and staff will come back with the adjusted fee schedule in a couple of months, Abbott said.

The council also reviewed and approve district counsel’s recommendation to amend the district’s conflict of interest code and send paperwork on the amendment to the county.

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County Board Ratifies Valley Fire Emergency Proclamation

The County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Wednesday to ratify the County's local emergency proclamation issued Sept. 6 for the Valley Fire due to the fire threat and damage, including the loss of at least 20 structures.

The proclamation will cover damage in the unincorporated area and will help make the region eligible for potential federal and state resources. These resources could help repair roadways, public infrastructure and cover emergency response costs.

Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency on Sept. 3 for a number of fires burning in the state including the Valley Fire in San Diego County. In doing so, it opens up additional resources to assist in fighting the fire and recovery efforts.

The Valley Fire started just after 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5 off Japatul Road and Carveacre Road, southeast of Alpine. As of Wednesday at 6:45 p.m., CAL FIRE reported the fire was 17,665 acres and 27 percent contained. Damage inspections are ongoing but to date, 20 structures have been confirmed to be destroyed.

San Diego County Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Holly Porter said a swift and well-resourced response from CAL FIRE held the fire within the containment lines during a forecasted wind event Tuesday and prevented further destruction.

San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob commented that the fire could have been much worse if not for CAL FIRE and "phenomenal" aerial support. She noted however that the area was not yet out of the woods because it is not fully contained.

The County of San Diego added information at its [SDCountyRecovery.com](https://www.sdcountyrecovery.com) site and has established a Recovery Hotline at (859) 715-2200 and an [email](#) to help those affected by the Valley Fire. The hotline and emails will be answered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and through the upcoming weekend.

For more up to date information, visit [SDCountyEmergency.com](https://www.sdcountyemergency.com).

Assets pour in nationwide to help battle California's wildfires

Author: Lena Howland (ABC10)

Cal Fire called in for help, not only from fire departments on every corner of the state and surrounding western states, but also the National Guard.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, Calif. — Officials with Cal Fire say, with 28 major fires burning around the state right now and nearly 14,000 firefighters on the ground, California has already broken a new record with more than 2.5 million acres burned.

"California has experienced more acres burned this year, to date, than any other year for the entire year and we're only in the first nine months of the year," Daniel Berlant, the Assistant Deputy Director for Cal Fire said.

Cal Fire called in for help, not only from fire departments on every corner of the state and surrounding western states, but also the National Guard with C-130s, the 747 Global Supertanker, and a DC-10 Air Tanker, just to name a few, all staging at McClellan Air Force Base.

"They are fighting fires up and down the state. They may drop on one fire and then we send them to another fire. Our air resources, nearly 100 right now, are constantly moved around based on the threats," Berlant said.

Maj. Alex Kassebaum from the Nevada Air National Guard was one of many people called in to help. He's a pilot of a C-130 that has been converted to help with wildfires through what's called the "Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System" (MAFFS).

"They don't channelize on the fires and the smoke around you, we just look at the line, we look at the escape, and we fly this aircraft as safe as possible," Kassebaum said.

And even though his own family is back home in Nevada, he's reminded daily of why he's here.

"This is impacting neighboring states significantly, it's hurting old people and we really need to make sure that we do our part as a guardsman to come over here and help extinguish these fires and that's what everybody's doing, that's why we're here," he said.

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They Know How to Prevent Megafires. Why Won't Anybody Listen?

by *Elizabeth Weil*

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What a week. Rough for all Californians. Exhausting for the firefighters on the front lines. Heart-shattering for those who lost homes and loved ones. But a special “Truman Show” kind of hell for the cadre of men and women who’ve not just watched California burn, fire ax in hand, for the past two or three or five decades, but who’ve also fully understood the fire policy that created the landscape that is now up in flames.

“What’s it like?” Tim Ingalsbee repeated back to me, wearily, when I asked him what it was like to watch California this past week. In 1980, Ingalsbee started working as a wildland firefighter. In 1995, he earned a doctorate in environmental sociology. And in 2005, frustrated by the huge gap between what he was learning about fire management and seeing on the fire line, he started Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics, and Ecology. Since then FUSEE has been lobbying Congress, and trying to educate anybody who will listen, about the misguided fire policy that is leading to the megafires we are seeing today.

So what’s it like? “It’s just ... well ... it’s horrible. Horrible to see this happening when the science is so clear and has been clear for years. I suffer from Cassandra syndrome,” Ingalsbee said. “Every year I warn people: Disaster’s coming. We got to change. And no one listens. And then it happens.”

The pattern is a form of insanity: We keep doing overzealous fire suppression across California landscapes where the fire poses little risk to people and structures. As a result, wildland fuels keep building up. At the same time, the climate grows hotter and drier. Then, boom: the inevitable. The wind blows down a power line, or lightning strikes dry grass, and an inferno ensues. This week we’ve seen both the second- and third-largest fires in California history. “The fire community, the progressives, are almost in a state of panic,” Ingalsbee said. There’s only one solution, the one we know yet still avoid. “We need to get good fire on the ground and whittle down some of that fuel load.”

Yes, there’s been talk across the U.S. Forest Service and California state agencies about doing more prescribed burns and managed burns. The point of that “good fire” would be to create a black-and-green checkerboard across the state. The black burned parcels would then provide a series of dampers and dead ends to keep the fire intensity lower when flames spark in hot, dry

conditions, as they did this past week. But we've had far too little "good fire," as the Cassandras call it. Too little purposeful, healthy fire. Too few acres intentionally burned or corralled by certified "burn bosses" (yes, that's the official term in the California Resources Code) to keep communities safe in weeks like this.

Academics believe that between 4.4 million and 11.8 million acres burned each year in prehistoric California. Between 1982 and 1998, California's agency land managers burned, on average, about 30,000 acres a year. Between 1999 and 2017, that number dropped to an annual 13,000 acres. The state passed a few new laws in 2018 designed to facilitate more intentional burning. But few are optimistic this, alone, will lead to significant change. We live with a deathly backlog. In February 2020, Nature Sustainability published this terrifying conclusion: California would need to burn 20 million acres — an area about the size of Maine — to restabilize in terms of fire.

Mike Beasley, deputy fire chief of Yosemite National Park from 2001 to 2009 and retired interagency fire chief for the Inyo National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management's Bishop Field Office, was in a better mood than Ingalsbee when I reached him, but only because as a part-time Arkansan, part-time Californian and Oregonian, Beasley seems to find life more absurd. How does California look this week? He let out a throaty laugh. "It looks complicated," he said. "And I think you know what I mean by that."

Beasley earned what he called his "red card," or wildland firefighter qualification, in 1984. To him, California, today, resembles a rookie pyro Armageddon, its scorched battlefields studded with soldiers wielding fancy tools, executing foolhardy strategy. "Put the wet stuff on the red stuff," Beasley summed up his assessment of the plan of attack by Cal Fire, the state's behemoth "emergency response and resource protection" agency. Instead, Beasley believes, fire professionals should be considering ecology and picking their fights: letting fires that pose little risk burn through the stockpiles of fuels. Yet that's not the mission. "They put fires out, full stop, end of story," Beasley said of Cal Fire. "They like to keep it clean that way."

(Cal Fire, which admittedly is a little busy this week, did not respond to requests to comment before this story published.)



Carl Skinner (Courtesy Carl Skinner)

So it's been a week. Carl Skinner, another Cassandra, who started firefighting in Lassen County in 1968 and who retired in 2014 after 42 years managing and researching fire for the U.S. Forest Service, sounded profoundly, existentially tired. "We've been talking about how this is where we were headed for decades."

"It's painful," said Craig Thomas, director of the Fire Restoration Group. He, too, has been having the fire Cassandra conversation for 30 years. He's not that hopeful, unless there's a power change. "Until different people own the calculator or say how the buttons get pushed, it's going to stay that way."

A six-word California fire ecology primer: The state is in the hole.

A seventy-word primer: We dug ourselves into a deep, dangerous fuel imbalance due to one simple fact. We live in a Mediterranean climate that's designed to burn, and we've prevented it from burning anywhere close to enough for well over a hundred years. Now climate change has made it hotter and drier than ever before, and the fire we've been forestalling is going to happen, fast, whether we plan for it or not.

Megafires, like the ones that have ripped this week through 1 million acres (so far), will continue to erupt until we've flared off our stockpiled fuels. No way around that.

When I reached Malcolm North, a research ecologist with the U.S. Forest Service who is based in Mammoth, California, and asked if there was any meaningful scientific dissent to the idea that we need to do more controlled burning, he said, "None that I know of."

How did we get here? Culture, greed, liability laws and good intentions gone awry. There are just so many reasons not to pick up the drip torch and start a prescribed burn even though it's the safe, smart thing to do.

The overarching reason is culture. In 1905, the U.S. Forest Service was created with a military mindset. Not long after, renowned American philosopher William James wrote in his essay “The Moral Equivalent of War” that Americans should redirect their combative impulses away from their fellow humans and onto “Nature.” The war-on-fire mentality found especially fertile ground in California, a state that had emerged from the genocide and cultural destruction of tribes who understood fire and relied on its benefits to tend their land. That state then repopulated itself in the Gold Rush with extraction enthusiasts, and a little more than half a century later, it suffered a truly devastating fire. Three-thousand people died, and hundreds of thousands were left homeless, after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and attendant fires. The overwhelming majority of the destruction came from the flames, not the quake. Small wonder California’s fire ethos has much more in common with a field surgeon wielding a bone saw than a preventive medicine specialist with a tray full of vaccines.

More quantitatively — and related — fire suppression in California is big business, with impressive year-over-year growth. Before 1999, Cal Fire never spent more than \$100 million a year. In 2007-08, it spent \$524 million. In 2017-18, \$773 million. Could this be Cal Fire’s first \$1 billion season? Too early to tell, but don’t count it out. On top of all the state money, federal disaster funds flow down from “the big bank in the sky,” said Ingalsbee. Studies have shown that over a quarter of U.S. Forest Service fire suppression spending goes to aviation — planes and helicopters used to put out fire. A lot of the “air show,” as he calls it, happens not on small fires in the morning, when retardant drops from planes are most effective, but on large fires in the afternoon. But nevermind. You can now call in a 747 to drop 19,200 gallons of retardant. Or a purpose-designed Lockheed Martin FireHerc, a cousin of the C-130. How cool is that? Still only 30% of retardant is dropped within 2,000 yards of a neighborhood, meaning that it stands little chance of saving a life or home. Instead the airdrop serves, at great expense, to save trees in the wilderness, where burning, not suppression, might well do more good.

This whole system is exacerbated by the fact that it’s not just contracts for privately owned aircraft. Much of the fire-suppression apparatus — the crews themselves, the infrastructure that supports them — is contracted out to private firms. “The Halliburton model from the Middle East is kind of in effect for all the infrastructure that comes into fire camps,” Beasley said, referencing the Iraq war. “The catering, the trucks that you can sleep in that are air-conditioned...”

Cal Fire pays firefighters well, very well. (And perversely well compared with the thousands of California Department of Corrections inmates who serve on fire crews, which is very much a different story.) As the California Policy Center reported in 2017, “The median compensation package — including base pay, special pay, overtime and benefits — for full time Cal Fire firefighters of all categories is more than \$148,000 a year.”

The paydays can turn incentives upside down. “Every five, 10, 15 years, we’ll see an event where a firefighter who wants [to earn] overtime starts a fire,” said Crystal Kolden, a self-described “pyrogeographer” and assistant professor of fire science in the Management of Complex Systems Department

at the University of California, Merced. (She first picked up a drip torch in 1999 when working for the U.S. Forest Service and got hooked.) “And it sort of gets painted as, ‘Well, this person is just completely nuts.’ And, you know, they maybe are.” But the financial incentives are real. “It’s very lucrative for a certain population of contractors.”

By comparison, planning a prescribed burn is cumbersome. A wildfire is categorized as an emergency, meaning firefighters pull down hazard pay and can drive a bulldozer into a protected wilderness area where regulations typically prohibit mountain bikes. Planned burns are human-made events and as such need to follow all environmental compliance rules. That includes the Clean Air Act, which limits the emission of PM 2.5, or fine particulate matter, from human-caused events. In California, those rules are enforced by CARB, the state’s mighty air resources board, and its local affiliates. “I’ve talked to many prescribed fire managers, particularly in the Sierra Nevada over the years, who’ve told me, ‘Yeah, we’ve spent thousands and thousands of dollars to get all geared up to do a prescribed burn,’ and then they get shut down.” Maybe there’s too much smog that day from agricultural emissions in the Central Valley, or even too many locals complain that they don’t like smoke. Reforms after the epic 2017 and 2018 fire seasons led to some loosening of the CARB/prescribed fire rules, but we still have a long way to go.

“One thing to keep in mind is that air-quality impacts from prescribed burning are minuscule compared to what you’re experiencing right now,” said Matthew Hurteau, associate professor of biology at University of New Mexico and director of the Earth Systems Ecology Lab, which looks at how climate change will impact forest systems. With prescribed burns, people can plan ahead: get out of town, install a HEPA filter in their house, make a rational plan to live with smoke. Historical accounts of California summers describe months of smoky skies, but as a feature of the landscape, not a bug. Beasley and others argue we need to rethink our ideas of what a healthy California looks like. “We’re used to seeing a thick wall of even-aged trees,” he told me, “and those forests are just as much a relic of fire exclusion as our clear skies.”



Mike Beasley (Courtesy Mike Beasley)

In the Southeast which burns more than twice as many acres as California each year — fire is defined as a public good. Burn bosses in California can more easily be held liable than their peers in some other states if the wind comes up and their burn goes awry. At the same time, California burn bosses typically suffer no consequences for deciding not to light. No promotion will be missed, no red flags rise. “There’s always extra political risk to a fire going bad,” Beasley said. “So whenever anything comes up, people say, OK, that’s it. We’re gonna put all the fires out.” For over a month this spring, the U.S. Forest Service canceled all prescribed burns in California, and training for burn bosses, because of COVID-19.

I asked Beasley why he ignited his burns anyway when he was Yosemite fire chief. “I’m single! I’m not married! I have no kids. Probably a submarine captain is the best person for the job.” Then he stopped joking. “I was a risk taker to some degree. But I also was a believer in science.”

On Aug. 12, 2020, California Gov. Gavin Newsom, the U.S. Forest Service chief and others signed a memorandum of understanding, or MOU, that the state needs to burn more. “The health and wellbeing of California communities and ecosystems depend on urgent and effective forest and rangeland stewardship to restore resilient and diverse ecosystems,” the MOU states. The document includes a mea culpa: “California’s forests naturally adapted to low-intensity fire, nature’s preferred management tool, but Gold Rush-era clearcutting followed by a wholesale policy of fire suppression resulted in the overly dense, ailing forests that dominate the landscape today.”

Ingalsbee looks at the MOU and thinks, That’s not worth the paper it’s printed on. Likewise Nick Goulette, executive director of the Watershed Research and Training Center, has seen too little movement for too long to

believe anything but utter calamity can get us back on track. In 2014, Goulette participated in a planning exercise known as the Quadrennial Fire Review, or QFR, that asked the grim question: What is the disaster scenario that finally causes us to alter in a meaningful way our relationship and response to fire? The answer: something along the lines of a megafire taking out San Diego. In the wake of it, Goulette and others imagined one scenario in which the U.S. Forest Service morphed into an even more militaristic firefighting agency that “overwhelmingly emphasizes full suppression” and is “extremely risk averse.” But they also envisioned a scenario that spawned a new kind of fire force, one focused on “monitoring firesheds” and dedicated to changing the dominant philosophy away “from the war on fire to living with fire.”

This exercise took place three years before the devastating 2017 Napa and Sonoma fires, and four years before the Camp Fire destroyed Paradise in 2018. Goulette thought those events would have prompted more change. The tragedies did lead to some new legislation and some more productive conversations with Cal Fire. But there’s just so much ground we need to make up.

When asked how we were doing on closing the gap between what we need to burn in California and what we actually light, Goulette fell into the familiar fire Cassandra stutter. “Oh gosh. ... I don’t know. ...” The QFR acknowledged there was no way prescribed burns and other kinds of forest thinning could make a dent in the risk imposed by the backlog of fuels in the next 10 or even 20 years. “We’re at 20,000 acres a year. We need to get to a million. What’s the reasonable path toward a million acres?” Maybe we could get to 40,000 acres, in five years. But that number made Goulette stop speaking again. “Forty thousand acres? Is that meaningful?” That answer, obviously, is no.

The only real path toward meaningful change looks politically impossible. Goulette said we need to scrap the system and rethink what we could do with Cal Fire’s annual budget: Is this really the best thing we could do with several billion dollars to be more resistant to wildfire? Goulette knows this suggestion is so laughably distasteful and naive to those in power that uttering it as the director of a nonprofit like the Watershed Research and Training Center gets you kicked out of the room.



Lenya Quinn-Davidson at September Burn in Bear River.
(Thomas Stratton)

Some fire Cassandras are more optimistic than others. Lenya Quinn-Davidson, area fire adviser for the University of California Cooperative Extension and director of the Northern California Prescribed Fire Council, remains hopeful. She knows the history. She understands that the new MOU is nonbinding. Still she's working on forming burn cooperatives and designing burner certificate programs to bring healthy fire practices back into communities. She'd like to get Californians back closer to the fire culture in the Southeast where, she said, "Your average person goes out back with Grandpa, and they burn 10 acres on the back 40 you know, on a Sunday." Fire is not just for professionals, not just for government employees and their contractors. Intentional fire, as she sees it, is "a tool and anyone who's managing land is going to have prescribed fire in their toolbox." That is not the world we've been inhabiting in the West. "That's been the hard part in California," Quinn-Davidson said. "In trying to increase the pace and scale of prescribed fire, we're actually fighting some really, some really deep cultural attitudes around who gets to use it and where it belongs in society."

All Cassandras believe California's wildfires will get worse, much worse, before they get better. Right now, said Crystal Kolden, the state's fuel

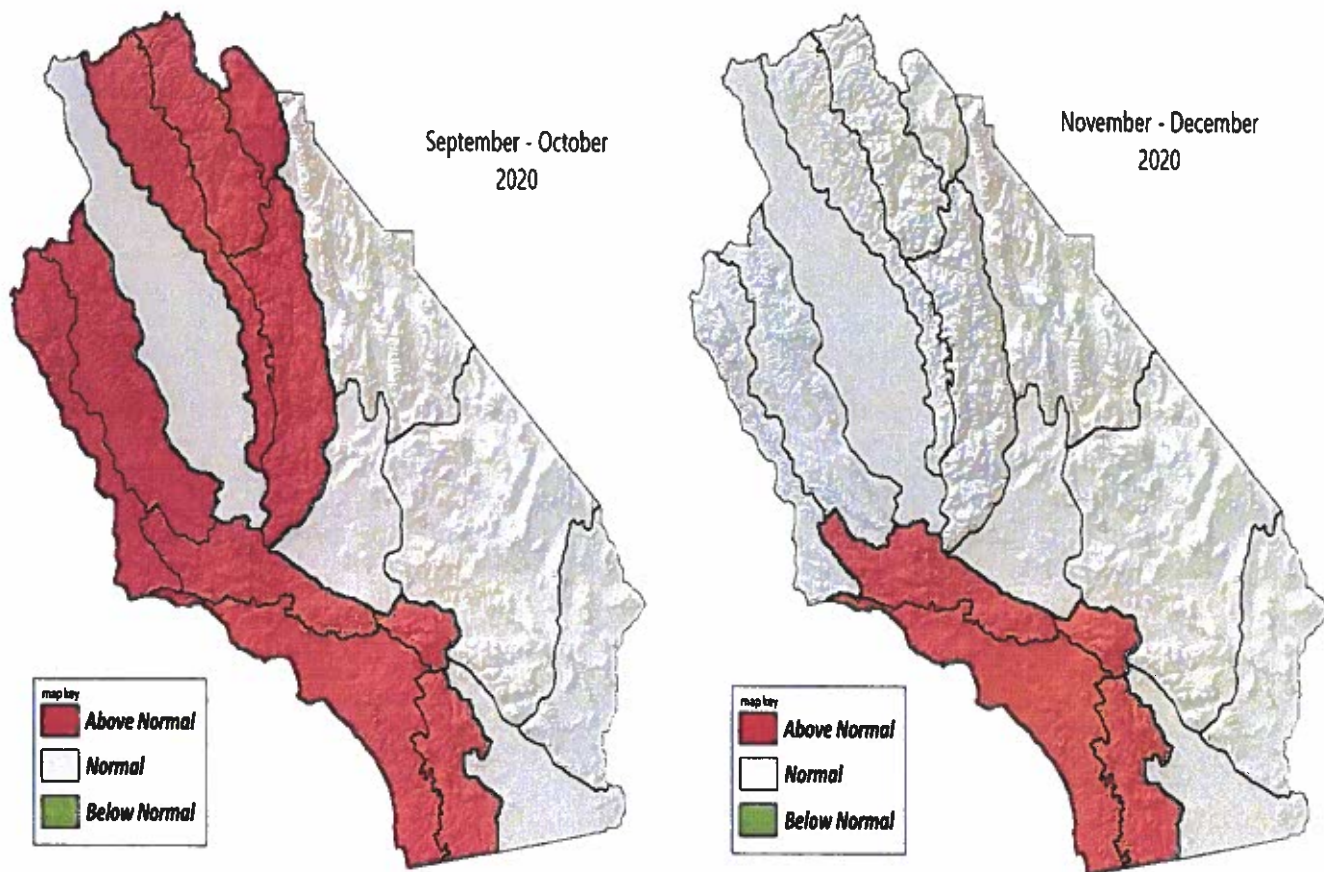
management plan, such as it is, is for Cal Fire to try to do prescribed burns in shoulder season. But given that the fires are starting earlier in the year and lasting later (we are not even this year's traditional fire season yet), the shoulder doesn't really exist. "So where is the end?" she asks. "It's not in sight, and we don't know when it will be." The week before this past round of fires saw the hottest temperatures ever recorded in California, the hottest temperature ever reliably recorded on earth: 130 degrees, more than half the boiling point of water, and just 10 degrees below what scientist consider to be the absolute upper limit of what the human body can endure for 10 minutes in humidity.

"Meanwhile, our firefighters are completely at the breaking point," said Kolden, and there's little they can do to stop a megafire once one starts. "And after a while you start to see breakdowns and interruptions in other critical pieces, like our food systems, our transportation systems." It doesn't need to be this way. We didn't need to get here. We are not suffering from a lack of knowledge. "We can produce all the science in the world, and we largely understand why fires are the way they are," said Eric Knapp, a U.S. Forest Service research ecologist based in Redding, California. "It's just that other social political realities get in the way of doing a lot of what we need to do."

The fire and climate science before us is not comforting. It would be great to call in a 747, dump 19,200 gallons of retardant on reality and make the terrifying facts fade away. But ignoring the tinderbox that is our state and our planet invites more madness, not just for the Cassandras but for us all.

As Ingalsbee said, "You won't find any climate deniers on the fire line."

SIGNIFICANT FIRE POTENTIAL



September - December 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- *Temperatures above normal through December.*
- *Below normal rainfall through December.*
- *Above normal offshore wind events October through December.*

SOUTHERN OPERATIONS MONTHLY/SEASONAL OUTLOOK

ISSUED SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

VALID SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2020



WEATHER AND FUELS DISCUSSION

A trough over the Pacific Northwest caused strong high pressure to be centered over Texas bringing near to below normal temperatures to the area August 1st – August 11th. The high pressure over Texas moved west to Arizona and the Southern Great Basin causing the first prolonged heat wave of the summer from August 12th – August 21st. Many locations received record or near record heat from August 14th – August 19th. The strong high weakened bringing near to a little above normal temperatures August 22nd through the end of the month. Overall, most locations received well above normal temperatures for August due to the long period of hot weather during the middle of the month (Fig 1). An area of low pressure off the Central California Coast brought daily isolated afternoon thunderstorms to the Sierra Crest from August 7th – August 11th. The remnants of Hurricane Elida brought isolated showers and thunderstorms to the southern half of Central California August 13th. Isolated to scattered daily afternoon monsoonal showers and thunderstorms formed over the Sierra and over the mountains and deserts of Southern California August 14th – August 24th. This was the first period of monsoonal shower and thunderstorm activity this summer. Moisture from the remnants of Hurricane Fausto brought numerous thunderstorms to the Central Coast August 15th into the early morning hours of August 16th. Most locations received well below normal rainfall for August, but some mountain locations and much of the Central Coast received well above normal rainfall (Fig 2). Most of the desert became abnormally dry, with some moderate drought over the far eastern deserts bordering Nevada (Fig 3). Otherwise, there was no change to the drought situation this month. Since there were no monsoonal showers and thunderstorms until August 14th, the 1000 hour dead fuel moisture lowered to near the 3rd percentile across many areas (Fig 4). Hot and dry conditions also brought the 100 hour dead fuel moisture to the 3rd percentile toward the middle of the month (Fig 5 next page). The live fuel moisture has lowered to mainly between 60% and 80%, but some of the old growth fuel moisture is between 50% and 60% (Fig 6 next page). These values are near normal for this time of year.

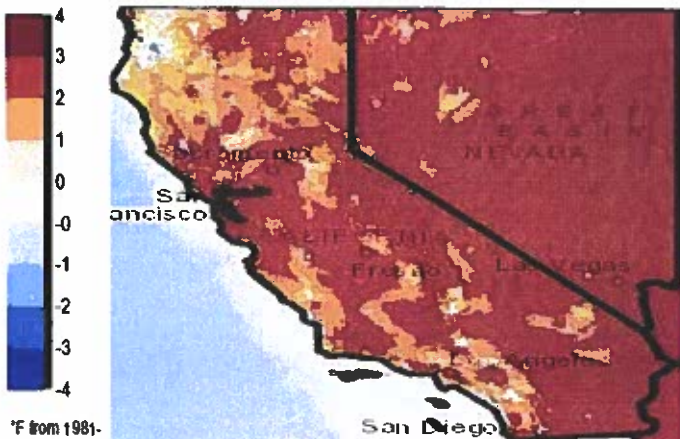


Fig 1: August 1st - August 30th Temperature (% of Ave.)



Fig 2: August 1st - August 30th Precipitation (% of Ave.)



Fig 3: Drought Monitor August 27th, 2020

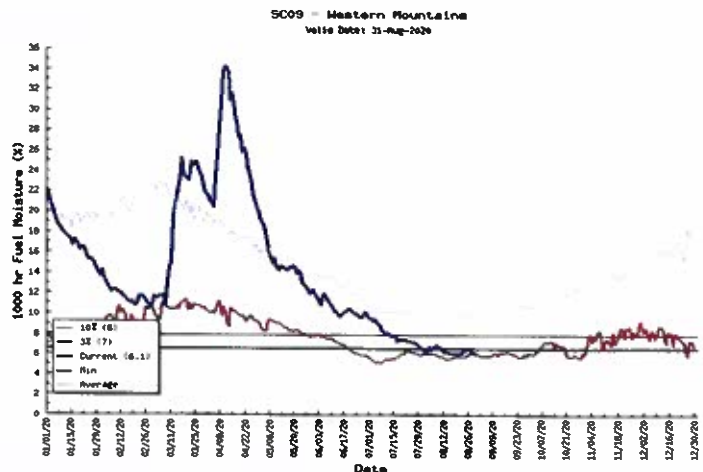


Fig 4: Western Mountains 1000 hr dead fuel moisture August 31st

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Sea surface temperatures have warmed significantly along the West Coast during August (Fig 7). This warming of the water off the West Coast will cause the area of high pressure over the southwestern States to remain stronger than normal into the middle part of September. Thus, expect above normal temperatures through the middle of September. Sea surface temperatures in the Gulf of Alaska remain well above normal and little change is expected through the end of fall (Fig 7). Due to these above normal sea surface temperatures in the Gulf of Alaska, a dominant high is expected to form off the California Coast from the middle of September through December. This strong area of high pressure is expected to force troughs inland into the Pacific Northwest. Some of these troughs will then be shunted to the southeast over the Great Basin bringing an above normal amount of Santa Ana wind events to Southern California. The high pressure off the California Coast will also continue to bring above normal temperatures to the area through December. Below normal sea surface temperatures across the Equatorial Pacific will cause Pacific Storms to have less available moisture to work with than usual (Fig 7). Both the blocking high off the California Coast and the below normal sea surface temperatures across the Equatorial Pacific will cause rainfall to be below normal across Central and Southern California through December.

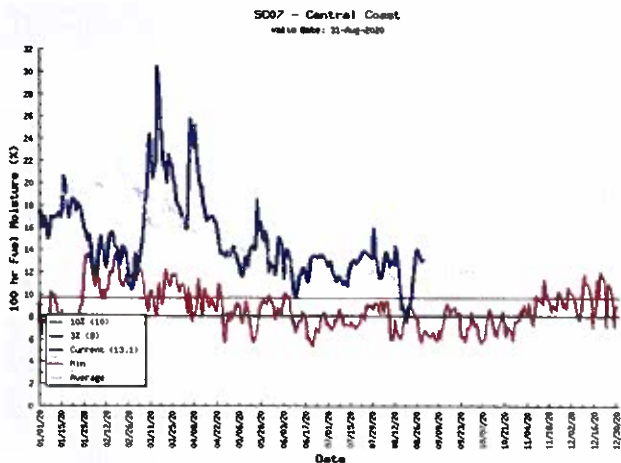


Fig 5: Central Coast 100 hr dead fuel moisture August 31st

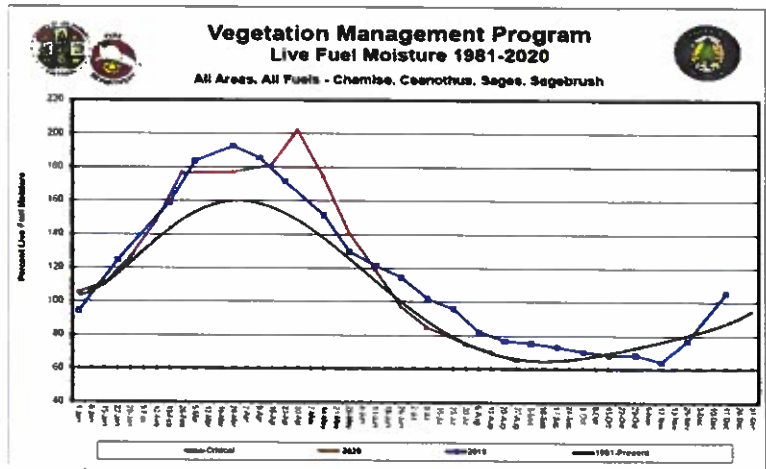


Fig 6: LA County Live Fuel Moisture August 30th

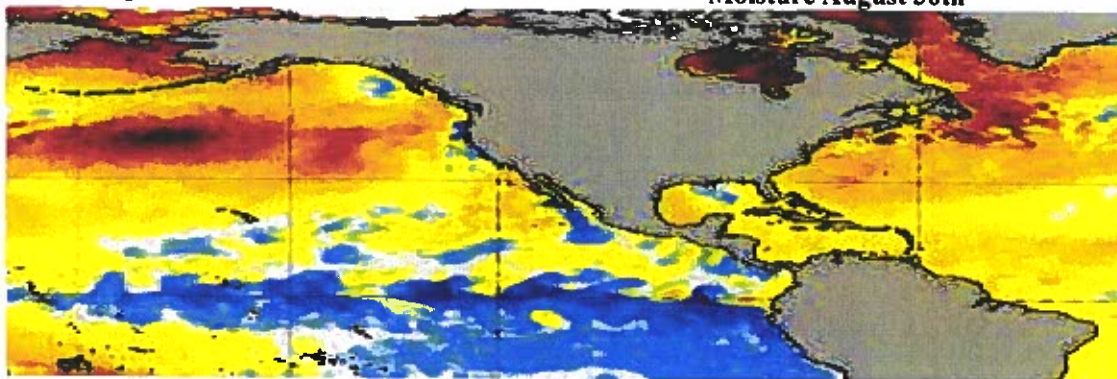


Fig 7: Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly, August 30th, 2020

AMR claims San Diego fire chief's grudge tainted contract bidding process

A letter from AMR protesting the city's plans to change ambulance services alleged a conflict of interest after AMR fired the chief's son

Jeff McDonald

[The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

SAN DIEGO — The fight over who will provide ambulance service in the city of San Diego has grown more testy, with lawyers for longtime contractor American Medical Response now accusing the selection committee of having a conflict of interest.

In a sharply worded protest letter this week, AMR claims a San Diego fire chief improperly scored AMR's proposal because of a grudge he held against the company for firing his son several years ago.

"This glaring conflict unfairly disadvantaged AMR and has poisoned all the work of the selection committee," AMR lawyer Pamela Johnston wrote. "This error tainted the entire (bidding) process."

AMR is requesting that the city vacate its announcement earlier this month that it plans to award the contract to the Falck Group, a Dutch conglomerate and one of the largest private ambulance companies in the world.

City officials declined to respond to allegations raised in the Aug. 24 protest letter, which also renews a series of complaints and allegations AMR brought forward late last year.

In a statement, a spokesman said the city's contracting rules allow unsuccessful bidders to file protests against notices of intent to award a contract.

"The city will review the protest we received and issue a written decision prior to awarding the contract," the statement said.

The December complaint, which also asserted that the 2019 bidding process was improper, resulted in a new round of competitive solicitations that led the city to again choose Falck. It also questioned Falck's response record and financial position.

Most public contracts are required to be put out for competitive bidding to ensure that taxpayers do not overpay for specific goods or services. The bids are typically evaluated by a committee of experts and the bids are independently scored, with the highest qualifying score selected.

Troy Hagen, the chief commercial officer for Falck USA, the global company's American subsidiary, said he is grateful to have been selected each time after fair and transparent bidding processes.

"Falck is prepared to move forward on our partnership with the city and the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department," Hagen said by email. "As one of the world's largest and oldest

companies providing ambulance services, Falck has the experience and resources to meet the unique needs of San Diego."

AMR has held the San Diego ambulance contract for decades. The latest agreement was set to expire at the end of June but was extended for two years this spring as the two bidders competed for the future work.

But language in the two-year extension allows the city to switch providers before the new contract expires in June 2022.

The deal also included a "lame duck" provision to help ensure a smooth transition if San Diego eventually chooses a different provider to replace AMR. The contract also calls for AMR to continue serving the city for six months after a provider is selected.

The current provider warned that its competitor may not be able to hire and train enough qualified employees.

"This is a risk that the city, and its residents, should not be required to bear," AMR said. "The city should seriously question Falck's staffing assumptions and the scoring on this point by the selection committee."

San Diego city firefighter-paramedics typically respond to emergency medical calls, but patients are transported privately. AMR had been paying the city \$10.7 million a year for the right to operate the ambulance service.

Because the company is privately held, no information on revenue from patient billings is publicly available. However, the protest letter advises city officials that AMR's current assets of \$1.3 billion are more than double its existing liabilities.

The latest protest lodged by AMR said the fire chief whose son had been fired by the company wrongly affected the eventual scoring. Out of 100 points, AMR received 1.5 points lower than its competitor.

"There were likely several internal agency strategy sessions, interviews and negotiations where (the chief) interacted with other applicants and gave his thoughts to the other selection committee evaluators," the AMR lawyer wrote.

"He may have even shared details regarding his son's termination with the other selection committee members," she added.

Johnston stopped short of threatening to litigate the city's latest decision if the scoring process is not reevaluated.

But she did cite a 2016 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned a Pennsylvania decision reinstating the death penalty against a murder defendant because the former prosecutor had been promoted to the state's high court and did not recuse himself.

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Volcano Fire In De Luz: 80% Containment, 50 Acres

Added by Michele Ward

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The Volcano Fire sparked in the rural De Luz area of San Diego County, north of Fallbrook and west of Temecula. (www.alertwildfire.org)

SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA — Containment on a wildfire that sparked amid a record-breaking summer heat wave in northern San Diego County was 80 percent contained, according to an update Friday evening from Cal Fire.

"Firefighters continued to make good progress today building containment line, and resources will remain at scene overnight," the agency said.

The blaze, called the Volcano Fire, ignited around 11:20 a.m. Thursday in the area of De Luz Road and Tenaja Truck Trail in the unincorporated De Luz community, north of Fallbrook and west of Temecula, according to Cal Fire.

The fire burned in heavy vegetation with a moderate rate of spread, just south of the San Diego-Riverside county line, fire officials said. The flames had scorched 50 acres, according to Cal Fire.

There were no reports of structural threats, and there were no evacuation orders or warnings.

On Friday, smoke continued to drift over North County San Diego and Southwest Riverside County.

A total of 215 firefighting personnel were assigned to the blaze, according to the Riverside County Fire Department. Firefighters aboard five air tankers and two water-dropping helicopters were the first to reach the fire. Crews from Riverside County, San Diego County and Cleveland National Forest were also dispatched but had difficulty immediately reaching the rural area, officials said.

Under a mutual-aid agreement signed earlier this summer, crews from both counties generally conduct a joint response whenever a fire is within five miles of the county line.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

City News Service contributed to this report.

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FRHD offers drive-up COVID-19 testing once more in August

Village News

The Fallbrook Regional Health District, North County Fire Protection District and other agencies will offer drive-up coronavirus testing in Fallbrook once more this month.

The health and fire districts, along with Cal Fire San Diego and in cooperation with the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency will set up a drive-up testing site from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the FRHD Wellness Center property, 1636 E. Mission Road in Fallbrook.

Drive-thru testing has been conducted at the Wellness Center property once a week since June.

Registration typically opens 6-4 days before the testing date.

The testing is offered free of charge.

Those who are unable to register online may do so by calling 211.

Anyone seeking more information can call the Fallbrook Regional Health District at 760-731-9187.

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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
SUBJECT: COMMENTS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

● **STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS/UPDATES:**

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SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION

CS-1. ANNOUNCEMENT — PRESIDENT LUEVANO:

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

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL — ANTICIPATED LITIGATION — GOVERNMENT CODE § 54956.9 — CHIEF ABBOTT:

- Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9 – one case.

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR — GOVERNMENT CODE § 54956.8 — CHIEF ABBOTT:

- PROPERTY LOCATION: 4157 Olive Hill Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028;
PARTIES: North County Fire Protection District (Seller);
UNDER NEGOTIATION: Terms of Purchase;
DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS: Chief Abbott, District Counsel James

CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 — MANAGEMENT GROUP NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT:

- NCFPD MANAGEMENT GROUP DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:
CHIEF ABBOTT, DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

CS-5. 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-6. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 — SAFETY GROUP NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT:

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

CS-7. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE – Government Code § 54957:

- Fire Chief/CEO DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:
DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

CS-8. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION — PRESIDENT LUEVANO

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