



Fire Chiefs' Fire Service Working Group

September 30, 2019

Tim Aboudara
President, Santa Rosa
Fire Fighters L1401

Steve Akre
Chief, Sonoma Valley
EMS Representative

Jason Boaz
Chief, Healdsburg
County Chiefs' Association

Dave Franceschi
Chief, Forestville FPD
Region 5

Dan George
Chief, Gold Ridge FPD
VFC Administrator

Tony Gossner
Chief, Santa Rosa
Cities' Representative

Mark Heine
Chief, Sonoma County FPD
State Chiefs' Association

Shana Jones
Unit Chief, Sonoma County
CAL FIRE

Mike Mickelson
Chief, Wilmar FD
VFC Association

Joe Petersen
Director, Gold Ridge FPD
Fire Districts' Association

fireserviceworkinggroup@gmail.com

Dear Sonoma County Fire Districts Association,

As you know, the Fire Service Working Group was commissioned by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to be their close advisors and deliberative body on a number of regional fire service issues, mostly related to county provided funding, services and opportunities. It is important for all of us to remember that our work is at their pleasure, and at the end of the day the Fire Services Ad Hoc, or the full Board of Supervisors are the decision makers on these issues.

As a working group we are very appreciative of your keen interest and active engagement with the work of our group. This high level of interest and participation is precisely why we have asked for our joint special meeting in October.

Some members of the Association have asked for written materials ahead of our workshop in October, as many of you are used to receiving or providing ahead of one of your board meetings; however, due to the tight timetable, our responsibilities to the Ad Hoc and deeply intertwined nature of the information we want to cover during the workshop, we won't be providing anything ahead of our meeting. While your board meetings are a deliberative process governed by state law, which requires prior disclosure of documents for official action to be taken; our meeting is meant to be a workshop consisting of two-way dialogue as opposed to the work of an independent deliberative government body.

To expand on that, we are not permitted, nor would it be appropriate, for us to share written or detailed information outside of our working group until it has been reviewed, commented on, and endorsed by the Ad Hoc and county executive staff. Additionally, the plans and proposals we will be discussing at the workshop deserve to be seen in their totality and with the opportunity to have the process, details and inter-workings explained in context and with an ability to be discussed that is not possible in written correspondence.

We very much understand and appreciate your thirst for knowledge and your need to have your input considered and we fully intend to provide that avenue during our workshop.

Sincerely,

Sonoma County Fire Service Working Group