Fire Chiefs’ Fire Service Working Group

November, 2019

Board of Supervisors Mandate:

Efficient, Effective, and Sustainable county-wide fire delivery system

To: Sonoma County Fire Chiefs’ Association
   Sonoma County Fire Districts’ Association
   Sonoma County Fire Fighters Labor Groups and Associations

Following is a summary of the items the Fire Service Working Group is focusing on. The team continues to meet weekly and hold monthly meetings with the Ad Hoc and CAO.

Proposed Sales Tax Measure: Measure documents, including the expenditure plan, are complete. On November 5th the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to adopt a resolution introducing the proposed ordinance. The 2nd Reading of the Ordinance is scheduled for November 12th.

Implementation (Silver) Plan: Most of the teams effort in October was spent finalizing the Implementation plan and reviews it with stakeholders. The near final Implementation Plan was reviewed at the October Districts Association Mtg. and resulted in a measure language change to focus on regional consolidation. Moving forward the team will focus their efforts on supporting meetings with various stakeholders that have questions regarding the measure and associated benefits. Meetings are or will be scheduled in coordination with the County with the various cities, labor groups and special interest groups. And the team will continue to address any questions in the regularly scheduled Sonoma County Chiefs’ Association and Sonoma County Fire Districts’ Association meetings.
Ongoing Financial Items: Funding requests have been received from Occidental, Cazadero, Geyserville, Kenwood and Timber Cove. Funding requests with accompanying justifications are with the County for review.

Additional actions the team is tracking with some brief updates:

- LAFCO reimbursements and future funding - projected fees provided to the County for budget planning.
- Lexipol future funding – Approved by BOS on 8/20. Working with the County to streamline payment.
- Closure of the enhanced services contracts and payments - complete
- Red Flag contract amendment to cover all risk, all hazard retroactive to cover flood expenses – Making changes to address County feedback.
- Working on Mayacamas, Camp Meeker, and Fort Ross contracts

We will continue to provide regular updates to this distribution.

Sincerely,
Fire Service Working Group