



Fire Chiefs' Fire Service Working Group

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Objective:

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

The FSWG will continue to provide updates at the SCFCA and Districts Assn meetings, and through email blasts when there are significant milestones in this project. Following are some highlights since our previous update:

- Feasibility Study: There will be an agenda item at the Chief's Association Mtg. this Wednesday to discuss and decide on moving forward with the tax measure. We continue to simultaneously work on the Standards of Cover Draft as well as on potential governance models and distribution plan structure with our attorney and consultants.
- We have been made aware that to qualify for the March '24 ballot, we will need to have detailed governance and distribution plans by June 1. This presents a very tight timeline. We will need a strong collective effort to get this done successfully. We will continue to work in a collaborative and transparent manner as we develop these important plans. A big challenge is determining how to match the amount of needs with the available revenue. We are on tract to have about 2 x's the requested needs compared to the expected revenues.
- We had a very good Zone Review on 4/6 with all Zone 9 departments.
- Zone Reviews: Below are the dates for the remaining Zone reviews:
 - 4/13 – Zone 7
11:00am: Zone 3
 - 4/20 – 10:00am: Zone 1: CALFIRE labor
11:00am: Zone 2: County – PRMD & DEM
- Fire Ad Hoc & CAO: The team met with the Fire Ad Hoc (Lynda Hopkins & David Rabbitt) and the new CAO, Christina Rivera. The team shared the current measure status and topline poll results. The Supervisors asked questions and expressed support for the measure. There will be another check-in in 4-6 weeks.
- LAFCO: The Gold Ridge SOI and application was approved on April 5th. The Fire Service's support for this item was much appreciated.

Please reach out to a FSWG representative if you have any questions.