

## Fire Chiefs' Fire Service Working Group

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **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:

- This week the team had great meetings with both CALFIRE labor and the County, including County Fire Marshall Steve Mosiurchak. An overview of the tax measure plan was shared and common interested/benefits were discussed. All parties recognized the value and benefit of the proposed tax measure.
- Tax Measure Distribution Plan: With the conclusion of the Zone Reviews, all distribution plan inputs are being rolled into the implementation plan. The team did a first pass validation of the asks. We are in the process of aligning on the S&B numbers and standardizing the capital asks. Next week we will have the first pass roll-up and begin the process of right sizing the plan to align with the tax measure revenue projections.
- Reallocation: Due to the nature of this tax measure, when the detailed allocation is approved by voters it cannot be reallocated without going back to the voters; however, if an agency or entity fails the audit criteria (meant to ensure the funds are used in the spirit of the original request), their allocation will be reduced. As a reminder, consolidation is not one of the audit criteria for this measure. The only portion of the distribution subject to reallocation is the discretionary funding, which the team expects to be a very small percentage of the overall distribution. Some of the funding items to be included in the discretionary bucket are the following: County-wide (including cities) REDCOM fees, Lexipol fees, Red Flag Upstaffing, and county-wide technology expenses.

## Steve Akre

Chief, Sonoma Valley County Chiefs' Association EMS Representative

Kelly Bradley Battalion Chief, Wilmar VFC VFC Association

Mark Heine Chief, Sonoma County FD State Chiefs' Association

Mike Marcucci Unit Chief, Sonoma County CAL FIRE

Jeff Schach Chief, Petaluma FPD South County

Shepley Schroth-Cary

Chief, Gold Ridge FPD VFC Administrator

Mike Stornetta President, Fire Fighters of Sonoma County, L1401

Robert Taylor Director, Cloverdale FPD Fire Districts' Association

Marshall Turbeville Chief, NSCFPD North County

Scott Westrope Chief, Santa Rosa Cities' Representative  Governance Model: This week members of the team spent a bunch of time discussing governance model options prior to reviewing them with the attorney. The current proposal being worked is very similar to Measure G where committee acts as an oversight and audit body, versus decision-making, with nominations and appointments from various organizations. The team's goal is to have a proposal approved by legal to share at the next SCFCA Mtg.

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