



Fire Chiefs' Fire Service Working Group

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Objective:

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

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Sonoma County Fire Districts' Association
Sonoma County Fire Fighters Labor Groups and Associations

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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:

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- This week the team had a full day of very productive work on many elements of the new Measure G. We also reviewed progress with the attorney and consultant, discussed near term outreach needs, and planned out future agendas and timelines.
- Tax Measure Distribution Plan: With the conclusion of the Zone Reviews, all distribution plan inputs were rolled into the implementation plan. The team did a first pass validation of the asks from each Zone. We also made our first attempt to standardize capital facility requests. We are in the process of aligning on the S&B numbers. We hope to get the remaining numbers and finalize the S&B numbers next week. Next week we will also hope to 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.

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- Governance Model: This week members of the team spent more time discussing governance model options prior to sending them to the attorney for final review. The current proposal being worked is very similar to Measure G where the oversight committee acts as an oversight and audit body, versus decision-making, with nominations and appointments coming from various organizations. The team's goal is to have a proposal approved by legal to share at the next SCFCA Mtg.
- After consultation with the attorney, the team will also be focusing on reviewing and updating the ordinance language from the original Measure G.
- The team discussed the need for a one-page talking point sheet with the consultant, who will be working on developing this based on team inputs and polling results.
- Lastly, the team worked on the attached ppt. presentation that Bob Taylor gave to the Districts' Association on 4/27.

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