



## Fire Chiefs' Fire Service Working Group

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### 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  
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc & CAO

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

**Proposed Sales Tax Measure:** After reviewing the polling results, with County support, the team is moving full steam ahead on the proposed county sales tax ballot measure to fund enhanced fire services. Current next steps include the use of Focus Groups (scheduled for 8/21), which will be used to refine the ballot question that is scheduled for polling in the first half of October. Members of the team will meet with the County tax office to kick off the governance and distribution mechanics workstream. The team will be conducting additional outreach to the Districts, Cities and Labor Groups. At the last Districts meeting there were concerns that the team plans to address. We will be looking to gauge fire service support in future meetings in pursuit of the unanimous support that will be necessary to pass the proposed sales tax measure. When the proposed tax measure is approved we will begin implementing the revised "Silver Plan."

**Implementation (Silver) Plan:** Draft staffing and station implementation plan complete. We have reached out to the regions to schedule their reviews. So far reviews are confirmed with Regions 3, 6, 7, and 8. The plan is to generate talking points that will be distributed to all key stakeholders once the Region Reviews are complete.

**Ongoing Financial Items:** Finalizing requested budget item changes that will be submitted to the County for consideration. Funding requests have been received from Occidental, Cazadero, and Geyserville. Funding requests are parked until funding becomes available.

Additional actions the team is tracking:

- LAFCO reimbursements and future funding
- Lexipol future funding
- Closure of the enhanced services contracts
- Red Flag contract amendment to cover all risk, all hazard retroactive to cover flood expenses
- Working on Mayacamas, Camp Meeker, and Fort Ross contracts
- Ensuring Knights Valley annexation completion

We will continue to provide regular updates to this distribution.

Sincerely,  
Fire Service Working Group