

January Fire Service Working Group update.

1. New Tax Measure:

At the January 19th meeting the FSWG met with Bill Adams regarding the proposed initiative. Several items were discussed including the following:

- The proposed election date is March 2024 with November 2024 as back-up.
- Need for expert consultant, public funds may be used. Contract needed (SCFCA?)
- Use of public funds ends at the start of signature gathering.
- Agencies may be asked to contribute.
- First step is polling by consultant.
- Labor (1401) has set up PAC to receive donations for campaign.
- Management is proposed to be JPA.
- Oversight will be spelled out in the ballot language; it was suggested that some non-fire service members might be included.

2. FSWG Participation:

It was suggested that FSWG membership remain the same for continuity during preparation for the tax initiative.

3. Emergency Medical Services:

Bidders conference held in January, bids due by March 1st, announcement by March 13th, to be awarded on June 6th. Outcome may impact REDCOM fees.

4. Consolidations:

- North Sonoma County's protest period has ended, item may be on February LAFCO agenda for the annexation of CSA 40 areas in the North County.
- Gold Ridge has sent to LAFCO their proposal for CSA 40 areas in the South and West County.