



Fire Chiefs' Fire Service Working Group

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Steve Akre
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Board of Supervisors Mandate:

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

Jason Boaz
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County Chiefs' Association

To: Sonoma County Fire Chiefs' Association
Sonoma County Fire Districts' Association
Sonoma County Fire Fighters Labor Groups and Associations

Dave Franceschi
Chief, Forestville FPD
Region 5

Dan George
Assistant Chief, Gold Ridge FPD
VFC Administrator

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

Tony Gossner
Chief, Santa Rosa
Cities' Representative

There is not much new to report due to the holiday break.

Mark Heine
Chief, Sonoma County FPD
State Chiefs' Association

Proposed Sales Tax Measure G: The primary focus continues to be education and outreach. Members of the FSWG and Board of Supervisors have provided Measure G briefings to the following groups and organizations:

Shana Jones
Unit Chief, Sonoma County
CAL FIRE

City Managers Mtg. (11/21)
Sonoma County Taxpayers Association (11/21)
Petaluma City Council (12/2)
Santa Rosa City Council (12/3)
Healdsburg City Council (12/16)

Mike Mickelson
Assistant Chief, Wilmar VFC
VFC Association

Joe Petersen
Director, Gold Ridge FPD
Fire Districts' Association

And are scheduled to provide the following briefings:

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Cotati City Council (1/14)
Press Democrat Editorial Board (1/15)
Town of Windsor (1/15)
Cloverdale City Council (1/22)
Sebastopol City Council (2/4)

Sonoma and Rohnert Park briefings schedules are being worked on.

On December 17th, both the Santa Rosa City Council and the Sonoma County Fire District Board of Directors voted unanimously to support Measure G.

In addition to community outreach and education efforts, the group will begin working on Sphere of Influence analysis and recommendations per the request made by the LAFCO Commission and identifying operational next steps should Measure G be approved.

Ongoing Financial Items: Funding requests have been received from Occidental, Cazadero, Geyserville, Kenwood and Timber Cove. Funding requests with accompanying justifications are with the County for review.

Additional actions the team is tracking with some brief updates:

- LAFCO reimbursements and future funding - estimates to date and projected costs provided to the County for budget planning and approval.
- Lexipol future funding – Approved by BOS on 8/20. Working with the County to streamline payment.
- Red Flag contract amendment to cover all risk, all hazard retroactive to cover flood expenses – updated language provided to the County for review.

We will continue to provide regular updates to this distribution.

Sincerely,
Fire Service Working Group