



Fire Chiefs' Fire Service Working Group

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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, to our Labor partners, and through email blasts when there are significant milestones in this project. Following are some highlights since our previous update:

- Tax Measure Distribution Plan: The Team is still addressing some very last-minute issues, and will be finalizing the percentage allocations for each of the entities receiving funds directly. This should be absolutely finalized on Thursday.
- Governance Model: The proposed Governance Model proposal is complete.
- Ordinance Language: The team spent a lot of time discussing the annual report and trigger(s) that would result in a reduction in allocation. We did not arrive at a final proposal and will be working with the attorney to see what has been used by other measures that we might leverage. The ordinance language must be complete next week to meet the June 1st deadline to file the Initiative Packet.
- The discretionary funding will be managed by the SCFCA.
- Outreach:
 - The special briefings with SCFCA, the Districts Association, and Labor partners Monday of last week went very well and had great attendance. There is tremendous support from all organizations.
 - The team met with Roberta MacIntyre from Fire Safe Sonoma to discuss how their allocation of \$250k could be spent in alignment with the measure objectives and activities being funded (e.g. vegetation management crew).
 - The team also presented at the City Managers Mtg. on Thursday. The group was very supportive of the measure and had very few questions.

- Members of the team will meet with the Sonoma County Taxpayers Association later this week, and the team will meet with the Fire Ad Hoc on May 30th.
- We are looking to get on an agenda in the very near future of the Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association.
- Fundraising: We need everyone's support fundraising to cover the costs of the signature gathering and political consultant. Here is the [link](#) to donate. The labor unions and paid associations did a self-assessment to cover the initial \$75,000 signature gathering payment.

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