



## 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

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.

**Proposed Sales Tax Measure:** The second round of polling with a revised ballot question showed improved results and that the measure may be viable but will be challenging and require a well-funded campaign. The question was revised to focus on the items voters felt strongly about during the polling and focus groups which included emergency warning sirens and alerting systems and vegetation management along with attracting and retaining staff and modernizing equipment and facilities. Adoption of a resolution introducing the proposed ordinance is scheduled for the November 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors Mtg. The implementation plan and governance structure must be complete the week prior and will be reviewed again by the Ad Hoc and CAO.

**Implementation (Silver) Plan:** Region Reviews are complete and the first Implementation Plan Review was held with the Ad Hoc and CAO last week. There is still work to do and there will be additional reviews with stakeholders before completion by the end of October. The team received County input regarding how the plan needs to be structured to align with the commitments made to voters in the measure. The latest version of the plan was to be discussed in a Special Districts Mtg. Workshop on October 10<sup>th</sup> that will unfortunately be cancelled due to red flag alert activity. Using input from the recent reviews and the County, the team will spend the day on October 18<sup>th</sup> updating the plan and addressing the remaining opens.

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

Additional actions the team is tracking with some brief updates:

- LAFCO reimbursements and future funding - projected fees provided to the County for budget planning.
- Lexipol future funding – Approved by BOS on 8/20. Working with the County to streamline payment.
- Closure of the enhanced services contracts and payments
- Red Flag contract amendment to cover all risk, all hazard retroactive to cover flood expenses – Making changes to address County feedback.
- Working on Mayacamas, Camp Meeker, and Fort Ross contracts

We appreciate your continued support and patience as we take the necessary steps to ensure we have a robust plan supporting the future state of Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services to ensure efficient, effective, and sustainable service to all Sonoma County residents and visitors.

We will continue to provide regular updates to this distribution.

Sincerely,  
Fire Service Working Group