



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION SRA FEE PROPOSAL

BACKGROUND

From its origins in the 2011-2012 State Budget, the Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association (SCFCA) has strongly opposed the SRA Fee and have advocated against its implementation for reasons discussed elsewhere. While we recognize legislation has been introduced to repeal the fee and taxpayer organizations have shared their intention to mount legal challenges, in the event those efforts are unsuccessful, we feel it is in the best interest of the public to re-structure the fee in a manner that truly reflects where the demand for the services occurs. To that end, the SCFCA would propose an SRA fee based on the following criteria:

FEE CRITERIA

- I. Fire Severity Zones/Red Flag Occurrence
 - a. A \$30 charge if the parcel is in a High Fire Severity Zone
 - b. A \$40 charge if the parcel is in a Very High Fire Severity Zone
 - c. A \$50 additional charge if the Fire Severity Zone has been subject to two or more Red Flag Warnings per year in 5 of the last 10 years.
- II. Fire History: A \$20 additional charge per parcel if in the last 10 years, the High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone has experienced a fire that significantly damaged or destroyed 5 or more commercial or residential properties in a single event.*

* "Significant" is defined as being tagged as uninhabitable by a building department.
- III. Discount: A \$50 discount if the parcel is served by a local fire agency (District, CSA, etc) and falls under any of the above criteria (if none applies, they are not eligible for the discount).

Under this proposal, a parcel in a High Fire Hazard Severity Zone that experiences Red Flag warnings per I-c above, has had a significant fire in the last 10 years and is served by a fire district would pay the following:

\$30	High Fire Severity Zone Charge
\$50	Red Flag Warning Charge
\$20	Fire History Charge
\$100	sub-total
<u>-\$50</u>	<u>Fire District Discount</u>
\$50	Total SRA Fee