



Fire Chiefs' Strategy Leadership Group

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Monthly Update

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Board of Supervisors Mandate:

- 1. Prepare for Plan Implementation**
 - a. Complete priority actions
 - Ensure the viability of the VFCs
 - Provide funding to mitigate any potential service reductions during the transition
 - Launch an apparatus replacement program
- 2. Pursue funding through a half cent sales tax measure for 2019**

Accomplishments and Progress

- Narrowed down priority funding needs
- Continuing to pursue VFC solution with labor involvement – good path forward
- Met with Sonoma County Alliance to brief them on the desired tax measure. Received support to present to their membership and agreed on path forward to stay connected.
- Supporting Chiefs with LAFCO MSR interview meetings
- Interviews with West County agencies in preparation for retreat

Near Term Workplan

- Preparation for January 29 BOS agenda item approving funding allocation (North Bay Fire/VFC solution, Sonoma County Fire consolidation) and giving direction on half cent sales tax on ballot in 2019
- Initiate stakeholder interactions (Electeds, key agencies)

Chief Engagement

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- SLG Update on standing agendas for governing body meetings
- Apparatus Replacement Inventory – work group
- Facility Inventory – submit your station data