



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

- Funding approval – as previously communicated, the Board of Supervisors approved funding per the priorities outlined above to mitigate potential service reductions. Outline of funding allocations is attached.
- LAFCO alignment – met with LAFCO to coordinate the data gathering process that is under way in West County to examine potential consolidation opportunities. SLG members will accompany Mark Bramfitt for interviews to support local Chiefs in the process.
- Union Meetings – met with representatives of all labor groups to establish a mechanism for increased alignment and mutual support for the plan and tax measure initiatives. A half day working session with labor is set for later this month. We anticipate the outcome of that meeting being a unified plan and approach we can begin to vet with chiefs and governing bodies throughout the County.
- Senator McGuire – the SLG met with the Senator to offer our gratitude for his legislative success in securing a half cent increase in the County's sales tax cap – paving the way for a sales tax measure in 2019. Chiefs may recall that when he was a County Supervisor, Senator McGuire launched the fire service project that has brought us to this moment in time of impending change and forward progress.

The SLG was impressed with the Senator's depth of knowledge on local public sector issues and he remains a champion for fire service and what we're hoping to do with consolidation. He freely offered his support and referral to campaign consultants for guidance on the impending tax measure. His primary message was the importance of being in strong alignment with all Districts as we move forward.

Near Term Workplan

- Resolving VFC funding
- Apparatus Replacement program – work group moving forward
- Facility Inventory – survey going out this week
- Aligning with labor on a proposed plan and path forward
- Supporting collaborative efforts in West County
- Developing communication pieces to explain and inform and setting dates for briefing sessions

Chief Engagement

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