

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
SUBJECT: BOARD MEETING PACKAGE
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Enclosed is your Board package for the Regular **February** Board Meeting. We have tried to include the information you will need to effectively consider and act on agenda items. The Board meeting will be held at the normal meeting venue at **FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, 990 EAST MISSION ROAD, FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA.**

Please note this month's meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

It is our goal to be prepared to respond accurately to Board questions and concerns. You can help us achieve this goal by contacting me **prior to** the Board meeting with your questions and concerns. This will allow time for the Staff and me to provide the appropriate information for review at the Board meeting.

To ensure a quorum is present, please call Loren in advance of the meeting if you will be unable to attend. She may be reached at (760) 723-2012.

Respectfully,



Stephen Abbott
Fire Chief/CEO



PROUDLY SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF FALLBROOK,
BONSALL AND RAINBOW



NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

AGENDA FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2018 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
990 EAST MISSION ROAD
FALLBROOK CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA

For those joining us for the Public Activities Agenda, please feel free to depart at the close of the agenda. We invite you to stay for the remainder of the business meeting.

- 1. PUBLIC COMMENT — PRESIDENT MUNSON** (pgs. 1-2)
➤ Standing Item: Members of the Public may directly address the Board of Directors on items of interest to the Public provided no action will be taken on non-agenda items. The Board President may limit comments to three minutes per speaker (Board of Directors Operations Policy § 4.7.2.1.2.).
- 2. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING EMPLOYEES — D/C MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 3-4)
➤ Recurring Item: Recognition of retiring member: Fire Prevention Specialist James Beebe

ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS:

All items listed under the Consent Items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the Board action on the motion, unless members of the Board, Staff or public request specific items be removed from the Consent Agenda.

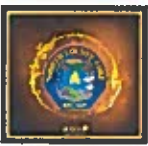
- 3. APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 2018** (pgs. 5-10)
➤ STANDING ITEM: Review and approve Minutes from January meeting as presented.
- 4. REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018** (pgs. 11-30)
➤ STANDING ITEM: Review and Accept Financial Report for January as presented.
- 5. REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES** (pgs. 31-32)
➤ STANDING ITEM: None.
- 6. REVIEW AND ACCEPT FOURTH QUARTER 2017 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY** (pgs. 33-42)
➤ QUARTERLY REPORT: Review and accept report for the Fourth Quarter 2017 as presented. This quarterly report continues to reflect customer satisfaction is in the excellent range (90%) with 90 of 300 (30%) surveys returned and 494 Service and Sympathy Card sent in the Fourth Quarter of 2017.

ACTION ITEMS:

All items listed under the Action Items Agenda will be presented and discussed prior to the Board taking action on any matter. Time Certain Items will commence precisely at the time announced in the Agenda.

- 7. CONSIDER AND SELECT ALTERNATIVE FOR NORTH COUNTY DISPATCH JPA BOARD — CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 43-44)
➤ NEW ITEM: Consider and select alternate to serve for Dispatch JPA for Board member(s) leaving at end of year.
- 8. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND NOMINATIONS FOR CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS — CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 45-50)
➤ Recurring Event: Review options for making a nomination to the CSDA Board. Southern Region, Seat A.

Note: The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that no qualified individual with a disability shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, District business. If you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the District Office 72 hours prior to the meeting at (760) 723-2012.



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9. **REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-05 ADOPTING A PAY SCHEDULE – CHIEF MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 51-56)
 - *Recurring Item:* Review and approve Resolution 2018-05 adopted to reflect a single Pay Schedule document as required by California Code of Regulations §570.5 and which is being amended due to salary adjustments and job classifications.
10. **REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-03 APPROVING FILING OF GRANT AND AUTHORIZING INDIVIDUALS TO EXECUTE GRANT DOCUMENTS — CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 57-68)
 - *New Item:* Review and approve Resolution 2018-03 approving submission of grant and authorize individuals to execute necessary documents to receive Grant.
11. **REVIEW AND APPROVE CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN MARCH 27, 2018 (5:15 P.M.) — FOR ADOPTION OF UPDATED FIRE PREVENTION FEES AND ORDINANCE — FIRE MARSHAL KOCH AND CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 69-70)
 - *New Item:* Approve cancellation and postponement of public hearing until future date.
12. **CONSIDER STATION 3 TRIAL CLOSURE STUDY RESULTS — CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 71-72)
 - *New Item:* Consider Study results and approve recommendation for permanent closure of Station 3.
13. **DECLARE DISTRICT REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-04 — CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 73-78)
 - *New Item:* Approve recommendation for surplus designation of property and approval of Resolution 2018-04.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

No action shall be undertaken on any Discussion item. The Board may: acknowledge receipt of the information or report and make comments; refer the matter to Staff for further study or report; or refer the matter to a future agenda.

14. **CONSIDERATION OF FULL CONSOLIDATION OF RAINBOW — CHIEF ABBOTT** (pgs. 79-112)
 - *New Item:* Discuss and consider action for full consolidation of Rainbow merger.

STANDING DISCUSSION EVENTS: All Events listed under the Standing Discussion Events are items presented every meeting.

- **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** (pgs. 113-114)
"The Rule Against Gifts of Public Funds – Part 2"
- **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** None. (pgs. 115-116)
- **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM**
- **NEWS ARTICLES:** As attached. (pgs. 117-160)
- **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** (pgs. 161-162)
- **STAFF:**
 - Chief Abbott
 - Other Staff
- **BOARD**
- **BARGAINING GROUPS**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**



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CLOSED SESSION

The Board will enter closed session to discuss items as outlined herein. As provided in the Government Code, the public will not be present during these discussions. At the end of the Closed Session, the Board shall publicly report any action taken in Closed Session (and the vote or abstention on that action of every member present) in accordance with Government Code § 54950 ET. seq.

- CS-1. **ANNOUNCEMENT — PRESIDENT MUNSON:** (pgs. 163-164)
 ➤ An announcement regarding the items to be discussed in Closed Session will be made prior to the commencement of Closed Session.
- CS-2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 - MANAGEMENT GROUP NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT**
 ➤ NCFPD MANAGEMENT GROUP DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:
CHIEF ABBOTT, DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES
- CS-3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 - NON-SAFETY GROUP NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT**
 ➤ FFA NON-SAFETY GROUP NEGOTIATORS DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:
CHIEF ABBOTT, DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES
- CS-4. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 - SAFETY GROUP NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT**
 ➤ FFA SAFETY GROUP NEGOTIATORS DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:
CHIEF ABBOTT, DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES
- CS-5. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 - UNREPRESENTED INDIVIDUALS NEGOTIATIONS – CHIEF ABBOTT**
 ➤ UNREPRESENTED INDIVIDUALS: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/BOARD SECRETARY AND FIRE MARSHAL DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:
CHIEF ABBOTT, DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES
- CS-6. **EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE — GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957**
 ➤ FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC CHIEF ABBOTT, DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES
- CS-7. **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION — PRESIDENT MUNSON**

ADJOURNMENT

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is: Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 5:00 p.m. at FPUD.

CERTIFICATION OF AGENDA POSTING

"I certify that this Agenda was posted in accordance with the provisions of the Government Code § 54950 et. seq. The posting locations were: [1] the entrance of North County Fire Protection District Administrative Offices, [2] Fallbrook Public Utility District Administrative Offices and [3] the Roy Noon Meeting Hall; [4] District's website at <http://www.ncfireprotectiondistrict.org>. The Agenda was also available for review at the Office of the Board Secretary, located at located at 330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook (760) 723-2012. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the District after distribution of the agenda packet, are available for public inspection in the Office of the Board Secretary, located at 330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook (760) 723-2012, during normal business hours or may be found on the District website at <http://www.ncfireprotectiondistrict.org>, subject to the Staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting. The date of posting was February 23, 2018."

Board Secretary Loren Stephen-Porter:

Date: February 23, 2018



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2018
SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. *Members of the Public may directly address the Board of Directors on items of interest to the Public provided no action will be taken on non-agenda items. The Board President may limit comments to three minutes per speaker (Board of Directors Operations Policy § 4.7.2.1.2).*

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2018
SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF RETIRING EMPLOYEES

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA

BACKGROUND:

Traditionally, when employees retire from the District, they are invited to the next Board of Directors meeting to be recognized for their service to the District.

DISCUSSION:

It is the distinct pleasure of the organization to recognize the years of service to the District and our community for the following individual:

RETIRING EMPLOYEE	
RETIREE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Fire Prevention Specialist James Beebe	16 years of service to NCPFD 22 years of service to Rainbow Fire

Fire Prevention Specialist (FPS) James Beebe joined the Rainbow Volunteer Division of North County Fire in 1996, and later gained full-time employment as a Fire Prevention Specialist in 2002. During his tenure, James promoted to the rank of Engineer at Rainbow and obtained several substantial grants for that Division, including obtaining grants for SCBAs and facility improvements.

While serving as an FPS, James became heavily involved in public education and CERT. Some of the highlights of his career included forming the County's largest CERT program (547 Volunteers) for our District, in addition the Nation's first Junior CERT program. In September 2007, he received an award from California Emergency Service Assn. (CESA) for Best Practices. That same year, he received a Congressional letter from Congressman Darrell Issa for his leadership, implementation and training of CERT volunteers. Over the course of his career, he received numerous awards for the implementation, administration, leadership and educational achievements, two of which were from NCFPD.

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Some of James' professional accomplishments outside of NCFPD include implementation of the first Tribal Emergency Response Team in San Diego County for Pala Mission Band of Indians. He was awarded Public Educator of the year in 2009 and held the office of President for the San Diego County Fire Prevention Officers from 2009 to 2011. During his tenure as President, he increased membership, formed an Education Committee and built a website focused on public and membership needs. They became a training center for International Code Council (ICC) throughout San Diego and Riverside County.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

No fiscal impact.

SUMMARY:

It is with fondness and thankfulness that the District commends FPS James Beebe for his dedication during his years of service. We thank him for his efforts on behalf of the community and for helping to make North County Fire Protection District the organization, it has become. Staff wishes him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

1 January 23, 2018

2 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
3 THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

4 President Munson called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

5 THE INVOCATION GIVEN BY Chief Abbott

6 ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

7 ROLL CALL:

8 Present: Directors Harris, Hoffman, Luevano, Munson and Thuner.

9 Absent: None.

10 Staff Present: Fire Chief/CEO Abbott, Attorney James and Board Secretary Stephen-
11 Porter. In the audience were: Deputy Chief Marovich, D/C Mahr, B/Cs Krumwiede and
12 McReynolds, F/M Koch and members of the public and Association.

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14 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

15 1. PUBLIC COMMENT: President Munson addressed the audience and inquired whether
16 there were any public comments regarding items not on the Agenda. There being no
17 comments, the Public Comment Section was closed.

18 2. FOURTH QUARTER 2017 AWARDS FOR BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM — CHIEF ABBOTT
19 AND B/S STEPHEN-PORTER: Chief Abbott presented the following individuals and crews to
20 the Board for consideration: 11-22-17 – THANK YOU LETTER FOR MEDICAL AID: E111: Captain
21 Choi, Engineer Russell and FF/PM Lewis; 11-9-2017 – LETTER OF RECOGNITION: Captain
22 Choi for completion of Captain's probationary period; 11-9-2017 – LETTER OF RECOGNITION:
23 Captain Choi for leadership of Explorer Post 2740; 10-25-2017 – LETTER OF RECOGNITION:
24 D/C Mahr and B/C Krumwiede for collaborative efforts in with Foundation for Senior Care;
25 10-21-17 THANK YOU FOR MEDICAL AID (01-03-2015): Captain McReynolds, Engineer Itzaina,
26 FF/PM Quinn and FF/PM Alter-Reitz; 10-05-2017 – THANK YOU NOTE FOR MEDICAL AID:
27 E112: Captain Fieri, Engineer Itzaina and FF/PM Harlin. On a motion by Director Harris,
28 seconded by Director Hoffman, the motion to recognize D/C Mahr and B/C Krumwiede for
29 their collaborative efforts with the Foundation for Senior Care passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS:

3. REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR DECEMBER 2017
4. REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2017
5. REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES
6. REVIEW AND ACCEPT 2ND QUARTER OVERTIME TRACKING REPORT
7. REVIEW AND ACCEPT ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION REPORT

President Munson inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items. Brief discussion ensued regarding the Overtime Report and the monies outstanding from out-of-district assignments. It was noted that the District expects to be reimbursed for approximately 75% of costs on the Lilac 5 Fire. There being no further discussion, President Munson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Vice President Luevano, seconded by Director Hoffman, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented, passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

8. REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR FY 2016/2017 — CHIEF MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT: Chief Marovich informed the Board the Pun Group Accountants & Advisors conducted the Annual Audit for the District for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017, bringing the District up-to-date on all audits. Partner Paul Kaymark was present to review the audit with the Board, noting the audit provided an unqualified opinion that was without areas of concern. He provided insight into the financial status of the District. He noted the Finance Department continues to fine-tune its procedures and stated the Finance Team should be lauded on their efforts. On a motion by Director Hoffman, which was seconded by Director Thuner, the motion to accept the Financial Audit for FY 2016/2017 passed unanimously.
9. AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR MEDICAL STANDBYS WITHIN DISTRICT EOA AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-01 — B/C MAHR AND CHIEF ABBOTT: Chief Abbott presented Resolution 2018-01 to the Board, noting this is the fourth extension of this contract with Mercy Medical for provision of BLS level services at the San Luis Rey Down Track & Training Center. The agreement has been without issues and the District would have difficulty

59 providing this service to the Center. This is the last extension on this contract. On a motion
60 by Vice President Luevano, seconded by Director Harris, the motion to approve Resolution
61 2018-01 and the extension of the contract with Mercy Medical passed unanimously.

62 10. REVIEW AND APPROVE ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY FUND AND RESOLUTION 2018-02 FOR
63 WEED ABATEMENT TAX LIENS — F/M KOCH AND CHIEF ABBOTT: F/M Koch presented
64 Resolution 2018-02 to the Board to establish a Weed Abatement Special Assessment Fund,
65 which will allow for the District to recoup the cost of performing mandatory forced
66 abatements per NCFPD Ordinance 2008-02, County Consolidated Code and 2016 CCR T-
67 24. Discussion ensued regarding the process for notifying and attempting to collect funds
68 from individuals who have forced abatements. On a motion by Vice President Luevano,
69 seconded by Vice President Thuner, the motion to approve Resolution 2018-02 as
70 presented passed unanimously.

71 11. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN MARCH 27, 2018 (5:15 P.M.) — FOR
72 ADOPTION OF UPDATED FIRE PREVENTION FEES AND ORDINANCE — FIRE MARSHAL KOCH AND
73 CHIEF ABBOTT: F/M Koch presented the request to set the public hearing for Fire Prevention
74 Fees to the Board for approval, noting the March date for the hearing. Further information
75 on Fees will be presented at the March meeting. On a motion by Director Harris, seconded
76 by Director Luevano, the motion to set a public hearing, date/time certain as requested
77 passed unanimously.

78 12. REQUEST TO MODIFY AND RENEW GENERAL COUNSEL AGREEMENT — CHIEF ABBOTT:
79 Chief Abbott presented the request to modify Counsel James' contract with the District,
80 noting the last modification was in 2014 and that Counsel James has been District Counsel
81 since 1978. The only change to the contract is for the retainer amount. On a motion by
82 Director Harris, seconded by Director Luevano, the motion to approve modification to the
83 District Counsel contract as presented passed unanimously.

84 13. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUEST BY CONTRACT SAFER EMPLOYEES TO COMPETE FOR
85 FUTURE FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC VACANCIES — CHIEF ABBOTT: Chief Abbott presented a
86 request to consider allowing SAFER employees, who's contracts are coming to an end and
87 have satisfactorily performed in their present positions as Firefighter/Paramedics. The

88 request is to allow them to compete for future positions for which they successfully
89 performed, noting this meets the spirit of the Safety MOU and is consistent with past practice.
90 In depth discussion ensued regarding policies, expectations and retention of quality
91 individuals. On a motion by Vice President Luevano, seconded by Director Hoffman, the
92 motion to allow remaining SAFER employees to compete for future positions, in which they
93 successfully performed, for a period not to exceed three years post SAFER, passed with the
94 following vote: **Ayes:** Directors Hoffman, Luevano and Thuner; **Noes:** Directors Harris and
95 Munson.

96 **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

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98 14. There were no Discussion Items for the January 23, 2018 Board meeting.

99 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

100 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel James presented his letter "Rule Against
101 Gifts of Public Funds – Part 1." Brief discussion ensued with it being noted the court will
102 look at the whether the activity involves a public purpose. This is informational only, no
103 action required.

104 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Brief discussion ensued regarding the items.
105 There was a request for a list of community members/business and agencies that came out
106 to assist us with the Lilac 5 Fire for Directors who wish to thank them personally.
107 Informational only, no action required.

108 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:** See Item No. 2.

109 ● **NEWS ARTICLES:** Brief discussion ensued regarding articles, notably the finding
110 that Workers' Compensation does not provide benefits for safety members mental health
111 injuries. This is informational only, no action required.

112 ● **COMMENTS:**

113 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**

114 ● **STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO:** Chief Abbott noted that he had sent thank you
115 notes to all departments/cooperators who participated and supported the Lilac 5 Fire. He
116 lauded everyone involved; especially pleased with the spirit of cooperation and teamwork

117 that occurred. He noted that the individuals injured in the fire are recovering well. He has
118 nominated all three of them for the Spirit of Courage award by the Burn Institute. Chief Abbott
119 reported on the First Responder celebration held by River Village, which thanked them for
120 their work in the fire. In response to the question of whether the source of the Lilac 5 Fire
121 had been found, Chief Abbott noted that the origin had been found, but nothing definite was
122 identified. Chief Abbott expects to bring six months of data to the February Board meeting
123 to inform the Board and public how Station 3's district has been served. Chief Abbott brought
124 the Board up-to-date on the Ad Hoc Committee's last meeting on the possible revenue
125 measure discussion. The Committee has been disbanded and a new group will be
126 developing a message and a timeframe for moving forward. Informational only, no further
127 action required.

128 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: B/C McREYNOLDS:** B/C McReynolds discussed
129 some wellness and upcoming training for career survival. He also noted upcoming engineer
130 and captain tests in the Zone. He also invited the Board to the After-Action Meeting on
131 January 31st.

132 ● **BOARD:** No comments.

133 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS:** No comments.

134 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

135 136 **CLOSED SESSION**

137 ● **OPENING CLOSED SESSION:**

138 At 6:25 p.m., President Munson inquired whether there was a motion to adjourn to Closed
139 Session. There being no objection, President Munson read the items to be discussed in
140 Closed Session and the Open Session was closed. A short break ensued after the reading
141 of the Closed Session Items. At 6:30 p.m., and the Board entered Closed Session to hear:

142 CS-1. **ANNOUNCEMENT — PRESIDENT MUNSON:** An announcement regarding the items to be
143 discussed in Closed Session will be made prior to the commencement of Closed Session.

144 CS-2. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE — GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957 FIRE CHIEF/CEO -

145 DISTRICT NEGOTIATOR

146 CS-3. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION — PRESIDENT MUNSON

147 ● REOPENING OPEN SESSION:

148 On a motion by Vice President Luevano, which was seconded by Director Thuner and which
149 passed unanimously, the Board returned Open Session at 07:05 p.m., the following items
150 were reported out to the public:

151 CS-2. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE — GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957 FIRE CHIEF/CEO -

152 DISTRICT NEGOTIATOR: [1] On a motion by Vice President Luevano, seconded by Director
153 Hoffman the motion to accept the requested changes to the contract passed, with the
154 exception to the salary recommendation noted below, passed by the following vote: **Ayes:**
155 Directors Hoffman, Luevano, Munson and Thuner; **Abstain:** Director Harris. [2] On a motion
156 by Director Thuner, seconded by Director Hoffman the motion approve the annual salary for
157 Chief Abbott as \$185,000., passed unanimously.

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159 **ADJOURNMENT**

160 A motion was made at 7:10 p.m. by Director Harris and seconded by Director Luevano, to
161 adjourn the meeting and reconvene on February 27, 2018, at 17:00. The motion carried
162 unanimously.

163 Respectfully submitted,

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166 Loren Stephen-Porter

167 Board Secretary

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169 Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: [Click here to enter a date.](#)



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION - BUDGET & FINANCE**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DFC CHIEF STEVEN MAROVICH, HR/FS CHERIE JUUL AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2018
SUBJECT: REVENUE & EXPENDITURES AS OF JANUARY 31, 2017 (58%)

FALLBROOK DIVISION

Revenue Sources	Budgeted	Collected	Over/Under	% of Budget
Property Taxes	13,905,000.00	8,679,690.31	(5,225,309.69)	62%
Ambulance and Collections	1,700,000.00	1,040,269.40	(659,730.60)	61%
GEMT-State Supplement	100,000.00	190,776.79	90,776.79	191%
Prevention Fees	130,000.00	175,926.00	45,926.00	135%
Tower Lease Agreements	85,000.00	50,307.66	(34,692.34)	59%
Other Revenue Sources	110,000.00	9,143.63	(100,856.37)	8%
Interest	25,000.00	13,609.08	(11,390.92)	54%
Rainbow Div Admin Fees	66,250.00	14,583.31	(51,666.69)	22%
Cost Recovery	60,000.00	38,525.90	(21,474.10)	64%
Strike Team Reimbursements	-	207,546.59	207,546.59	-
Other Reimbursements	449,006.00	74,383.28	(374,622.72)	17%
Mitigation Fees & Interest	200,000.00	245,772.37	45,772.37	123%
Donations & Grants	935,322.00	389,715.07	(545,606.93)	42%
Annexation fees	-	-	-	-
Transfers & Loans	760,000.00	-	(760,000.00)	0%
Total Revenue:	18,525,578.00	11,130,249.39	(7,395,328.61)	60%

	Budgeted	Spent	Over/Under	% of Budget
TTL Expenditures YTD thru 01/31/2018	18,525,578.00	10,144,016.90	(8,381,561.10)	55%
Revenue over Expenditures		986,232.49		

RAINBOW DIVISION

Revenue Sources	Budgeted	Collected	Over/Under	% of Budget
Property Taxes	242,000.00	161,192.19	(80,807.81)	67%
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Mitigation Fees & Interest		99.36	99.36	-
Grants	37,940.00		(37,940.00)	
Transfers & Loans			-	
Total Revenue:	279,940.00	161,291.55	(118,648.45)	58%

	Budgeted	Spent	Over/Under	% of Budget
Expenditures YTD thru 01/31/2018	297,940.00	104,232.10	(193,707.90)	35%
Revenue over Expenditures		57,059.45		

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Tax Apportionments FY 17-18

DATE	APP #	GROSS	REFUNDS & ADJUSTMENTS	FY 17/18 NET	FY 17/18 RUNNING	FY 16/17 NET	FY 16/17 RUNNING	
8/31/2017	1	209,859.07	1,331.86	208,527.21	208,527.21	201,672.85	201,672.85	
9/30/2017	2	80,019.22	2,758.64	77,260.58	285,787.79	57,578.90	259,251.75	
10/3/2017	3	155,732.37	14,642.08	141,090.29	426,878.08	146,620.09	405,871.84	
10/31/2017	4	668,381.08	20,694.18	647,686.90	1,074,564.98	362,089.22	767,961.06	
12/31/2017	5	4,518,752.27	10,442.82	4,508,309.45	5,582,874.43	4,460,789.45	5,228,750.51	
1/31/2018	6	3,046,946.30	15,583.84	3,031,362.46	8,614,236.89	2,202,909.46	7,431,659.97	
2/28/2018	7			-	8,614,236.89	467,470.26	7,899,130.23	
3/30/2018				-	-	-	-	
4/30/2018	8			-	8,614,236.89	3,396,121.20	11,295,251.43	
5/1/2018	9			-	8,614,236.89	1,588,550.67	12,883,802.10	
5/30/2018	10			-	8,614,236.89	98,599.64	12,982,401.74	
6/30/2018	11			-	8,614,236.89	221,071.59	13,203,473.33	
7/31/2018	12			-	8,614,236.89	40,404.74	13,243,878.07	
TOTAL YTD		8,679,690.31	65,453.42	8,614,236.89	8,614,236.89	7,431,659.97	7,431,659.97	
							Net Rev Increase	
							15.91%	

RAINBOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Tax Apportionments FY 17-18

DATE	APP #	GROSS	REFUNDS & ADJUSTMENTS	FY 17/18 NET	FY 17/18 RUNNING	FY 16/17 NET	FY 16/17 RUNNING	
8/31/2017	1	3,894.91	24.72	3,870.19	3,870.19	3,768.39	3,768.39	
9/30/2017	2	1,484.96	51.18	1,433.78	5,303.97	1,075.88	4,844.27	
10/3/2017	3	2,890.08	271.63	2,618.45	7,922.42	2,739.49	7,583.76	
10/31/2017	4	12,403.72	400.98	12,002.74	19,925.16	6,726.65	14,310.41	
12/31/2017	5	84,496.13	193.74	84,302.39	104,227.55	83,277.20	97,587.61	
1/31/2018	6	56,022.39	287.67	55,734.72	159,962.27	41,796.29	139,383.90	
2/28/2018	7			-	159,962.27	8,672.05	148,055.95	
3/30/2018				-	159,962.27	-	148,055.95	
4/30/2018	8			-	159,962.27	63,603.65	211,659.60	
5/1/2018	9			-	159,962.27	30,339.83	241,999.43	
5/30/2018	10			-	159,962.27	1,832.79	243,832.22	
6/30/2018	11			-	159,962.27	4,105.73	247,937.95	
7/31/2018	12			-	159,962.27	751.62	248,689.57	
TOTAL YTD		161,192.19	1,229.92	159,962.27	159,962.27	139,383.90	139,383.90	
							Net Rev Increase	14.76%

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
AMBULANCE REVENUE FY 2017-2018**

MONTH	BILLED	CONTRACTUAL WRITE DOWNS	TOTAL AR		BAD DEBT WRITE-OFFS	REFUNDS	ADJ AR	DEPOSITS RECIEVED	BILLING FEES	FY 17-18		FY 16-17	
			FY 17-18	FY 16-17						NET REVENUE	NET REVENUE		
7/31/2016	467,059.46	240,104.83	226,954.63	194,455.68	40,150.48	2,862.45	183,941.70	156,437.77	9,026.20	147,411.57	129,619.78		
8/31/2016	453,237.89	284,548.71	188,669.18	206,660.02	21,753.15	2,115.60	164,820.43	177,275.53	10,334.44	166,941.09	157,791.57		
9/30/2016	421,143.85	248,376.87	172,766.98	174,865.48	45,354.95	2,392.24	125,019.79	138,051.92	8,563.92	129,488.00	130,898.93		
10/31/2016	440,666.96	252,852.57	187,814.29	187,346.76	36,372.86	587.92	150,853.51	160,358.98	9,426.49	150,932.49	147,654.64		
11/30/2016	402,180.53	238,386.02	163,784.51	150,270.24	52,526.63	-	111,257.88	153,215.83	9,025.61	144,190.22	151,019.87		
12/31/2016	455,341.69	252,454.29	202,887.40	213,013.12	14,342.41	5,603.19	182,941.80	141,509.31	8,018.46	133,490.85	120,819.75		
1/31/2017	409,782.32	224,196.26	185,566.06	239,099.75	21,786.92	4,124.39	159,674.75	178,078.47	10,263.29	167,815.18	152,777.01		
2/28/2017			-	225,731.74							155,696.27		
3/31/2017			-	176,896.05							144,172.28		
4/30/2017			-	164,116.56							145,178.26		
5/31/2017			-	149,843.13							159,911.80		
6/30/2017			-	188,377.18							135,495.00		
TOTAL:	3,049,412.70	1,720,929.65	1,328,483.05	1,365,711.05	232,287.40	17,685.79	1,078,509.86	1,104,927.81	64,658.41	1,040,269.40	990,581.55	New Revenue Change	5.02%
							-2.73%						

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
COST RECOVERY FY 2017/2018**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>YTD % Collected</u>	<u>Billing Fees</u>	<u>Net Revenue</u>	<u>FY 16/17 Net Revenue</u>
7/31/2017	8,155.00	6,353.32	77.91%	1,270.66	5,082.66	4,877.13
8/30/2017	6,825.00	6,607.50	96.81%	1,321.50	5,286.00	7,592.08
9/30/2017	8,874.31	8,689.31	97.92%	1,737.86	6,951.45	3,060.00
10/31/2017	9,390.00	9,205.00	98.03%	1,841.00	7,364.00	6,328.47
11/30/2017	7,946.00	7,080.80	89.11%	1,416.16	5,664.64	1,616.00
12/31/2017	4,558.00	4,384.00	96.18%	876.80	3,507.20	8,474.40
1/31/2018	6,175.00	5,837.44	94.53%	1,167.49	4,669.95	5,840.00
2/28/2018						5,802.69
3/31/2018						6,444.74
4/30/2018						7,562.00
5/31/2018						5,310.45
6/30/2018						6,474.10
TOTAL:	51,923.31	48,157.37	92.75%	9,631.47	38,525.90	37,788.08
					Net Rev Increase	1.95%

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NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

January 31, 2018

	BALANCE	INTEREST RATE	
FALLBROOK			
County of San Diego/General Fund	2,342,408.56	0.01%	Operating
County of San Diego/Capital Reserve	379,405.02	0.01%	Capital Reserves
County of San Diego/Fire Mitigation Fund	975,849.24	0.01%	Mitigation Fees
Local Agency Investment Fund	19,134.26	0.78%	LAIF
Workers' Comp JPA	456,967.28	0.26%	PASIS Funds
Bank of America/PASIS	66,922.13	0.01%	
Petty Cash	500.00	0.00%	
First National/Benefit Fund	153,397.22	0.70%	
First National/Payroll	565,510.17	0.70%	
First National/Accounts Payable	125,952.23	0.69%	
First National/Accounts Receivable	213,496.68	0.69%	
Wells Fargo/Accounts Receivable	CLOSED	0.00%	Funds transferred to Pacific Western
Pacific Western Bank/Accounts Receivable	1,345,200.90	0.00%	
TOTAL	6,644,743.69		
RAINBOW			
County of San Diego/General Fund	454,725.27	0.01%	Operating
County of San Diego/Fire Mitigation Fund	16,346.34	0.01%	Mitigation
Petty Cash	500.00	0.00%	
TOTAL	471,571.61		

North County Fire Protection District

For the Seventh Month Ending January 31, 2018

Account	Description	October Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Personnel						
00-102-0-5010-01-003	CEO/Fire Chief	13,284.62	100,791.35	172,700.00	71,908.65	58.4%
00-102-0-5010-01-004	Deputy Fire Chief	12,357.86	92,277.97	164,669.00	72,391.03	56.0%
04-0-5010-01-009	Division Chief/Operations	12,070.48	72,819.31	156,916.00	84,096.69	46.4%
09-0-5010-01-009	Admin BC	11,434.80	52,540.95	148,652.00	96,111.05	35.3%
04-0-5010-01-010	Battalion Chiefs	32,224.60	275,041.28	403,849.00	128,807.72	68.1%
04-0-5010-01-011	Captains/Captain Medics	121,519.98	907,211.98	1,590,091.00	682,879.02	57.1%
04-0-5010-01-012	Engineers/Engineer Medics	108,104.16	808,825.09	1,419,815.00	610,989.91	57.0%
04-0-5010-01-013	Firefighters/FF Medics	125,733.70	902,381.65	1,761,550.00	859,168.35	51.2%
	TOTAL	436,730.20	3,211,889.58	5,818,242.00	2,606,352.42	55.2%
	TOTAL SAFETY SALARIES	436,730.20	3,211,889.58	5,818,242.00	2,606,352.42	55.2%
MISC. (Non-Safety) Salaries						
02-0-5010-01-005	Executive Assistant	7,022.02	52,049.11	91,286.00	39,236.89	57.0%
02-0-5010-01-007	HR/Finance Specialist	11,893.22	88,168.38	154,611.00	66,442.62	57.0%
03-0-5010-01-010	Fire Marshal	8,502.54	63,489.79	110,533.00	47,043.21	57.4%
03-0-5010-01-022	Fire Protection Specialist	6,173.90	46,304.15	80,261.00	33,956.85	57.7%
08-0-5010-01-018	Mechanic III	7,147.92	53,414.17	92,924.00	39,509.83	57.5%
02-0-5010-01-025	Administrative Specialist	5,365.70	32,183.58	53,827.00	21,643.42	59.8%
08-0-5010-01-029	Mechanic II	5,505.26	41,108.50	71,568.00	30,459.50	57.4%
	TOTAL MISC. (Non-Safety)	51,610.56	376,717.68	655,010.00	278,292.32	57.5%

North County Fire Protection District

For the Seventh Month Ending January 31, 2018

Account	Description	October Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Personnel						
	SAFER					
04-0-5010-01-014	SAFER I	8,437.92	83,534.47	153,115.00	69,580.53	54.6%
04-0-5010-01-015	SAFER II	8,573.62	59,265.37	111,456.00	52,190.63	53.2%
06-0-5010-01-014	SAFER Salary	7,403.13	60,027.92	120,450.00	60,422.08	49.8%
	TOTAL SAFER	24,414.67	202,827.76	385,021.00	182,193.24	52.7%
	LT					
06-0-5010-01-000	Regular Salaries	7,403.13	112,652.70	206,424.00	93,771.30	54.6%
	TOTAL LT	7,403.13	112,652.70	206,424.00	93,771.30	54.6%
	PART-TIME					
03-0-5010-01-023	PT Fire Protection Specialist (PT)	-	-	32,759.00	32,759.00	0.0%
03-0-5010-15-000	Admin Assistant (PT)	2,132.37	17,019.45	23,945.00	6,925.55	71.1%
03-0-5010-24-000	Fire Svcs Asst/Hydrant Maint	330.75	4,294.52	14,750.00	10,455.48	29.1%
05-0-5010-01-000	MSO	2,602.54	20,562.73	39,657.00	19,094.27	51.9%
	TOTAL PART-TIME	5,065.66	41,876.70	111,111.00	69,234.30	37.7%
	TOTAL PERSONNEL	525,224.22	3,945,964.42	7,175,808.00	3,229,843.58	55.0%

For the Seventh Month Ending January 31, 2018

Account	Description	October Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Overtime						
00-102-0-5010-06-000	Overtime/Admin	1,801.37	30,376.99	13,770.00	(16,606.99)	220.6%
00-103-0-5010-06-000	Overtime/Admin	654.88	2,474.34	3,173.00	698.66	78.0%
03-0-5010-07-000	Overtime/Fire & Arson	126.15	126.15	3,173.00	3,046.85	4.0%
04-0-5010-02-000	FLSA 56 Hour Adjustment	10,868.44	86,471.16	140,805.00	54,333.84	61.4%
04-0-5010-02-001	SAFER I FLSA	-	-	4,161.00	4,161.00	0.0%
04-0-5010-03-000	Overtime Promotional Testing	-	644.94	5,647.00	5,002.06	11.4%
04-0-5010-04-000	Association Leave	-	619.92	8,470.00	7,850.08	7.3%
04-0-5010-05-000	Overtime/Ambulance Callback	1,847.71	3,821.22	3,438.00	(383.22)	111.1%
04-0-5010-06-000	Lead Medic	618.00	4,624.00	7,329.00	2,705.00	63.1%
04-0-5010-07-000	Overtime/Other	-	3,986.97	15,866.00	11,879.03	25.1%
04-0-5010-08-000	Rainbow Coverage	-	-	-	-	0.0%
04-0-5010-09-000	Overtime/Replacement	72,384.99	575,645.13	470,610.00	(105,035.13)	122.3%
04-0-5010-17-000	Orientation Mentorship	-	-	-	-	0.0%
04-0-5010-17-000	Vacancy	21,202.68	123,435.87	-	-	0.0%
04-0-5010-09-001	Admin	-	4,914.43	20,916.00	16,001.57	23.5%
04-0-5010-11-000	Workers Comp	-	773.76	80,000.00	79,226.24	1.0%
04-0-5010-10-000	Overtime/Strike Team	95,630.18	759,028.01	-	(759,028.01)	0.0%
04-0-5010-15-000	Overtime/Fire Callback	285.65	17,427.30	6,275.00	(11,152.30)	277.7%
05-0-5010-06-000	Overtime/Admin/Other	-	599.91	4,183.00	3,583.09	14.3%
06-0-5010-02-000	FLSA 53/56 Hour Adjustment	3,421.50	11,523.76	14,000.00	2,476.24	82.3%
06-0-5010-02-001	SAFER FLSA Adjustment	-	-	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.0%
06-0-5010-06-000	Overtime/Full Time Coverage	-	3,218.46	15,687.00	12,468.54	20.5%
06-0-5010-09-000	Replacement Reserve SL/AL	-	1,062.00	21,000.00	19,938.00	5.1%
06-0-5010-13-000	Drills & Training	-	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.0%
06-0-5010-14-000	Overtime Admin - Explorers	-	1,576.99	10,458.00	8,881.01	15.1%
07-0-5010-06-000	Communication - Overtime	-	773.42	2,103.00	1,329.58	36.8%
00-108-0-5010-06-000	Overtime/Admin	268.04	1,453.52	4,231.00	2,777.48	34.4%
00-109-0-5010-07-000	Overtime/Training	197.16	14,317.03	44,447.00	30,129.97	32.2%
Total Overtime		209,306.75	1,648,895.28	909,242.00	(739,653.28)	181.3%

For the Seventh Month Ending January 31, 2018

Account	Description	October Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Other Pay						
00-102-0-5030-45-000	Total Medicare Tax	1,151.97	8,589.50	129,411.00	120,821.50	6.6%
00-102-0-5030-08-000	Total Social Security Tax	31.00	621.41	14,357.00	13,735.59	4.3%
02-0-5010-16-000	A/L & S/L Reimbursement	-	165,403.02	575,000.00	409,596.98	28.8%
04-0-5010-16-000	Holiday Time Adjustment	18,138.68	144,313.89	234,533.00	90,219.11	61.5%
04-0-5010-16-001	SAFER I Holiday Time Adjustment	-	-	6,944.00	6,944.00	0.0%
02-0-5050-00-000	Total Uniforms	926.55	12,806.26	47,950.00	35,143.74	26.7%
06-0-5050-00-000	Reserve Uniforms	760.36	4,118.23	8,000.00	3,881.77	51.5%
	Total Other Pay	21,008.56	335,852.31	1,016,195.00	680,342.69	33.0%
Benefits						
02-0-5020-00-000	Retirement (Misc - Classic)	4,390.56	28,376.64	74,538.00	46,161.36	38.1%
02-0-5020-00-001	PEPRA Retirement (Misc-PEPRA)	1,143.62	8,240.72	13,871.00	5,630.28	59.4%
02-0-5020-00-102	Classic UAL (Misc.)	-	217,965.00	225,991.00	8,026.00	96.4%
02-0-5020-00-103	PEPRA UAL (Misc.)	-	52.00	39.00	(13.00)	133.3%
04-0-5020-00-000	Retirement (Safety-Classic)	40,227.42	556,297.11	1,175,559.00	619,261.89	47.3%
04-0-5020-00-001	PEPRA (Safety - PEPRA)	11,448.39	62,483.17	81,685.00	19,201.83	76.5%
04-0-5020-00-002	SAFER I Retirement	1,209.57	10,152.45	32,135.00	21,982.55	31.6%
04-0-5020-00-003	SAFER II Retirement	1,684.08	10,724.87	22,409.00	11,684.13	47.9%
04-0-5020-00-102	Classic UAL (Safety)	-	811,237.00	841,108.00	29,871.00	96.4%
04-0-5020-00-103	PEPRA UAL Safety	-	174.00	132.00	(42.00)	131.8%
06-0-5020-00-000	Retirement	-	11,265.67	26,276.00	15,010.33	42.9%
06-0-5020-00-002	SAFER Retirement	309.42	2,320.65	34,822.00	32,501.35	6.7%
02-0-5030-40-000	Flexible Plan Insurance	131,297.55	512,568.92	1,461,420.00	948,851.08	35.1%
	Total Benefits	191,710.61	2,231,858.20	3,989,985.00	1,758,126.80	55.9%
Workers Compensation						
02-0-5100-42-000	Worker's Compensation	35,470.30	330,001.59	590,000.00	259,998.41	55.9%
	Total Worker's Compensation	35,470.30	330,001.59	590,000.00	259,998.41	55.9%

For the Seventh Month Ending January 31, 2018

Account	Description	October Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Board Administration						
00-101-0-5010-14-000	Board Members	500.00	2,800.00	7,500.00	4,700.00	37.3%
00-101-0-5043-00-000	Elections	-	-	-	-	0.0%
01-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	7,592.00	7,900.00	308.00	96.1%
01-0-5170-72-000	Office Supplies	-	1,115.57	2,000.00	884.43	55.8%
01-0-5180-83-000	Legal Fees	950.00	14,354.31	21,000.00	6,645.69	68.4%
01-0-5180-84-000	Negotiations/Labor	-	420.00	4,000.00	3,580.00	10.5%
01-0-5190-00-000	Advertising/Legal Notices	-	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.0%
01-0-5230-30-000	Employee Recognition	-	2,204.40	5,000.00	2,795.60	44.1%
01-0-5230-31-000	Meetings and Travel	-	100.00	9,000.00	8,900.00	1.1%
01-0-5230-32-000	Community Relations	-	11.99	150.00	138.01	8.0%
01-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	-	-	2,365.00	2,365.00	0.0%
01-0-5340-00-000	Refunds and Interest	11,464.27	51,865.01	100,000.00	48,134.99	51.9%
01-0-5340-01-000	LAFCO Assessment Fee	-	9,176.02	7,907.00	(1,269.02)	116.0%
Total Board Administration		12,914.27	89,639.30	170,822.00	81,182.70	52.5%

For the Seventh Month Ending January 31, 2018

Account	Description	October Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Administration						
00-102-0-5070-00-000	Ambulance Billing	8,018.46	62,652.94	110,000.00	47,347.06	57.0%
00-102-0-5100-43-000	Unemployment Insurance	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.0%
02-0-5130-66-000	Structures & Grounds	2,367.77	53,968.00	89,000.00	35,032.00	60.6%
02-0-5140-01-000	Personnel JPA-Academy	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	100.0%
02-0-5145-00-000	Personnel Recruitment	-	3,782.04	14,000.00	10,217.96	27.0%
02-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	2,315.95	4,200.00	1,884.05	55.1%
02-0-5170-70-000	County Admin Costs	4,119.57	24,418.22	190,000.00	165,581.78	12.9%
02-0-5170-71-000	Bank Fees	30.00	400.95	1,000.00	599.05	40.1%
02-0-5170-72-000	Office Supplies	134.04	1,854.59	13,430.00	11,575.41	13.8%
02-0-5170-73-000	Postage	100.00	1,755.29	4,500.00	2,744.71	39.0%
02-0-5170-74-000	Printing	-	1,414.06	4,500.00	3,085.94	31.4%
02-0-5170-75-000	Square Bank Fees	123.16	376.07	-	-	0.0%
02-0-5180-81-000	Auditors	-	10,800.00	28,500.00	17,700.00	37.9%
02-0-5180-82-000	Professional Services	34,256.87	176,644.48	148,500.00	(28,144.48)	119.0%
02-0-5180-83-000	Computer Support	3,426.07	54,284.23	145,282.00	90,997.77	37.4%
02-0-5180-84-000	Computer Training	-	-	7,800.00	7,800.00	0.0%
02-0-5180-85-000	Computer Hardware/Software	-	18,796.09	60,000.00	41,203.91	31.3%
02-0-5200-00-000	Rents and Leases - Equipment	1,343.71	10,701.41	16,200.00	5,498.59	66.1%
02-0-5221-01-000	Office Furniture & Fixtures	-	568.37	6,500.00	5,931.63	8.7%
02-0-5230-19-000	Trauma Intervention Program	-	7,257.00	7,257.00	-	100.0%
02-0-5230-30-000	Employee Recognition	-	-	3,640.00	3,640.00	0.0%
02-0-5230-31-000	Disciplinary Training	-	-	7,257.00	7,257.00	0.0%
02-0-5230-37-000	Physicals/Wellness Program	810.75	1,579.17	33,580.00	32,000.83	4.7%
02-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	-	11,327.54	16,500.00	5,172.46	68.7%
02-0-5230-39-000	Employee Asst. Program	300.00	3,100.00	7,000.00	3,900.00	44.3%
02-0-5230-40-000	Formal Education	-	-	-	-	0.0%
02-0-5230-41-000	Meetings and Misc Expense	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.0%
02-0-5230-49-000	PERS Medical Admin Fees	458.22	3,373.99	5,032.00	1,658.01	67.1%
00-102-0-5260-23-000	Water	1,729.42	15,889.92	23,880.00	7,990.08	66.5%
00-102-0-5260-24-000	Sewer	465.35	5,657.54	11,300.00	5,642.46	50.1%
00-102-0-5260-25-000	Trash	740.10	5,046.30	9,500.00	4,453.70	53.1%
00-102-0-5260-26-000	Gas & Electric	805.18	17,967.71	25,000.00	7,032.29	71.9%
Total Administration		59,228.67	498,931.86	1,006,358.00	507,426.14	49.6%

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Account	Description	October Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Fire Prevention						
00-103-0-5120-56-000	Hydrants	-	2,312.59	14,500.00	12,187.41	15.9%
00-103-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	3,280.28	4,000.00	719.72	82.0%
03-0-5230-30-000	Fire Safety Council	-	890.89	1,000.00	109.11	89.1%
03-0-5230-31-000	CERT Program	-	-	1,900.00	1,900.00	0.0%
03-0-5230-32-000	Materials/Public Education	420.23	6,189.20	15,000.00	8,810.80	41.3%
03-0-5230-34-000	Required Weed Abatement	-	2,541.29	30,000.00	27,458.71	8.5%
03-0-5230-35-000	Investigative Supplies/Equip	-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.0%
03-0-5230-36-000	Arson Investigative Training	-	120.59	1,500.00	1,379.41	8.0%
03-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	-	2,296.54	5,500.00	3,203.46	41.8%
03-0-5230-38-001	Formal Education	-	1,552.50	3,078.00	1,525.50	50.4%
	Total Fire Prevention	420.23	19,183.88	77,978.00	58,794.12	24.6%
Emergency Services						
04-0-5080-00-000	Emer Incident Meals & Provisions	-	6,425.05	1,500.00	(4,925.05)	428.3%
04-0-5090-21-000	Kitchen/Janitorial Supplies	190.64	11,487.28	20,000.00	8,512.72	57.4%
04-0-5100-44-000	Facility/Vehicles-Insurance	1,054.77	87,632.96	87,400.00	(232.96)	100.3%
04-0-5120-12-000	Firefighting Equipment	5,849.27	21,808.24	59,543.00	55,968.10	36.6%
04-0-5125-00-000	Map Maintenance Program	-	3,562.00	13,500.00	9,938.00	26.4%
04-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	3,413.90	5,600.00	2,186.10	61.0%
04-0-5221-00-000	Safety Equipment/PPE	2,650.36	33,817.94	66,750.00	32,932.06	50.7%
04-0-5221-01-000	Traffic Contollers	-	15,340.80	-	(15,340.80)	0.0%
04-0-5223-00-000	Diaster Preparedness	-	70.40	2,000.00	1,929.60	3.5%
04-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	-	-	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.0%
	Total Emergency Services	9,745.04	183,558.57	265,293.00	81,734.43	69.2%

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Account	Description	October Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Emergency Med Services						
00-105-0-5140-00-000	Medical Supplies/Equipment	825.34	72,167.62	114,000.00	41,832.38	63.3%
00-105-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	50.00	-	-50.00	0.0%
05-0-5180-82-000	Professional Services	-	-	-	0.00	0.0%
05-0-5221-00-000	Personal Protective Equipment	-	-	-	0.00	0.0%
05-0-5230-32-000	Material	-	1,393.20	1,500.00	106.80	92.9%
05-0-5230-33-000	EMS Equipment	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.0%
05-0-5230-34-000	Medical Licensing & Cert	242.50	2,758.50	8,250.00	5,491.50	33.4%
05-0-5230-35-000	Defib Maint & Maint Agmnt	-	4,070.87	35,848.00	31,777.13	11.4%
05-0-5230-36-000	Elec Data Agmnt/Maint	-	-	3,040.00	3,040.00	0.0%
05-0-5230-37-000	Equipment Maintenance	-	-	-	0.00	0.0%
05-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	-	2,172.54	5,000.00	2,827.46	43.5%
	Total Emergency Med Svcs	1,067.84	82,612.73	169,638.00	87,025.27	48.7%
Limited Term						
Firefighters/Volunteers						
06-0-5120-12-000	Explorer Materials & Equip	-	3,089.42	-	(3,089.42)	0.0%
06-0-5180-82-000	Medical & Pre-Emp Exams	-	1,770.00	4,000.00	2,230.00	44.3%
06-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	2,120.00	4,240.00	1,500.00	(2,740.00)	282.7%
	Total Reserves	2,120.00	9,099.42	5,500.00	-3,599.42	165.4%
Communications						
07-0-5060-26-000	Pagers	-	-	650.00	650.00	0.0%
07-0-5060-27-000	Telephone/Cable TV/IP Tele	8,030.59	42,545.48	72,000.00	29,454.52	59.1%
07-0-5060-29-000	Verizon Data	-	-	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.0%
07-0-5060-30-000	MDC & AVL Maint Costs	-	-	15,500.00	15,500.00	0.0%
07-0-5120-52-000	Radios/Parts & Service	-	2,830.14	20,000.00	17,169.86	14.2%
07-0-5120-54-000	Alarm Services & Supplies	189.00	742.14	1,500.00	757.86	49.5%
07-0-5120-56-000	T-1 Phone Line Maintenance	-	2,730.86	4,800.00	2,069.14	56.9%
07-0-5120-69-000	RCS 800 MHZ Maint. Fee	2,764.50	25,552.73	77,500.00	51,947.27	33.0%
00-107-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	117.00	1,056.00	1,000.00	(56.00)	105.6%
00-107-0-5180-00-000	Dispatch Services	-	205,036.93	314,452.00	109,415.07	65.2%
00-107-0-5230-31-000	Meetings & Travel	-	-	500.00	500.00	0.0%
00-107-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	-	-	-	-	0.0%
	Total Communications	11,101.09	280,494.28	522,902.00	242,407.72	53.6%

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Account	Description	October Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
Shop/Maintenance						
00-108-0-5090-22-000	Laundry/Linen Supplies	-	-	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.0%
00-108-0-5090-53-000	Hazmat Disposal & Permits	1,347.00	3,672.55	8,600.00	4,927.45	42.7%
-108-0-5120-52-000	Parts & Accessories	5,922.09	58,775.79	101,200.00	42,424.21	58.1%
-108-0-5120-53-000	Fuel	9,908.65	71,439.08	120,000.00	48,560.92	59.5%
-108-0-5120-54-000	Oils & Lubricants	711.43	4,715.09	7,000.00	2,284.91	67.4%
-108-0-5120-59-000	Sublet Repairs	682.00	6,340.73	24,000.00	17,659.27	26.4%
-108-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	-	80.00	80.00	0.0%
-108-0-5180-52-000	Fleet Maint Software	-	900.00	3,300.00	2,400.00	27.3%
-108-0-5220-00-000	Small Tools/Minor Equipment	-	836.51	4,100.00	3,263.49	20.4%
-108-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	-	848.00	7,000.00	6,152.00	12.1%
-108-0-5230-39-000	Formal Education	-	-	450.00	450.00	0.0%
	Total Shop/Maintenance	18,571.17	147,527.75	277,430.00	129,902.25	53.2%
Training						
-109-0-5150-00-000	Memberships/Subscriptions	-	50.00	500.00	450.00	10.0%
-109-0-5230-20-000	Training Materials	-	829.05	10,000.00	9,170.95	8.3%
-109-0-5230-38-000	Professional Development	3,201.00	21,098.25	50,000.00	28,901.75	42.2%
-109-0-5230-39-000	Formal Education	783.00	5,426.50	41,000.00	35,573.50	13.2%
	Total Training	3,984.00	27,403.80	101,500.00	74,096.20	27.0%

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Account	Description	October Actual	Running Total	Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
General Fund Reserve						
00-120-0-5400-00-000	Contingency Fund	-	-	190,000.00	190,000.00	0%
00-120-0-5400-02-000	Transfer to Vehicle Reserve	-	-	500,000.00	500,000.00	0%
-120-0-5400-03-000	Transfer to Facilities Reserve	-	-	-	-	0%
-120-0-5400-05-000	Equip Reserve - Defib Replacement	-	-	-	-	0%
-120-0-5400-07-000	Transfer to Equip Reserve - MDC	-	-	-	-	0%
	Total General Fund Reserve	-	-	690,000.00	690,000.00	0%
Capital Expense						
00-0-5500-03-000	Building Repairs	-	-	125,000.00	125,000.00	0%
00-0-5500-04-000	Personal Protective Equip	-	-	-	-	0%
00-0-5500-05-000	EMS Equipment	-	-	-	-	0%
00-0-5500-06-000	Communication Equipment	5,530.38	36,512.65	70,000.00	33,487.35	52%
00-0-5500-55-000	Station 5 Loan	-	-	-	-	0%
00-0-5500-55-001	Station 5 Loan Payment #1	-	91,369.33	182,739.00	91,369.67	50%
00-0-5500-55-002	Station 5 Loan Payment #2	-	116,964.75	235,674.00	118,709.25	50%
00-0-5500-59-000	Station 4 Project	-	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	0%
00-0-5500-55-003	Admin Payment	-	-	85,751.00	85,751.00	0%
00-0-5500-56-000	ECAA/Solar Loan	-	8,487.07	12,575.00	4,087.93	67%
00-0-5500-56-001	ECAA/Solar Loan Payment	-	20,320.21	35,729.00	15,408.79	57%
00-0-5500-57-000	Hwy 76 Traffic Controllers	-	-	-	-	0%
00-0-5500-58-000	Apparatus Loan	-	-	91,324.00	91,324.00	0%
00-0-5500-58-001	Emergency Vehicles	-	17,901.83	668,137.00	650,235.17	3%
00-0-5500-59-001	Administrative Bldg Payment	-	21,437.67	-	-	-
	Total Capital Equipment	5,530.38	312,993.51	1,556,929.00	664,214.41	20%

GRAND TOTAL	\$1,107,403.13	\$10,144,016.90	\$18,525,578.00	\$8,381,561.10	54.8%
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Account	2017-2018		2017-2018 Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
	October Actual	Running Total			
Rainbow General Fund					
000-0-5010-09-000	-	-	41,250.00	41,250.00	0%
000-0-5050-00-000	-	4,217.25	23,290.00	19,072.75	18%
000-0-5060-27-000	-	-	300.00	300.00	0%
000-0-5080-00-000	-	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	0%
000-0-5100-42-000	-	-	15,200.00	15,200.00	0%
000-0-5100-44-000	-	26,800.00	28,000.00	1,200.00	96%
000-0-5120-52-000	-	6,832.02	13,000.00	6,167.98	53%
000-0-5120-54-000	545.99	4,110.82	10,000.00	5,889.18	41%
000-0-5120-69-000	456.00	4,074.20	8,000.00	3,925.80	51%
000-0-5130-00-000	1,338.76	7,310.62	7,500.00	189.38	97%
000-0-5170-72-000	-	640.00	1,300.00	660.00	49%
000-0-5180-91-000	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	0%
000-0-5220-00-000	-	99.03	4,000.00	3,900.97	2%
000-0-5221-00-000	-	24,789.95	3,000.00	(21,789.95)	826%
000-0-5230-30-000	-	-	4,500.00	4,500.00	0%
000-0-5230-37-000	-	-	12,000.00	12,000.00	0%
000-0-5230-37-001	-	4,474.50	15,000.00	10,525.50	30%
000-0-5240-38-000	-	279.90	500.00	220.10	56%
000-0-5260-23-000	148.78	1,006.89	1,800.00	793.11	56%
000-0-5260-26-000	33.31	217.35	3,500.00	3,282.65	6%
000-0-5270-00-000	2,083.33	14,583.31	25,000.00	10,416.69	58%
11-000-0-5340-00-000	74.95	304.49	3,000.00	2,695.51	10%
11-000-0-5400-00-000	-	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	0%
Total Rainbow General Fund	4,681.12	99,740.33	235,140.00	135,399.67	42%

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Account	2017-2018		2017-2018 Annual Budget	Amount Remaining	% Used
	October Actual	Running Total			
Rainbow Capital Fund					
-200-0-5370-00-386	-	-	6,000.00	6,000.00	0%
-200-0-5370-00-387	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	0%
-200-0-5420-00-000	-	-	38,800.00	38,800.00	0%
-200-0-5500-02-000	409.00	2,724.79	5,000.00	2,275.21	54%
-200-0-5500-03-000	-	-	-	-	0%
-200-0-5500-04-000	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	0%
-200-0-5500-06-000	1,416.30	1766.98	3,000.00	1,233.02	59%
Total Rainbow Capital Fund	1,825.30	4,491.77	62,800.00	58,308.23	7%
GRAND TOTAL					
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	6,506.42	104,232.10	297,940.00	193,707.90	34.98%

Document Date	Document Number	Vendor Name	Transaction Description	Document Amount
1/1/2018	01/2018	Employee Benefit Specialists, Inc.	Dental/Vision/Life 01/2018	9,651.10
1/1/2018	STMT 1/2018	Harry J. Wilson Insurance Center	LTD 1/1/18-1/31/18	1,242.00
1/1/2018	1266860	MYERS-STEVENSON & CO. INC.	LTD 01/2018	632.50
1/1/2018	0417565010118	TIME WARNER CABLE	01/11/18-02/10/18	65.95
1/1/2018	330-0029780	PTO SALES	Valves	307.43
1/1/2018	BRM REFILL 1/18	US POSTAL SERVICE	BRM refill	100.00
1/1/2018	9798993919	VERIZON WIRELESS	12/02/17-01/01/18	77.22
1/1/2018	091809720	XEROX - PASADENA	11/21/17-12/21/17	386.81
1/1/2018	091809719	XEROX - PASADENA	11/21/17-12/21/17	950.90
1/2/2018	33207540209	DIRECTV	1/1/18/-1/31/18	141.23
1/2/2018	433013309	NIGEL FRANK INT'L USA	GP support	1,690.00
1/2/2018	00984510	BAB STEERING HYDRAULICS	Meritor	1,199.08
1/3/2018	86517	TelComTec	Phone repair	145.00
1/4/2018	11/20/17-12/19/17	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	11/20/17-12/19/17	428.20
1/4/2018	12/5/17-1/4/18	FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTR	12/5/17-1/4/18	269.63
1/4/2018	11/21/17-12/21/17-09	SDG&E	11/21/17-12/21/17	168.73
1/4/2018	R27448	FALLBROOK SMOG	2002 Ford F-150	49.75
1/4/2018	53464719	MCMaster-CARR SUPPLY CO.	Ultra-High Temp Ceramic Insula	32.58
1/5/2018	PR AP 01/05/18	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	FFA DUES PR 01/05/18	2,757.88
1/5/2018	PR AP 1/5/18	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	FBK FFA - RESERVES 01/05/18	17.55
1/5/2018	PR AP 01/05/18	FIREFIGHTERS LEG. ACTION GRP	FLAG PMT PR 01/05/18	106.00
1/5/2018	PR AP 01/05/18	NORTH COUNTY FIRE RESERVES	RESERVE DUES PR 1/5/18	35.10
1/5/2018	PR AP 01/05/18	LINCOLN NATIONAL	LINCOLN PMT PR AP 1/5/18	3,690.41
1/5/2018	PR AP 01/05/18	California State Disbursement Unit	DYE GARNISHMENT PR AP 1/5/18	346.61
1/5/2018	9610B	JIM'S SIGN SHOP	RP 1170 vinyl decal	38.79
1/9/2018	2289	MURPHY'S PRINTING	Prevention Stamp	44.72
1/9/2018	86539	TelComTec	Sta. 6 replace STS battery	155.75
1/9/2018	86571	TelComTec	Sta 2 Phone system issue	145.00
1/9/2018	1712099	Wittman Enterprises, LLC	Amb. billing 12/2017	8,018.46
1/10/2018	41628	THE COUNSELING TEAM	Employee support 12/2017	300.00
1/10/2018	0000240011018	TIME WARNER CABLE	1/20/18-2/19/18	149.95
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	STEVE ABBOTT	CELL REIMB	300.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	JOHN BUCHANAN	CELL REIMB	300.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	Patty Koch	CELL REIMB	300.00

Document Date	Document Number	Vendor Name	Transaction Description	Document Amount
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	KEVIN MAHR	CELL REIMB	300.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	STEVE MAROVICH	CELL REIMB	300.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	KEITH MCREYNOLDS	CELL REIMB	300.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	LOREN STEPHEN-PORTER	CELL REIMB	300.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	GREG WILSON	CELL REIMB	300.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	JAMES BEEBE	CELL REIMB	204.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	Nancy Goss	CELL REIMB	300.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	Cherie Juuf	CELL REIMB	204.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	DAN NIETO	CELL REIMB	204.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	Todd Parmelee	CELL REIMB	204.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	DELGADO, DANNY	CELL REIMB	204.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	Charlie Swanger	CELL REIMB	204.00
1/11/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	FRED SCHOENHEIT	CELL REIMB	300.00
1/12/2018	1207083803	Citrix Systems, Inc	GoTo Mtg 1/12/18-2/11-18	117.00
1/12/2018	FUEL - LILAC	KEITH MCREYNOLDS	Fuel during Lilac fire	66.22
1/15/2018	9798426541	VERIZON WIRELESS	11/21/17-12/20/17	3.52
1/19/2018	OCT-DEC 2017	BARRY KRUMWEDE	CEL REIMB	300.00
1/19/2018	PR AP 1/19/18	LINCOLN NATIONAL	Lincoln National	3,461.12
1/19/2018	PR AP 1/19/18	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	FFA ASSOC DUES 1/19/18	2,757.88
1/19/2018	PR AP 01/19/18	FALLBROOK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN	RESV ASSOC DUES 1/19/18	15.21
1/19/2018	PR AP 1/19/18	FIREFIGHTERS LEG. ACTION GRP	FLAG DUES PR 1/19/18	106.00
1/19/2018	PR AP 1/19/18	NORTH COUNTY FIRE RESERVES	RESV DUES 1/19/18	30.42
1/19/2018	PR AP 1/19/18	California State Disbursement Unit	GARNISHMENT- DYE 1/19/18	346.61
1/19/2018	00984599	BAB STEERING HYDRAULICS	R14 Relay valve	593.46



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: February 27, 2018
SUBJECT: STANDING ITEM: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. None.

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NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OPERATIONS

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Operations/EMS Division
DATE: Tuesday, February 27th, 2018
SUBJECT: Customer Satisfaction Survey Program, 2017 – 4th Quarter Results

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the report as submitted. In looking at the overall percentage of satisfaction with our service, our customers continue to rate their level of satisfaction overwhelmingly in the "excellent" category.

BACKGROUND:

This report focuses on two areas, direct feedback based on surveys sent to patients transported by North County Fire and our Service/Sympathy card program. The distribution of the survey is based on the 2017 Payer Class percentages according to our ambulance billing company, Wittman Enterprises. This quarter's customer satisfaction results incorporate surveys received from Oct 1, 2017 through Dec 31, 2017. The following is a listing of the type and number of individual payer classes that are randomly mailed surveys on a monthly basis.

2017 Payer Class

Private Commercial Insurance (includes Champus/Active Duty)	26
Medi Cal	10
Medicare (includes Senior HMO)	54
Cash	10
Total	100

DISCUSSION:

The survey results are reported on quarterly intervals to all safety employees. The sharing of this information with all employees provides a heightened awareness regarding our customer's experience in the field. If a system or human deficiency trend is noted, the management staff will coordinate any measures necessary to correct the problem.

Customer Satisfaction Survey Program

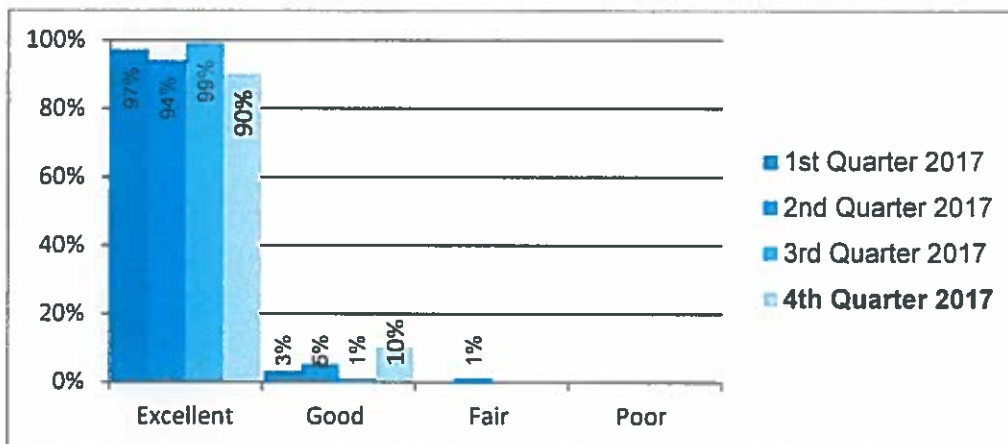
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The first section of the *Satisfaction Survey Form* evaluates the customer's overall satisfaction with our service by rating it from "Excellent" to "Poor." The second section of the form allows the customer to provide comments on their perception of the service they received. This quarter 300 surveys were mailed and 90 surveys were returned (30%).

Ninety percent (90%) of the surveys returned indicated "excellent" customer satisfaction as indicated on the chart below:

2017 Customer Satisfaction Results



The customer comment portion of the survey has proven to be most effective by allowing us to hear the customer's opinions or concerns first hand, thus allowing us to mitigate any problems as quickly as possible. These comments are reported on *Attachment-A* of this report.

In order to maintain Continual Quality Improvement (CQI) for this program, the responses are reviewed for any unusual comments or areas of concern. When necessary, incident documents will be reviewed. If a poor rating or adverse report is noted, the EMS Chief reaches out to seek clarification and ultimately improve services. If indicated, this review may warrant further investigation or training to mitigate potential customer service issues.

SERVICE/SYMPATHY CARD PROGRAM:

The District continues to utilize a Service/Sympathy Card Program to promote excellence in our emergency delivery services. This particular program allows our firefighters to correspond with our customers by personally signing and mailing "Service Cards." This post-incident program has proven invaluable in maintaining a positive relationship with our community through personal contact between our firefighters and the customers they serve. The "Sympathy Cards" are utilized in the same way by corresponding concern with a deceased patient's family.

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The following data identifies the total number of Service and Sympathy cards completed by each crew during this report's time frame:

	"A" CREW	"B" CREW	"C" CREW	TOTAL
4 th Q 2017	157	158	179	494
3 rd Q 2017	198	203	184	585
2 nd Q 2017	195	209	237	641
1 st Q 2017	295	260	260	815

The above numbers represent 32% of total cards sent by A Shift, 32% of total cards sent by B Shift and 36% of total cards sent by C Shift.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The increased use of Service Cards has contributed to increased expenditures in both printing and postage. Annually, the Program costs approximately \$2,000.00 to operate. It is our belief that enhanced public relations and the benefits these cards represent is worth the expenditure.

SUMMARY:

The North County Fire Protection District takes seriously the demeanor and professional conduct of its employees while providing emergency services. Our Customer Survey Program provides a tool to measure and quantify this area and if necessary, implement and/or modify the emergency delivery system to ensure its ability to meet customer expectations. This program, which is now in its fifteenth year, consistently reflects a high degree of satisfaction with the services delivered by the employees of the North County Fire Protection District, beginning from the request for service up to and including final mitigation of the incident.



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Intake Number	Date Received	Follow Up	Customer Comments
17-04-01	10/02/2017		I had excellent service. Everyone was very nice and professional. Thank you!
17-04-02	10/02/2017		Your staff was very professional, got here quickly, and were so caring & compassionate with my 90-year-old mother who had fallen in the kitchen. I don't know what we would do without them. I just appreciate them so much and their excellent service. What a nice bunch of guys you have!!!
17-04-03	10/02/2017		The service was excellent.
17-04-04	10/02/2017		Excellent
17-04-05	10/03/2017		<i>Any suggestions?</i> Can't think of one. When you become 90 years old, you know what excellent service is. That is what I was given. After 45 years in Fallbrook what more can I say about their service.
17-04-06	10/04/2017		Great service by paramedics and fire personnel.
17-04-07	10/06/2017		I was very impressed and pleased with the professionalism and empathy displayed by each crew member. Those not directly involved with my baby and wife were alert to my other two boys. Quick attention to their needs brought wonder and excitement to emergency vehicles and distracted from nervous concern about their sister. Start to finish, the crew did a great job!
17-04-08	10/10/2017		Arrived promptly, very calm and friendly. Arrived at ER after calming run. Very friendly and stayed until I was settled by nurses. They were very helpful with all my questions. They get an A++
17-04-09	10/12/2017		Excellent
17-04-10	10/16/2017		Good
17-04-11	10/16/2017		Every time they are needed, I have a great experience. Chad is a great guy!
17-04-12	10/17/2017		Excellent
17-04-13	10/17/2017		Excellent
17-04-14	10/17/2017		I was experiencing great abdominal pain, my wife called 911 and within 5 minutes the EMTs had arrived. They quickly assessed my situation and asked where I would prefer to be taken. My wife indicated TVH. Since my wife could not drive at night the crew assured her calming her down. I greatly appreciate their efforts with my wife. After a short drive, I was at the hospital. These people were very caring and thoughtful.
17-04-15	10/17/2017		No suggestions for improvement. The crew was excellent. It's great to know when I need help that the fire department is there to help. Keep up the good work!
17-04-16	10/17/2017		Excellent
17-04-17	10/17/2017		Excellent. I contacted the NCFD on four consecutive days for severe pain. The response on each occasion was extraordinarily great. Each contact was accepted without doubt of my condition and prompt action was taken. I am a senior citizen, 87 years of age, live alone and the response was mandatory for my condition. After 4 visits to Palomar hospital, the condition was corrected. I'm fully aware of people taking advantage of EMTs to shorten the response time and waiting time at the hospital. I recognize what your team is up against and I appreciate your excellent support by your administration & FFs. My grandson is a licensed paramedic and my daughter works at Palomar. 7 years ago, my wife died at home in Fallbrook and the NCFD's response was just as efficient. Thanks again for the outstanding professional support.



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17-04-18	10/17/2017		My service was a good experience for having a problem.
17-04-19	10/18/2017		Wanted info on prep for our home/grove in advance of possible wind-driven fire. The fire department was very supportive and gave helpful advice.
17-04-20	10/18/2017		The North County Firefighters were excellent. I only wish the response time was less than 9minutes. I know its because of the roads in Fallbrook. Hoping new roads would allow for faster response times.
17-04-21	10/18/2017		We wish to thank the fire department/paramedics for helping so (patient) could be transferred to TVH, where after several exams & medications, he was allowed to come home. We appreciate the work you do in caring for the people at the Regency Fallbrook.
17-04-22	10/18/2017		Very professional and knowledgeable EMTs. Also, polite and courteous.
17-04-23	10/18/2017		Excellent
17-04-24	10/19/2017		How do you improve on perfection? Tell Montana and the whole group of your men thank you for us!!!
17-04-25	10/19/2017		I appreciate the service given. Ride was a little rough with the ambulance but got me to the hospital safely.
17-04-26	10/19/2017		This was my first ride in the back of a NCFPD ambulance and the service was every bit as good as it should have been! Thank you!
17-04-27	10/20/2017		You guys were just great!! Thank you so much for taking such good care of me!!
17-04-28	10/20/2017		Each of the providers were courteous and efficiently assisted my wife. Great men!
17-04-29	10/20/2017		I was very comfortable with them. They were very caring of me and my situation. I want to thank them for their work and for coming very fast to help me. They kept talking to me and asking me how I felt and kept checking my blood pressure and other vitals. Thank you, thank you, thank you so much!
17-04-30	10/23/2017		Very competent. Happy to know you are available on call.
17-04-31	10/24/2017		These guys were the same as always, great!
17-04-32	10/24/2017		I felt the young men handled themselves in a very professional manner. I was very comfortable. They explained to me what they were doing and answered any questions I had.
17-04-33	10/25/2017		My husband has had a lot of health emergencies this year, with multiple trips to the hospital via NCFPD ambulances. The paramedics and firefighters who respond are always professional, kind and caring. We couldn't want for better service. Thank you all for your dedication to your jobs!!
17-04-34	10/25/2017		Good
17-04-35	10/25/2017		Thank you for taking care of my husband in such a very fast but professional and gentle manner. I know he appreciated it too. Thanks again.
17-04-36	10/25/2017		Very professional and caring. My husband was taken to TVH and that was an excellent choice on the part of the rescuers. The rescuers were very efficient. We don't live in that area so we needed to depend on your people and they did a great job!



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17-04-37	10/25/2017		The young men that came to my house did a great job. They did take me to the hospital, but I was fine. Its nice to know that we have help so close if we need it.
17-04-38	10/26/2017		I feel that I was treated very well. The paramedics were right on top of it. They were pleasant and they knew what they were doing. Good job
17-04-39	10/26/2017		I was very satisfied with my service! The driver talked to me as a passenger and mother of the patient. He kept me calm as I was worried about my son. The paramedic taking care of my son in the back also took good care of him and made him feel comfortable. I have no suggestions for improvement at this time.
17-04-40	10/27/2017		Due to a medical emergency I recently dialed 911. The team that answered my call were the best. They made me comfortable in a very uncomfortable situation. They respected my wish not to damage any property while trying to gain access to me. I would rate them a 10 plus. Thank you for being there and for caring.
17-04-41	10/28/2017		(Patient) has relayed to us that the service provided was excellent. Your personnel were very caring and made everyone involved feel comfortable and secure.
17-04-42	10/30/2017		"0" complaints -- you guys are great! I can prove it! Thank you!
17-04-43	10/30/2017		Efficient, kind and caring.
17-04-44	10/31/2017		Excellent
17-04-45	11/03/2017		The crew was kind, very courteous and attentive to her needs. They were very gentle in handling her. I said very good because all service can be improved. I cannot tell what needs improvement at this time. We thank you all for your help and service.
17-04-46	11/08/2017		Dear friends, I want to thank you for your kind and thoughtful assistance when you took me to Palomar Hospital. I saw you give the information sheet to the charge nurse and there were two other nurses that came in to see me periodically. You had put a line in my vein on the trip there, but when I went home at 5:00 the next morning and got ready for bed, the line was still there and I removed it myself. I was asleep part of the time so I had thought they removed it before I left. You might want to let them know about this mistake because with three of them you would think one of them would check before I left. Again, thank you so much for the great work you do.
17-04-47	11/10/2017		We want to thank the firemen for all their help. They have been to our home several times for fall assistance. On the day of the stroke they were very professional.
17-04-48	11/15/2017		Thank you to your excellent staff in caring for me in this situation. I have completely recovered. We are grateful that you serve our community so efficiently and competently. God bless you all!
17-04-49	11/21/2017		Suggestions? Have a comfortable pad on the bench for the recipient. It is very uncomfortable especially when someone is in pain.
17-04-50	11/21/2017		Very timely and polite and arrived within about 10 minutes or less. Thank you



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17-04-51	11/21/2017		I have no complaints. They arrived in a timely manner. The team was very professional and friendly.
17-04-52	11/21/2017		Responders were efficient, courteous and professional.
17-04-53	11/21/2017		I have called 911 about 7 times over the past few years. All experiences were positive. (Patient) passed on - all life support was removed. I give thanks and grateful for all the young men who helped us over the years.
17-04-54	11/21/2017		The firemen were great, especially BRUCE. Very caring and explained everything to me. My own grandson (name) is a fireman in (location). He also has that compassionate and loving way. God bless all & thank you very much.
17-04-55	11/21/2017		They were a quick response to my call for help. Unable to walk, carry me downstairs, put me in ambulance, then drove me to hospital. All done in a highly professional manner.
17-04-56	11/22/2017		All of the personnel were wonderful!
17-04-57	11/22/2017		Excellent
17-04-58	11/24/2017		All I can say is that you guys are the best! Lifesavers! Professionals! Nice, excellent human beings! Helpful, caring, understanding beyond the call of duty! Bless you all and have a wonderful holiday season!
17-04-59	11/25/2017		Excellent
17-04-60	11/27/2017		Many attention and consideration much appreciated in a stressful situation. Your patience, again appreciated.
17-04-61	11/27/2017		Due to a massive stroke that my husband had 8 years ago, he is not able to speak. During dinner on Oct 4 th I could tell he wasn't feeling well. I called 911 – the crew arrived promptly. They were very friendly & helpful to assess the situation – taking my husband to TVH. I knew he was in "good hands" after talking to the guys. After 5 days in the hospital with pneumonia, he was back at home and on the way to recovery. Thank you for all you do!!
17-04-62	11/27/2017		Good
17-04-63	11/28/2017		Good
17-04-64	11/28/2017		The team was very professional and presented a thoughtful and knowledgeable service. If I remember correctly a man named "Montana" was the bad technician. Thank you all
17-04-65	12/01/2017		Your prompt and competent services leave nothing to be desired. Thank you!
17-04-66	12/01/2017		Came in a timely matter and did what needed to be done. Very polite
17-04-67	12/02/2017		Excellent
17-04-68	12/02/2017		Call for non-fire operation.
17-04-69	12/19/2017		The paramedics were wonderful! They knew exactly what to do and they calmly and efficiently did their jobs. Also, the gentlemen were kind enough to send a get-well card!
17-04-70	12/19/2017		The guys were very professional and very kind.



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17-04-71	12/19/2017		<p>Re: Station #4, B-crew</p> <p>First of all, I'd like to thank you for everything you've done for my late husband (name). Your speedy response, kind, courteous & efficient actions were so impressive & gave us both comfort. Although at the ER at Palomar, it took a while for the care to start (it wasn't your fault, it was very crowded). My husband was well taken care of by your staff. Unfortunately, he passed away on (date) but I received a courtesy card from your office. I was too busy at the time to respond but I take this opportunity to thank you very much. You guys are #1! Please keep up the good work.</p>
17-04-72	12/19/2017		<p>Perfect care, abundance of patience and reassurance! When I fainted, the paramedics were called to the business site. The partners were in tandem asking pertinent questions. Though I did not want, I didn't refuse their recommendation to seek additional information or care. The transport to Palomar in Escondido was without crisis. I appreciated casual communication to remain calm and keep my mind off possibilities that could lie ahead. Well trained, genuine care. Thank you</p>
17-04-73	12/20/2017		<p>Very professional and positive.</p>
17-04-74	12/21/2017		<p>The crew was kind, caring and professional! We love our Fallbrook Firefighters.</p>
17-04-75	12/21/2017		<p>Staff members were very thorough and efficient in addressing my medical issue and had me stabilized before we reached the TVH. They headed my wish to not lie down because of increased pain in the region of my heart. I received excellent care and the transition to the staff at TVH was seamless. Thanks to the North County Fire Department for such great care.</p>
17-04-76	12/21/2017		<p>I dialed 911 while experiencing extreme difficulty with breathing. My lungs had filled with fluid due to heart failure. The 911 operator understood my plight and called for paramedics even though I could barely talk. It seemed like an eternity before the paramedics arrived, but actually it was less than 10 minutes. When the four strong, capable men appeared around the back corner of my house to where I was sitting, I thought the angels had arrived! They used a CPAP machine to force oxygen into my lungs so I could breathe more easily. After a short time, I was placed on a gurney and taken to TVH. If there is any criticism, I would have preferred Palomar Hospital, but I was not given a choice. Thank you guys! Thank you! Thank you!</p>
17-04-77	12/21/2017	YES	<p>Happy smiley face! Overall, thank you for the quick response time! My son had a nosebleed while at the house alone. He tried to cancel the 911 response since he was able to stop the bleeding. Fire department would not release him/let him stay at the house alone since he was 13. He was taken to the ER. ER released him to our family friend 20 mins after being dropped off at the ER.</p>
17-04-78	12/22/2017		<p>A bit of misinformation: originally, FD stated only parent or guardian could pick him up. At ER however, hospital allowed family friend w/ parents' permission to get him. Thanks again for your quick response.</p>
17-04-79	12/22/2017		<p>Excellent</p>
17-04-80	12/23/2017		<p>Excellent</p>
			<p>I cannot praise your personnel enough. They are kind, caring, gentle and very sympathetic. They were prompt and very professional. We in Fallbrook are very lucky to have them.</p>



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17-04-81	12/23/2017		I live alone and had serious fall. A quick response to hospital in Escondido. All handle in professional manner.
17-04-82	12/23/2017	YES	I think these men act very professional. The only complaint I have is – why do eight men come in the house and stand around while the paramedic takes my EKG. I have to undress and it is very embarrassing.
17-04-83	12/23/2017		All were pleasant and courteous! Very concerned and caring about my circumstance. They were kind and efficient – in my home, in transport to the ER and in getting me treated upon arrival. All turned out well and I am grateful for their patient and quick response to my call.
17-04-84	12/23/2017		Excellent
17-04-85	12/26/2017		Excellent
17-04-86	12/26/2017		5 of your men responded to our call for assistance (one was a trainee). They checked my husband thoroughly regarding his vital signs and determined he needed to be taken to ER for further examination and I agreed to their decision. You can be proud of your paramedics!!
17-04-87	12/26/2017		We thank you very much for your awesome service. Every person (responders) were excellent! Can't thank you enough! Merry Christmas to all! And to all a giant thank you! God bless all of you and keep you safe while you help save the people in our worlds.
17-04-88	12/27/2017		I can't begin to tell you how much the services you all offer have saved me over the past 2 years. (Patient) passed away (date). Your firemen and EMTs had made countless calls to our house – the last one on the night of the Lilac Fire – when I could think of no other way to evacuate him as sick as he was except to call 911. The men were always kind, gentle, courteous to us both. I will be eternally grateful.
17-04-89	12/28/2017		This incident happened at my church when I was volunteering on a project. I felt very faint and knew it was about time for a new pacemaker. That was my big concern. My pastor called 911 for assistance & EMTs, etc. were there very soon. The care was excellent by all. Thank you.
17-04-90	12/28/2017		The first responders came almost immediately when called and made sure I was stable. The ambulance came a few minutes & took me to TVH. All care provided was very good. The only negative was that I received the bill directly requesting my insurance info & this had been given to them the night I was picked up. This could have saved me some time in the billing process. Thanks to NCF for the great service you provide!

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2018
SUBJECT: SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE(S) FOR NCDJPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint a member of the NCFPD Board to serve as primary and alternate representatives to the North County Dispatch Joint Powers Authority (NCDJPA) Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND:

As a member agency of NCDJPA, the District has one voting seat on this eight member Board, which meets quarterly at the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Department Headquarters. Heretofore, Director Thuner has been serving on this Board as the primary representative, with Director Munson serving as the alternate to Director Thuner.

DISCUSSION:

With Director Thuner's term expiring this December, a new primary alternate representative needs to be designated. Director Munson has been serving as the alternate and would normally move up to serve as primary, however his term ends also in December. Presuming there is interest among current Board members, it would be prudent to decide of which Board members will serve as primary and alternate representatives prior to the next NCDJPA meeting.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

No fiscal impact.

SUMMARY:

Staff recommends appointment of NCFPD Board members as primary and alternate representatives to serve on behalf of the District when the position becomes available on the NCDJPA Board as Director Thuner's term expires.

**Agency Report of:
Public Official Appointments**

A Public Document

1. Agency Name North County Fire Protection District		California Form 806	For Official Use Only
Division, Department, or Region (If Applicable)			
Designated Agency Contact (Name, Title) Loren Stephen-Porter		Date Posted: _____ (Month, Day, Year)	
Area Code/Phone Number 760-723-2012	E-mail lstephen@ncfire.org		
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2. Appointments

Agency Boards and Commissions	Name of Appointed Person	Appt Date and Length of Term	Per Meeting/Annual Salary/Stipend
North County Dispatch Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors	▶ Name _____ <small>(Last, First)</small> Alternate, if any _____ <small>(Last, First)</small>	▶ _____/_____/_____ <small>Appt Date</small> indefinite <small>Length of Term</small>	▶ Per Meeting: \$ _____ 50.00 ▶ Estimated Annual: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,001-\$3,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001-\$2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <small>Other</small>
	▶ Name _____ <small>(Last, First)</small> Alternate, if any _____ <small>(Last, First)</small>	▶ _____/_____/_____ <small>Appt Date</small> _____ <small>Length of Term</small>	▶ Per Meeting: \$ _____ ▶ Estimated Annual: <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,001-\$3,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001-\$2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <small>Other</small>
	▶ Name _____ <small>(Last, First)</small> Alternate, if any _____ <small>(Last, First)</small>	▶ _____/_____/_____ <small>Appt Date</small> _____ <small>Length of Term</small>	▶ Per Meeting: \$ _____ ▶ Estimated Annual: <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,001-\$3,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001-\$2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <small>Other</small>
	▶ Name _____ <small>(Last, First)</small> Alternate, if any _____ <small>(Last, First)</small>	▶ _____/_____/_____ <small>Appt Date</small> _____ <small>Length of Term</small>	▶ Per Meeting: \$ _____ ▶ Estimated Annual: <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,001-\$3,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001-\$2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <small>Other</small>

3. Verification

I have read and understand FPPC Regulation 18705.5. I have verified that the appointment and information identified above is true to the best of my information and belief.

Stephen J. Abbott	Fire Chief/CEO		
Signature of Agency Head or Designee	Print Name	Title	(Month, Day, Year)

Comment: _____



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2018
SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS FOR CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors should determine if any members wish to be nominated for a position on the CSDA Board of Directors for Southern Region, Seat A. If no, no further action is required. If yes, then a motion to nominate the individual will be required.

BACKGROUND:

The North County Fire Protection District is a member agency in the California Special District Association (CSDA). As a member agency, the District has the opportunity to nominate members to the CSDA Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION:

CSDA is currently soliciting nominations as described in the attached documentation. The nominated party may be either a Board Member or Managerial Employee and must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a regular CSDA member in good standing, located within the geographic area they seek to represent. The successful candidate will serve for three years, is expected to attend every meeting, participate on at least one committee, attend two specified annual events and complete all four modules of the Special District Leadership Academy. There are other educational and committee requirements as outlined in the nomination documents. Director Jo MacKenzie of the Vista Irrigation District is incumbent for Seat A for Southern Region and will also be running for re-election. The deadline for submitting nominations is **April 18, 2018**.

Staff has no particular recommendation on this opportunity. Further action will be based on whether or not a Member wishes to be nominated for the CSDA Board.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

If elected, cost of participating in CSDA Board and committee meetings are reimbursed by CSDA. CSDA does not reimburse for expenses for the two conferences or the Academy classes, even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the events.

SUMMARY:

Board members should determine if any are interested in being nominated for the available CSDA Board seats as described in the attached documents. If not, no further action is required. If yes, then a motion making the nomination will be in order.



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

DATE: February 16, 2018
TO: CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers
FROM: CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee
SUBJECT: CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
SEAT A

The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2019 - 2021 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular member in good standing and located within the geographic network that they seek to represent. (See attached CSDA Network Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

Commitment and Expectations:

- Attend all Board meetings, usually 4-5 meetings annually, at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
(CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).
- Attend, at minimum, the following CSDA annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days - held in the spring, and the CSDA Annual Conference - held in the fall.
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years of being elected.
(CSDA does not reimburse for expenses for the two conferences or the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the events).

(over)

Nomination Procedures: Any Regular Member in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors.

- **A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination.**
- **Deadline for receiving nominations is April 18, 2018. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or emailed to Beth Hummel. No faxes please.**

Mail: CSDA Attention: Beth Hummel
1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814
E-mail: bethh@csda.net

Once received, nominees will receive a candidate's letter in the mail. The letter will serve as confirmation that CSDA has received the nomination and will also include campaign guidelines.

Expiring Terms

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

Northern Network Seat A-Ralph Emerson, GM, Garberville Sanitary District*
Sierra Network Seat A-Noelle Mattock, Director, El Dorado Hills CSD*
Bay Area Network Seat A-Robert Silano, Director, Menlo Park Fire Protection District*
Central Network Seat A-Joel Bauer, GM, West Side Cemetery District*
Coastal Network Seat A-Elaine Magner, Director, Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District*
Southern Network Seat A-Jo MacKenzie, Director, Vista Irrigation District*
(* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Hummel at 877-924-CSDA or bethh@csda.net.

NEW THIS YEAR!

This year we will be using a web-based online voting system, allowing your district to cast your vote easily and securely. Electronic Ballots will be emailed to the main contact in your district June 18, 2018. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. August 10, 2018.

Districts can opt to cast a paper ballot instead; but you must contact Beth by e-mail Bethh@csda.net, by April 18, 2018 in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.

CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 17 per district request only. ALL ballots must be received by CSDA no later than 5:00 p.m. August 10, 2018.

The successful candidates will be notified no later than August 14, 2018. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Indian Wells, CA in September 2018.



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: _____

District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Network: _____ (see map on back)

Telephone: _____

(PLEASE BE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE)

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Return this form and a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate and Candidate Information Sheet by mail, or email to:

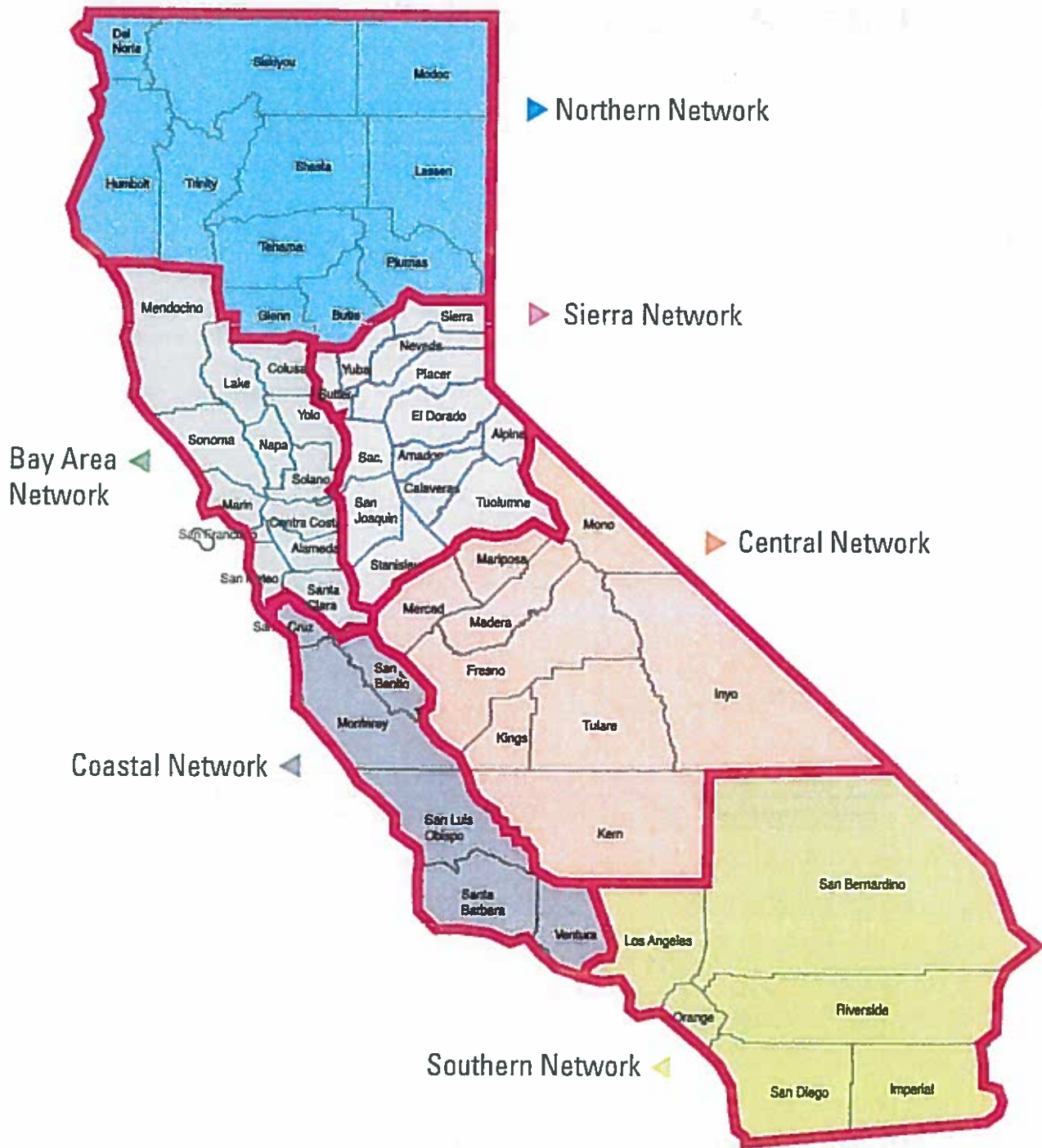
CSDA
Attn: Beth Hummel
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814
(877) 924-2732 (916) 442-7889 fax

bethh@csda.net

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS – April 18, 2018



California Special Districts Association
DISTRICT NETWORKS





2018 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: _____

District/Company: _____

Title: _____

Elected/Appointed/Staff: _____

Length of Service with District: _____

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

4. List civic organization involvement:

****Candidate Statement** – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. **Any statements received in the CSDA office after May 31, 2018 will not be included with the ballot.**



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2018
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PAY SCHEDULE

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the attached Resolution 2018-05, which updates the Pay Schedule for application of the salary formula.

BACKGROUND:

The California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5 requires a governing body's Board of Directors to adopt a pay schedule which delineates the range of pay for all positions and make them available to the public, without reference to another document.

DISCUSSION:

The current pay schedule does not reflect the positions of Administrative Specialist/IT Support, Single Role EMT and Paramedic. Accordingly, it is necessary to adopt Resolution 2018-05 and post the referenced pay schedule (Exhibit 'A') on the Department's website. As future adjustments to rates of pay will require similar action by the Board of Directors, future resolutions will occur in concert with approval of bargaining unit or individual employee contracts.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

None, procedural only.

SUMMARY:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 2018-05 as presented.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2018-05



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTIONS OF NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A PAY SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 570.5.

WHEREAS, the California Public Employees Retirement System (“CalPERS”) adopted the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5 on August 10, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5 requires the District’s Board of Directors to approve adopt all pay schedules; and

WHEREAS, the Regulations require that the pay schedule be made public without reference to another document in disclosure of the pay rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District, a public agency in the County of San Diego, California, as follows:

1. That the attached Pay Schedule titled “North County Fire Protection District Pay Schedule, set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated by reference, is approved and adopted.
2. The Pay Schedule approved and adopted by this Resolution shall be periodically updated by the Board of Directors, in accordance with the California Code of Regulations requirements.

APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors, North County Fire Protection District, County of San Diego, State of California, on this **27th day of February, 2018**, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:

Kenneth Munson, Board President

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2018-05



**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTIONS OF NORTH COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A PAY SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 570.5.**

ATTEST:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District thereof held on the **27th day of February, 2018**, and that the same now appears on record in my office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this **27th day of February, 2018**.

Loren Stephen-Porter, Board Secretary

Official Seal

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2018-05

Exhibit A



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTIONS OF NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A PAY SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 570.5.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - PAY SCHEDULE	Cal Code of Regulations, Title 2, §570.5
NON-EXEMPT - SAFETY EMPLOYEES	

POSITION	TIME BASE	RANGE	INFORMATION LOCATIONS CONTRACT DATES & REVISIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Firefighter/ Paramedic	Hourly	\$25.11 - \$32.09	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$2,812.64 - \$3,593.99		
	Annual	\$75,119 - \$95,988		
Engineer/ Paramedic	Hourly	\$28.49 - \$33.04	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$3,190.92 - \$3,700.08		
	Annual	\$85,223 - \$98,821		
Captain/ Paramedic	Hourly	\$33.01 - \$38.02	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$3,697.19 - \$4,258.58		
	Annual	\$98,744 - \$113,737		
Admin Battalion Chief	Hourly	\$64.66 - \$71.47	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$5,172.88 - \$5,717.40		
	Annual	\$134,495 - \$148,652		
Battalion Chief	Hourly	\$41.83 - \$46.23	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$4,684.45 - \$5,177.55		
	Annual	\$125,112 - \$138,281		
Administrative Captain	Hourly	\$51.03 - \$58.55	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$4,082.68 - \$4,683.83		
	Annual	\$106,150 - \$121,780		

EXEMPT POSITIONS - CHIEF OFFICERS

POSITION	TIME BASE	RANGE	INFORMATION LOCATIONS CONTRACT DATES & REVISIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Division Chief	Hourly	\$71.85 - \$75.44	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$5,747.85 - \$6,035.24		
	Annual	\$149,444 - \$156,916		
Deputy Chief	Hourly	\$77.24 - \$81.10	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$6,178.93 - \$6,487.88		
	Annual	\$160,652 - \$168,685		

NON-EXEMPT POSITIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE and FIRE PREVENTION

Administrative Specialist	Hourly	\$24.94 - \$28.20	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$1,995.45 - \$2,256.32		
	Annual	\$51,882 - \$58,664		
Administrative Specialist/IT Support	Hourly	\$31.94 - \$36.11	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$2,555.09 - \$2,889.13		
	Annual	\$66,432 - \$75,117		
HR/Finance Specialist	Hourly	\$33.68 - \$38.08	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$2,694.45 - \$3,046.71		
	Annual	\$70,056 - \$79,214		

North County Fire Protection District Pay Schedule (Revised February 12, 2018)

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2018-05

Exhibit A



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTIONS OF NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A PAY SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 570.5.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - PAY SCHEDULE (cont)	<i>Cal Code of Regulations, Title 2, §570.5</i>
NON-EXEMPT POSITIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE and FIRE PREVENTION	

POSITION	TIME BASE	RANGE	INFORMATION LOCATIONS CONTRACT DATES & REVISIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Fire Protection Specialist	Hourly	\$34.13 - \$38.59	MOU - FY2017/RES 2017-09	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$2,730.04 - \$3,086.95		
	Annual	\$70,981 - \$80,261		
Fire Marshal	Hourly	\$53.14 - \$58.73	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$4,251.27 - \$4,698.77		
	Annual	\$110,533 - \$122,168		
Mechanic (Level II)	Hourly	\$31.97 - \$36.15	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$2,557.61 - \$2,891.98		
	Annual	\$66,498 - \$75,192		
Mechanic (Level III)	Hourly	\$40.50 - \$45.79	↓	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$3,239.76 - \$3,663.31		
	Annual	\$84,234 - \$95,246		

EXEMPT POSITIONS - FIRE CHIEF (CEO) and EXECUTIVE STAFF
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Executive Assistant	Hourly	\$38.81 - \$43.89	CONTRACT	7/1/2017
	Bi-Weekly	\$3,105 - \$3,511		
	Annual	\$80,732 - \$91,286		
FIRE CHIEF/CEO	Hourly	\$88.94	CONTRACT	1/23/2018
	Bi-Weekly	\$7,115.38		
	Annual	\$185,000.00		

SINGLE ROLE EMT & PARAMEDIC
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EMT	LEVEL I	Hourly	\$11.00	Per Policy \$216.08	3/1/2018
		Overtime	\$16.50		
EMT	LEVEL II	Hourly	\$12.00	↓	3/1/2018
		Overtime	\$18.00		
PARAMEDIC	LEVEL I	Hourly	\$14.00	↓	3/1/2018
		Overtime	\$21.00		
PARAMEDIC	LEVEL II	Hourly	\$15.00	↓	3/1/2018
		Overtime	\$22.50		

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Admin Asst	Hourly	\$24.94	MOU - FY2017/RES 2017-09	Per Policy \$225.25	1/24/2017
	Overtime	\$37.41			
Medical Services Officer	Hourly	\$41.31	↓	1/24/2017	
	Overtime	\$61.97			
Fire Prevention Officer	Hourly	\$34.13	↓	3/1/2018	
	Overtime	\$48.95			
Fire Service Asst	Hourly	\$14.00	Per Policy \$225.31	1/23/2018	
	Overtime	\$21.00			

North County Fire Protection District Pay Schedule (Revised February 12, 2018)

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2018
SUBJECT: 2018 NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT GRANT

ACTION AGENDA

BACKGROUND:

Each year, each San Diego County Supervisor is allotted discretionary funds for the purpose of neighborhood reinvestment. These funds may be used for capital expense/capital improvement related expenses. Several years ago, the District successfully applied for, and was awarded a \$25,000 Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant for the purchase of a patient care record reporting system.

DISCUSSION:

In the wake of the Lilac Fire, and with the mounting body of evidence linking certain types of cancers to the profession of firefighting, the District wishes to pursue these grant funds for the purpose of purchasing two detoxification units (low temperature infrared saunas). These units would be placed at Stations 1 and 5.

Use of such detox units has proven successful as a primary means of treating illness from environmental exposure. The use of the exercise bike in conjunction with the infrared heat stimulates profuse sweating in 10 minutes without raising core body temperature which will excrete the maximum amount of chemicals from the body. There are fire stations across the country that have adopted these technologies of "low temperature infrared-saunas" as a proactive measure to reduce the incidents of cancer among active duty as well as eventually retired firefighters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is an approximate cost of \$4,000 to pay for any additional costs associated with licensing/permits as well as electrical station improvements. These costs can be borne from our existing wellness program line item.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution 2018-03 as noted herein, which authorizes the District to submit this grant application and enter into a grant agreement for these funds.

2018-03

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF North County Fire Protection District
(Organization name)

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Program provides funding for non-profit corporations for certain specified purposes; and

WHEREAS, the North County Fire Protection District
(Organization name) wants to file an application with County of San Diego for Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of North County Fire Protection District
(Organization name)

1. Confirms that North County Fire Protection District is a non-profit California corporation or a public agency under the laws of the State of California;
2. Approves the filing of an application with the County of San Diego for Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funding during the County's 2017-2018fiscal year; and
3. Authorizes the people listed below to sign a grant agreement with the County of San Diego for Neighborhood Reinvestment funds for the 2017-2018fiscal year.

1. Print Name: Kenneth Munson
Title: President, Board of Directors

Signature: _____

2. Print Name: Fred Luevano
Title: Vice President, Board of Directors

Signature: _____

3. Print Name: Stephen J. Abbott
Title: Fire Chief/CEO

Signature: _____

Adopted on this 27th day of February, 2018



Secretary, Board of Directors

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

330 S. Main Ave · Fallbrook, California 92028-2138 · (760) 723-2005 · Fax (760) 723-2011 · www.ncfireprotectiondistrict.org

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ROBERT H. JAMES - Counsel
LOREN A. STEPHEN-PORTER - Board Secretary

2/5/2018

Supervisor Bill Horn
1600 Pacific Highway Rm.# 335
San Diego, CA 92101

Supervisor Horn;

On behalf of the North County Fire Protection District (NCFPD), we are submitting a Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant packet today in an effort to help grow our existing wellness program for our firefighters. NCFPD is a combination fire department which provides fire and emergency medical services to the unincorporated communities of Fallbrook, Bonsall, and Rainbow with a combined population of over 50,000. The District has automatic aid agreements with fire departments in all of our surrounding communities including Oceanside, Vista, Deer Springs, and Pala.

Project Description

There are twenty firefighters that work each day among the six stations within the NCFPD response area. These firefighters are exposed to a variety of hazards each and every day and must make decisions to ultimately protect life, property, and the environment while being exposed to harmful toxins that can have lasting effects on their health. NCFPD has already taken steps in improving our wellness program with the latest being cancer prevention. Chemical Detox Chambers have become increasingly popular in fire stations throughout North America due to the scientifically backed results aimed at supporting cancer prevention. While the intent to keep employees set up for a healthy career and retirement is always there, the financial means to do so may not always be. This is why we are coming to you today to help us continue our vision of keeping our employees healthy and cancer free so they can continue to serve this community while maintaining their health for the betterment of themselves as well as the community.

Project Cost

Total Cost for 2 Decon Systems:	\$15,190.50
Shipping:	\$1,200.00
Tax:	\$1,101.31
Electrical, Permits, Installation:	\$2,610
Total Cost of Project:	\$20,101.81



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No other grant applications have been submitted for this project to other Supervisorial District offices. NCFPD will spend all rewarded grant funds within the allotted 12-month time frame. The total estimated cost of this project is expected to be at \$20,101.81.

NCFPD received an award from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant Fiscal Year 2015/2016 for our EMS documentation system. The total amount awarded was for the amount of \$25,000 and helped us transition our EMS paperwork to a digital platform.

Respectfully Submitted;



Stephen Abbott, MPA, CFO, EFO
CEO/Fire Chief
North County Fire Protection District



PROUDLY SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF FALLBROOK, BONSALE AND RAINBOW



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/18
NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT
PROGRAM GRANT

READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED AS APPLICABLE

ELIGIBILITY: Only non-profit or government/public agencies operating in San Diego County may apply.

What is the legal status of your organization?
 Non-Profit Corporation Government/Public Agency

Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN or EIN): 95-6005429 Organization Name: North County Fire Protection District
(Must match name filed under Federal Tax Identification Number)

Street Address Address: <u>330 S. Main Ave.</u> City: <u>Fallbrook</u> State: <u>CA</u> Zip: <u>92028</u>	Mailing Address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Street Address Address: <u>330 S. Main Ave.</u> City: <u>Fallbrook</u> State: <u>CA</u> Zip: <u>92028</u>
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Popular Name or d.b.a.: SAA

Supervisory District (based on street address of organization): 1 2 3 4 5 (Select only one)

Title of Grant Request: Firefighter Chemical Detox Chamber

Contact Person (Individual who will sign the grant agreement and be responsible for the expenditure of the funds)
 Name: Stephen Abbott Title: Fire Chief
 Telephone Number: (760) 723-2012 Fax Number: (760) 723-2072 Email: sabbott@ncfire.org

Grant Administrator (Individual who will sign the grant agreement and be responsible for the expenditure of the funds)
(This individual must be different from the Contact Person listed above)
 Name: Kevin Mahr Title: Operations Chief
 Telephone Number: (760) 723-2015 Fax Number: (760) 723-2072 Email: kmahr@ncfire.org

PROJECT LOCATION (see instructions)
 Street Address: 315 E. Ivy St Fallbrook, CA 92028
 Community to be Served: Fallbrook, Rainbow and Bonsall

For Capital Projects:
 Owner of Project Site: _____
 Name of person or entity responsible for project site maintenance (Provide a copy of any maintenance agreements or commitment letters, if applicable.) _____

Estimated Total cost of the project: \$20,102 (Provide verifiable cost estimates with this application)

Total Amount requested from the County (minimum \$3,500): \$16,390 **Estimated project completion date:** 05/01/2018

Have you made any expenditures to date for this project that you expect to claim under this grant: Yes No
IMPORTANT: This information will be used to determine the effective date of your grant if awarded.

If YES, the date of the first expenditure: Month: _____ Year: _____

If NO, when do you expect to start the project: Month: March Year: 2018



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/18
NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT
PROGRAM GRANT**

ORGANIZATION NAME: North County Fire Protection District
TITLE OF GRANT REQUEST: Firefighter Chemical Detox Chamber

Purpose of grant: (Describe the purpose for which you are seeking grant funding. If your request consists of multiple components, please describe each item in priority order and indicate the associated amount requested. A higher priority shall be given to requests for capital projects and/or one-time expenses.)

Please see Addendum that is attached to this packet.

QUESTIONS 1 & 2 WILL BE USED TO HELP EVALUATE YOUR PROPOSAL

1. Briefly describe how your organization measures or plans to measure the (positive) impact of activities/operations proposed in the community. Provide an estimate of how many people will be served.

NCFPD provides fire and emergency medical services to the unincorporated communities of Fallbrook, Bonsall, and Rainbow with a combined population of over 50,000. The District has dropped response boundaries with fire departments in all of our surrounding communities including Oceanside, Vista, Deer Springs, and Pala. NCFPD experienced a 9% increase in call volume since last year, exceeding 6,400 calls for service for the year 2017.

Having chemical detox chambers for the members of this fire department will enable units to properly decontaminate after fire related incidents in a much more efficient time frame using the recommended 10 minute time on the exercise bike in the unit.

By being able to have firefighters out of service for less time during the decontamination process as well as reducing the risk of cancer will ultimately lead to much more efficient use of personnel as well as keeping them healthy and fit for duty.

2. What other funding partners/sources do you have for this project?

No other funding partners/sources are being used for this project. NCFPD will be paying for any additional costs associated with licensing/permits as well as electrical station improvements. These are all part of the already existing wellness program that NCFPD spends thousands of dollars per year on to keep its personnel healthy and able to efficiently serve the community. The cancer prevention program is a new component to this wellness program. NCFPD has already taken steps to reduce employee exposure to carcinogens, including maintaining back up turnouts to keep firefighters in a response-ready condition while their primary turnouts are decontaminated.

Without the support of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, getting this component of the project off the ground would not be within the fiscal reach of the District.



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 NEIGHBORHOOD
REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ORGANIZATION NAME: North County Fire Protection District
 TITLE OF GRANT REQUEST: Firefighter Chemical Detox Chamber

Financial Solvency:

Please Type Initials _____

I hereby certify that this organization is currently financially solvent and not at risk for insolvency.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT	PRIOR YEAR ACTUALS	CURRENT YEAR
	July 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2017	July 1, 2017 Through June 30, 2018
Type in Your "Fiscal Year" if different	Jul 1, 2016 Through Jun 30, 2017	Jul 1, 2017 Through Jan 15, 2018
COUNTY COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS	\$0	\$0
COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT GRANTS (Formerly Community Projects Grants)	\$0	\$0
CITY FUNDING City Name: _____	\$0	\$0
OTHER REVENUES (Please Itemize below)		
Property Tax Revenues	13,243,878.07	5,592,874.43
Fees (Ambulance, Prevention, other)	2,025,105.44	1,248,348.29
Reimbursements	185,404	278,593.87
Loans	6,168,700.12	5,974,648.89
Restricted Funds	1,021,877.62	1,226,280.38
Internal Reserves	377,451.26	378,713.72
TOTAL REVENUES (If more than \$50,000, attach IRS form 990 or 990EZ. If \$50,000 or less, attach IRS form 990-N e-postcard))	\$584	\$668
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	15,973,533.80	9,033,091.36
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		

North County Fire Protection District

FY 17-18 Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant Addendum

The purpose of this grant is obtain and install 2 Chemical Detox Chambers (saunas) with medical grade infrared heating systems and exercise bikes. These will be installed at 2 of the 5 stations at North County Fire Protection District.

This will tie in with NCFPD's wellness program at maintaining our personnel's ability to remain fit for duty and help reduce cancers to those currently working as well as retired personnel. The reality is there is a 68% chance firefighters will be diagnosed with cancer because firefighters are in a profession that the World Health Organization classifies as a "carcinogenic occupation". Firefighters are required to respond to Hazardous Materials Incidents, Structure Fires, Wildland Fires and Vehicle Fires. While on duty firefighters are exposed to many different toxins including Arsenic, Cadmium, Nickel, Lead, Mercury, Aluminum, and Carbon Monoxide.

The Chemical Detoxification Units we are seeking are proven to remove toxins associated with the following cancers: Prostate, Testicle, Lung, Kidney, Esophagus, Brain, Bladder, Skin, Urethra, as well as Heart Disease, Colorectal Cancer, Leukemia, Multiple Myeloma and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. NCFPD has taken steps towards cancer prevention by having extra turnouts in storage for firefighters to change into after fires while their turnouts are being cleaned. As mentioned above, firefighters respond to a variety of emergencies many of which can expose them to toxins that are harmful to their long-term health. Here are some of the realities associated with these different types of emergencies.

- A. Structure Fires- In 2010, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) began a multi-year study of nearly 30,000 fire fighters from the cities of Chicago, Philadelphia, and San Francisco in order to better understand the potential link between firefighting and cancer. The study went on for five years and the study showed:
 - a. Firefighters had a greater number of cancer diagnoses and cancer related deaths.
 - b. There were more causes of certain cancers among younger firefighters, particularly lung, prostate, and leukemia.



- B. Vehicle fires-** Different vehicles carry varying degrees of safety impacts based on their size, manufacture and utilization. Automobiles have evolved into lightweight structural support systems covered in plastic and false veneer panels on the inside as well as the fuel in their tanks. Newer vehicles are generating more toxic smoke containing carbon monoxide, hydrogen cyanide, hydrogen chloride, and acrolein. This doesn't even account for the larger cargo carrying trucks that carry material that only adds to the amount of toxic chemicals firefighters are exposed to when they are on fire.
- C. Vegetation fires-** Over the year's vegetation fire responses have changed dramatically throughout the state of California. This is due to a variety of reasons including the fires are much bigger and homes are more frequently being built in thicker vegetation areas. Many times firefighters find themselves protecting homes in neighborhoods where other homes are burning down. In any structure fire response firefighters are required to wear personal protective equipment with a respirator but on large scale wildfires, such as the 2017 Lilac Fire, this is not practical due to the extended timeframes spent fighting such fires. Because of this, firefighters are being exposed to drift smoke for extended periods of time from homes that are burning off many harmful toxins that have been mentioned earlier. The photographs in this addendum were taken at the Rancho Monserate Mobile Home Park, at which NCFPD firefighters were exposed to burning homes for 24 consecutive hours or more.



Cancer producing toxins reside in the firefighter turnout gear and on firefighting equipment and vehicles for days following a fire call unless thoroughly washed upon returning to the station. NCFPD requires their firefighters to do so, however there are toxins that potentially remain and worse case, already absorbed by the skin. Once under the skin they can quickly travel to the organs of the body's detoxification and reproductive systems where they can start to produce malignant cells.

Medical research shows that infrared saunas such as those being sought in this grant can be effectively utilized to prevent illnesses by removing harmful chemicals from the body before they can trigger disease. In 2010 doctors studying infrared technology conducted a study with 2,000 test samples and which produced results showing that a person sweats out 10 times more toxic heavy metals than are excreted through urine.

The methodology of this cancer prevention is to sweat. The utilization of low temperature infrared saunas has proven successful as a primary means of treating illness from environmental exposure. The use of the exercise bike in conjunction with the infrared heat stimulates profuse sweating in 10 minutes without raising core body temperature which will excrete the maximum amount of chemicals from the body.

There are fire stations across the country that have adopted these technologies of "low temperature infrared-saunas" as a proactive measure to reduce the incidents of cancer among active duty as well as eventually retired firefighters. The members of this community have invested a great deal into the men and women of this fire department and this is one of the most simple and humane ways to protect those who serve this community.

References:

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Stephen J. Genuis, Detlef Birkholz, Iliia Rodushkin, Sanjay Beesoon



620 Sixth Street Collingwood ON L9Y 3Y9

QUOTE No. 1601182

DATE: January 16, 2018

ATTENTION: Ryan Garing, Captain

ADDRESS: North County Fire
330 South Main Ave
Fallbrook, CA 92028

PHONE NUMBER: 760.723.2026

EMAIL ADDRESS: rgaring@ncfire.org

MODEL: CDU3 - Double Bike Decon System for Fire Stations
Includes 3 stationary exercise bikes per unit

Decon System per Unit:	\$7,995.00		
Cost for 2 Units:		\$15,990.00	
Less 5% discount:		<u>\$799.50</u>	
Total Cost for 2 Units:			\$15,190.50
Shipping per Unit:	\$600.00		
Total Cost for Shipping:			<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Subtotal:			\$16,390.50
Taxes:			n/a
Total:			<u>\$16,390.50</u>

50% deposit required with order: \$8,195.25

Balance due prior to shipping: \$8,195.25

Please remit payment to: SaunaRay Inc.
620 Sixth Street
Collingwood, ON L9Y 3Y9

Federal Tax ID No. 30-0288395



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: FIRE MARSHAL PATRICIA KOCH AND CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2018
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF HEARING FOR PREVENTION FEE SCHEDULE

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

Cancel Hearing set for March 27, 2018 and postpone public hearing for fees schedule.

The recommendation is that fees should be updated once upcoming staff and overhead cost changes have taken place.

BACKGROUND:

The fee schedule is a list of services provided by the District and their associated pricing. These prices are calculated by the personnel and overhead costs needed to provide each service.

DISCUSSION:

The current fees are acceptable until changes have taken effect. There is no potential loss of revenue by delaying the fees for services updates.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

No Fiscal Impact.

SUMMARY:

Due to upcoming changes in staffing and overhead costs, it is in the best interest of the District to postpone the Fee Schedule update. This will allow time for these changes to take effect and for associated costs to be calculated into the new fees.

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 330 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California, County of San Diego, has cancelled the Date/Time Certain Hearing that was originally scheduled to commence **Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at a time certain of 5:15 p.m. at the Fallbrook Public Utility District, 990 East Mission Road, Fallbrook, California, to discuss and approve the **Fire Prevention Fee Schedule.****

Subject of the Cancelled Hearing:

The Fire Prevention Ordinance imposes fees for services provided by the Fire Prevention Bureau for plan review, inspection, land divisions and annual permits for certain occupancies and processes. Any questions concerning this notice may be addressed to Fire Marshal Patricia Koch by phone at (760) 723-2010 or email at pkoch@ncfire.org.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Loren Stephen-Porter
Board Secretary
Dated: January 23, 2018



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2018
SUBJECT: STATION 3 TRIAL CLOSURE STUDY RESULTS

ACTION AGENDA

BACKGROUND:

Approximately three years ago, North County Fire closed its temporary Fire Station 5 on Old River Rd. in Bonsall and relocated it to open new Station 5 at 5906 Olive Hill Rd. One of the considerations in originally selecting this site was the possibility of consolidating the resources at this station with those located at Fire Station 3, located at 4157 Olive Hill Rd.

Approximately six months ago the District implemented a trial study that examined this possibility. This consolidation involved the movement of the personnel and ambulance from the Olive Hill station to the Bonsall Station and the trial closure of the Olive Hill Station. The purpose of doing so was to determine if this movement of resources would better serve our 92-square mile District as a whole by: (1) Meeting increased demands for service, (2) Providing an equivalent level of service throughout the District, and (3) Maintaining a high level of customer service.

DISCUSSION:

Since inception of the trial, each month the Operations Division closely monitored calls for service within the Station 3 (Olive Hill) response area to ensure that this area did not incur a disproportionate change in levels of service. This was ensured by monitoring average travel time to calls within this area when compared to the rest of the District, analyzing outcomes on individual significant calls for service and monitoring customer feedback.

Over the preceding six-month period as can be seen from the chart below, incident travel times within the Station 3 (Olive Hill) area were found to be comparable to those within the other suburban areas of the District. Response times to emergency calls within the Station 3 area were found to be only 23 seconds longer (or less than 2% slower) than response times to the same types of calls throughout the remaining suburban areas of the District (9:40 vs. 9:17).

RESPONSE TIME COMPARISON						
RESPONSE DISTRICT	CALL TYPE	TOTAL CALLS	TURNOUT TIME	TRAVEL TIME	RESPONSE TIME (TOTAL)	DIFFERENCE (STA 3 VS. REST OF DISTRICT)
Station 3	Emergency	49	1:19	8:21	9:40	0:23
Stations 2, 4, 5 & 6	Emergency	731	1:20	7:57	9:17	1.60%

This was achieved in part by designating Station 5 as a “priority cover” station, meaning that the District made every reasonable effort to ensure that Station 5 remained covered by either a District resource or a “move-up” regional resource when indicated by our Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD). Instances when NCFPD ambulances were not present on a call in this area were attributed to NCFPD ambulances being previously committed on other calls.

Over the trial period our customer service ratings maintained a very high level of “excellent” service ratings. Through this reallocation of personnel then, we have been able to maintain a third full-time ambulance at Station 5 for the benefit of all District residents. With the movement of the ambulance from Station 3 to Station 5 during this trial period, travel distance has been reduced by over 2 miles to the remaining 88% of the calls (357) that were run by Rescue Ambulance 115.

Of the 3061 calls for service during this trial period, the 49 calls originating from the Station 3 area represent 1.6% of all calls within the entire District. When coupled with less than a 2% variance in total response time and compared to the rest of the suburban portions of the District, there is neither the call volume nor delay in service to warrant continuation of a separate fire station at the Station 3 site (4157 Olive Hill Rd.).

FISCAL IMPACT:

During the trial period the District realized an operational savings of approximately \$1,000 per month in utility expenses at Station 3 or \$6,000 for this 6-month period. Additionally, by being approximately 2 miles closer to the Hwy 76 corridor, we realized an approximate savings of \$4,000 in operations & maintenance costs associated with reduced travel in and out of the Olive Hill area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Given the aforementioned results, Staff recommends a permanent closure of Station 3 in accordance with applicable California law.



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2018
SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY

ACTION AGENDA

BACKGROUND:

In light of the recent trial study evaluating the effects of closing Fire Station 3 on a trial basis, it is necessary to inventory property owned by the District that may be surplus to its needs.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with California Government Code 50569, the District has inventoried all real property owned by the District (Attachment 'A'). Results from the Station 3 trial closure, coupled with ongoing discussions among the NCF Leadership Team as well as Board members during last year's strategic direction discussions has revealed that this property no longer serves a useful and efficient purpose for the District.

Declaration of Fire Station 3 as surplus property is the first step in taking action toward the eventual disposal of this property. Following this declaration, California Government Code §§54220-54233 require that the District must first offer the land for sale to uses such as recreational facilities, school facilities, affordable housing development or for enterprise zone projects. An offer to sell or lease the land must be made in writing to park or recreation agencies, school districts, affordable housing developers and nonprofit neighborhood enterprise associations. The entities have forty days in which to provide a written response to the city or county accepting or rejecting the offer.

Separately, Government Code §65402 requires local governments to determine that the potential use of surplus land conforms to the jurisdiction's General Plan before disposal occurs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sale of Fire Station 3 would provide the District with approximately \$800,000 to \$1,200,000 in one-time revenue that could be used for other facility needs. Sales commission, associated appraisal and closing costs would be deducted from the proceeds of this sale.

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One unique condition pertaining to Station 3 is the disposition of the recently installed solar system, which requires loan payoff upon sale or transfer of the property. Staff is currently conducting a cost-benefit analysis to determine if it is preferable to include the solar system in the sale of the property or to relocate it to Fire Station 4.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution 2018-04, which:

1. Declares Fire Station 3, located at 4157 Olive Hill Rd., Fallbrook, CA to be real property surplus to the District's needs.
2. Authorizes Staff to offer this Fire Station to other entities in accordance with Government Code 54220 et. seq.
3. Authorizes Staff to confer with the County of San Diego to determine that the sale of this surplus land conforms to the County's General Plan before disposal occurs.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2018-04



RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DECLARING REAL PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE MARKETING AND NEGOTIATION FOR SALE OF DISTRICT-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4157 OLIVE HILL ROAD, FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the North County Fire Protection District (hereinafter "DISTRICT") is the owner of certain real property consisting of a single-story fire station located at 4157 Olive Hill Road, California, more particularly designated and described in "Exhibit A" attached hereto (hereinafter "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT'S Administrative Staff and Board of Directors have reviewed the options for this Property and has determined that the Property is not required for District use; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT has reviewed the options for this Property and has determined that the Property is surplus to the DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT wishes to sell said Property based upon the findings by the Board of Directors that the Property is not required for DISTRICT use and is surplus to the DISTRICT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DISTRICT Board of Directors hereby finds and declares that the Property is not required for DISTRICT use within the meaning of California Government Code §25365; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DISTRICT Board of Directors hereby finds and declares that the Property is surplus within the meaning of Government Code §54222; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DISTRICT Board of Directors delegates to the Fire Chief/CEO and District Counsel the authority to market the Property for sale and negotiate the purchase and sale agreement under the authority of either Government Code §25365 or Government Code §54222.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2018-04



RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DECLARING REAL
PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE MARKETING AND
NEGOTIATION FOR SALE OF DISTRICT-OWNED PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 4157 OLIVE HILL ROAD, FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA

APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors, North County Fire Protection District, County of San Diego, State of California, on this 27th day of February 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:

Kenneth Munson, Board President

ATTEST:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District thereof held on the 27th day of February 2018, and that the same now appears on record in my office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this 27th day of February 2018.

Loren A. Stephen-Porter
Board Secretary



NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



RESOLUTION 2018-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DECLARING REAL
PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE MARKETING AND
NEGOTIATION FOR SALE OF DISTRICT-OWNED PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 4157 OLIVE HILL ROAD, FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA

ATTACHMENT 'A' INVENTORY OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

- Fire Station #1 315 East Ivy Street, Fallbrook
- Maintenance Facility 315 East Ivy Street, Fallbrook
- Roy Noon Meeting Hall 231 East Hawthorne, Fallbrook
- Storage Building East Hawthorne & North Orange, Fallbrook
- Communications Annex 550 East Ivy Street, Fallbrook
- Administration Building, 330 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook
- Fire Station #2 2180 Winterwarm Drive, Fallbrook
- Fire Station #3 4157 Olive Hill Road, Fallbrook
- Fire Station #4 4375 Pala Mesa Drive, Fallbrook
- Fire Station #5 5906 Olive Hill Rd., Bonsall
- Fire Station #6 2309 Rainbow Valley Boulevard, Fallbrook
- Rainbow Training Annex 2309 Rainbow Valley Boulevard, Fallbrook

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**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: CHIEF ABBOTT
DATE: JANUARY 23, 2018
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF FULL CONSOLIDATION OF RAINBOW

DISCUSSION

BACKGROUND:

When the District was awarded a \$1.1M SAFER grant two years ago, one of the goals was to evaluate more efficient staffing configurations, to include addition of full-time staffing at the Rainbow Station (#6). Commencing July 2016, a NCF Captain/Paramedic was moved to Station 6 and one year later, an Engineer/Paramedic was also added. Since that time, this Station has enjoyed a staffing model consisting of two full-time personnel (Captain and Engineer) and one or more volunteer firefighters nearly every day.

The result of this staffing change has been consistent staffing with personnel that are not only trained paramedics, but consistently capable of operating all apparatus at that station. When comparing pre-SAFER versus post-SAFER performance, by virtue of staffing a Rainbow resource with full-time personnel, advanced life support capabilities are now capable of being delivered in the Rainbow area on average three minutes faster than when the Station was staffed exclusively by volunteers.

For nearly the last two years, District staff has been meeting regularly with the Rainbow Volunteer Fire Chief as well as attending the monthly Rainbow Advisory Board meetings. Discussions have included ways to more fully integrate the Volunteer Firefighter workforce into operations, better coordination of efforts and ensuring provision of a consistent and reliable service to the Rainbow area into the future.

DISCUSSION:

Since those administrative meetings were initiated in early 2016, the District was awarded a SAFER Volunteer Firefighter recruitment and retention grant, which provides funding for training, personal protective equipment and program oversight. Some of the successes have included increased leadership, as well as improvement in both quantity and quality of training, daily supervision, virtual elimination of days with no volunteers and of course, offset for onboarding and PPE costs. Moving forward, we, along with other North Zone agencies, are exploring a "guided path" joint venture with Palomar Community College (PCC) to provide an educational career path for people looking to enter the Volunteer Firefighter workforce. Although conceptual, the benefit to the District would be PCC's sharing of some of the burden associated with initial on-boarding and training of new volunteers.

On an operational level, when the North Zone initiated its renumbering plan, Rainbow resources were given NCF resource designators. Coverage of the Rainbow area is now coordinated in concert with all other NCF resources and they are included in all daily training, prevention and

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public outreach related functions. Additionally, with the aforementioned addition in staffing capabilities, Rainbow resources now provide back-up coverage to other portions of the District, most notably along the I-15 corridor. From a functional perspective, North County and Rainbow now operate as a single agency.

Administratively, the Rainbow Volunteer Fire Chief will be stepping down from his position effective March 2018. Discussions with the Rainbow Advisory Board and Rainbow Fire Chief have indicated there is no suitable replacement. Director Thuner and Chief Abbott recently met with the Rainbow Advisory Board to broadly discuss future oversight and governance concepts. To ameliorate some of the concerns raised at that meeting, the District's Fiscal Reserve Policy was adopted to include continued utilization of tax revenues generated from the Rainbow Fire Protection Subzone for the benefit of operations within the Rainbow area, in accordance with the 1986 LAFCO reorganization agreement (RO86-25). As this same Resolution reassigned all rights, resources and responsibilities to NCFPD, the only remaining steps to complete a full-scale merger would be to:

1. Determine if there is an interest in continuing a Rainbow Advisory Board;
2. Reclassify existing Rainbow Volunteers as NCFPD Volunteers; and
3. Make attendant uniform & identification changes; and
4. Make a formal resolution at a subsequent Board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As noted above, since funds generated from Rainbow (\$260,000 for this FY) would need to continue to be used for the benefit of the Rainbow area, there is no additional fiscal impact associated with a complete merger between NCF and Rainbow. NCF already receives \$25,000 per year from the Rainbow budget for administrative charges, plus an additional \$41,250 to offset the balance of the SAFER funded Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Administrative Captain. The balance of the remaining funds cover facility and equipment operations and maintenances costs, plus long-term capital outlay.

SUMMARY:

The efforts undertaken over the past two years to consolidate North County and Rainbow Fire have created circumstances favorable to complete a full-scale consolidation between these two entities.

Discussion Questions:

1. Is there an interest in completing a full-scale merger between North County and Rainbow?
2. Is there a need to continue the Rainbow Advisory Board post-merger?

LAFCO

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Dear Chief Metcalf:

This letter reiterates our April 21, 2004 discussion about the terms and conditions approved by LAFCO for the Fallbrook FPD / Rainbow CSA Reorganization (R086-25). As we discussed, the terms and conditions included in the LAFCO resolution of approval for this reorganization are the responsibility of the North County FPD (successor to the Fallbrook FPD and CSA No. 7: Rainbow) to implement and administer, rather than LAFCO. Government Code Section 56122 and the predecessor statutes that existed in 1986 specify that LAFCO terms and conditions shall be enforceable by, between, among, and against any public agencies designated in the terms and conditions. You should be aware that conditions No. 6 and 7 approved by LAFCO specify that the North County FPD shall be the successor to Fallbrook FPD and CSA No. 7 for purposes of assuming all rights, duties, and obligations of the dissolved agencies. This includes being successor agency for any contracts, obligations, and assets of the dissolved districts. Condition No. 7 indicates that assets of CSA No. 7 shall be held and used for the exclusive benefit and use of the Rainbow Special Fire Protection Zone. I believe that this condition applies to monies on hand, such as reserves, as well as designated equipment and facilities.

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For your information, I have also reviewed an agreement between the Fallbrook FPD and the Advisory Board for CSA No. 7, dated October 22, 1986. This agreement appears to have been reached outside of the LAFCO process and I question whether it is still effective. The parties to the agreement (Fallbrook FPD and CSA No. 7 Advisory Board) are no longer in existence and their rights and responsibilities appear to have been reassigned to the successor agency (North County FPD). Unless the Fallbrook FPD or Rainbow CSA No. 7 had independently reassigned their responsibilities to another legal entity prior to execution of the agreement, it is possible that the agreement has fulfilled its purpose and is no longer effective. It would be advisable that your legal counsel research this matter further.

If you have any questions regarding my letter, please contact me at (619) 531-5400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Ott".

MICHAEL D. OTT
Executive Officer

Executive Officer

Michael D. Ott

Counsel

William D. Smith

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 ORIGINAL

FALLBROOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT/RAINBOW
ADVISORY BOARD AGREEMENT

Agreement made this 28th day of October, 1986,
by and between the Fallbrook Fire Protection District, hereinafter
referred to as "Fallbrook", and the Advisory Board for the Rainbow
Special Fire Protection Zone, an unincorporated association,
hereinafter referred to as "Rainbow Advisory Board".

WHEREAS, Fallbrook and the Rainbow Advisory Board intend to
dissolve the Fallbrook Fire Protection District and County Service
Area #7 (CSA #7), and create a new fire protection district and a
special fire protection zone pursuant to California Government
Code Section 56844(e) and California Health and Safety Code
Section 13991, and

WHEREAS, the parties intend to condition this reorganization
on the terms of this agreement, and

WHEREAS, Fallbrook and CSA #7 have adopted resolutions
authorizing the application for this reorganization, and

WHEREAS, an application for said reorganization is being
reviewed by the Local Agency Formation Commission concurrently
herewith, and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Advisory Board desires to preserve the
integrity of the Rainbow area all volunteer fire protection
organization, and

WHEREAS, Fallbrook and the Rainbow Advisory Board desire to achieve permanent stabilization of funding, and

WHEREAS, Fallbrook and the Rainbow Advisory Board desire to achieve cost savings through consolidation of certain governmental functions.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED:

1. The name of the new district shall be The North County Fire Protection District. The successor legal entity to CSA #7 for the purposes of holding the CSA #7 assets and liabilities and other legal obligations shall be The North County Fire Protection District, which shall hold and use the assets for the exclusive benefit and use of the Rainbow area.

2. The new District Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members elected at large. The reorganization shall be conditioned upon the appointment of the existing Fallbrook Board of Directors as the Board of the new District. One member of the new District Board shall resign at the first meeting of the new District Board, pursuant to a method determined by the new District Board. The remaining members of the new District Board shall promptly thereafter appoint a Rainbow area Board member upon the recommendation of the Rainbow Advisory Board. The Rainbow Advisory Board will serve as a viable link between the Community of Rainbow and the Rainbow Volunteer Fire Department, and also the new District Board.

3. CSA #7 shall be reorganized as the Rainbow Special Fire Protection Zone pursuant to California Health and Safety Code

Section 13991 and shall be entitled to continue collecting the previously authorized "Special Benefit Tax" approved by the voters on May 14, 1985.

4. A. Boundaries and Miscellaneous:

1. Rainbow Special Fire Protection Zone (Rainbow area) boundaries: Current CSA #7 boundary and pending annexation areas.

2. The existing Rainbow Fire Department personnel, rank structure, station operation and day to day activities shall remain the same unless changed by the Rainbow Advisory Board.

3. All emergency actions within the Rainbow area shall be under the direct control of the Rainbow Incident Commander, unless command is relinquished.

B. Organization:

1. The new District Fire Chief shall be the Chief Administrative Officer. The Rainbow Fire Chief shall consult with the new District Fire Chief. The Rainbow Fire Chief shall report directly to the Rainbow Advisory Board. Matters in the Rainbow area shall be presented to the Rainbow Advisory Board of the new District for resolution. Such matters may ultimately be presented by the Chairman of the Rainbow Advisory Board or his designee to the new District Board for final resolution.

5. a. All existing assets of CSA #7 and the assets subsequently acquired by the Rainbow Special Fire Protection Zone, and assets under the Rainbow Special Fire Protection Zone budget shall be held by the new District for the exclusive benefit and use of the Rainbow area, or in the name of the Rainbow Advisory Board (or

other entity selected by it) if legally permissible. Other assets and equipment of the new District shall remain the property of the new District.

b. All funds generated in the Rainbow Special Fire Protection Zone shall be used in the Rainbow area as determined by the joint agreement of the Rainbow Advisory Board and the Board of the new District.

6. Ambulance, rescue, alarm monitoring, and any other special services and charges therefore shall be provided on the same basis for the Rainbow area as the remainder of the new District.

7. Dispatch service, statistical information collection and dissemination will be provided at no cost to the Rainbow area.

8. Administrative services shall be provided to the Rainbow area at no cost, and shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. Purchase ordering and warrant processing.
- b. Bookkeeping and record maintenance.
- c. Ordering and distributing of supplies.
- d. Clerical services as required.

9. The new District shall make available the maintenance personnel and shop facilities for the following purposes:

- a. Servicing of equipment by Rainbow area personnel at no cost.
- b. Greases, oils, and filters shall be provided at no cost to Rainbow.

c. Upon request, major equipment repairs will be done for the Rainbow Advisory Board by new District shop personnel on a non-labor charge and parts cost only basis.

d. Radio equipment maintenance, as necessary, at no cost to the Rainbow area.

e. Minor equipment shall be serviced at no cost to the Rainbow area, i.e. breathing apparatus service, fire extinguisher service, refill air bottles, etc.

10. The new District will provide insurance coverage, the same as for the new District Board, for the Rainbow Advisory Board at no cost to the Rainbow area. It shall also provide insurance coverage for Rainbow area vehicles, stations, personnel, and liability, and the premiums, therefore, shall be paid by the Rainbow Special Fire Protection Zone.

11. The new District shall provide backup equipment to the Rainbow area, if available, in the event of major failures.

12. The Rainbow Advisory Board may utilize the new District's training material and/or personnel without charge to assist them with their training program.

13. The new District shall provide legal services to the Rainbow Advisory Board as needed and on the same basis as provided to the new District Board. Such services shall be specifically requested by the Chairman of the Rainbow Advisory Board or his designee.

14. The new Fire District shall make available to the Rainbow Advisory Board fire prevention services at no cost to include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. New development processing.
- b. Lot split processing.
- c. Subdivision processing (major or minor).
- d. Business inspection.
- e. Weed abatement services.
- f. Public information education.
- g. Arson investigation.

15. If 25% of the Rainbow area registered voters and a majority of the Rainbow Advisory Board decide that their service/operational needs are not being met by the new District, and that efforts to negate the problems have been exhausted and have signed a Petition therefore, the Rainbow Advisory Board may take appropriate steps to remove the Rainbow area from the new District and reform into whatever governmental form they feel best suits their needs. The new District shall not oppose such request for a change of organization or reorganization and shall adopt a resolution of application if requested by the Rainbow Advisory Board. Nothing contained in this paragraph or agreement shall abridge the rights of registered voters and owners of land to petition the Local Agency Formation Commission for a change of organization or reorganization for all or any part of the Rainbow area, as provided in the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 1985 (Gov. Code Section 56000 et seq.).

16. In the event of changes in the law or interpretations thereof that result in the new District remaining in the Special District Augmentation Fund, the parties agree to renegotiate the free services provided herein by the new District to the Rainbow area. Renegotiation shall be completed within ninety (90) days of the determination of the Augmentation Fund status. Thereafter, all free services shall terminate unless renegotiated. Furthermore, under such circumstances, for a period of two years after the effective date of the reorganization, the 25% requirement of Paragraph 15 is waived and the new District Board shall adopt a resolution of application upon request of 2/3 of the members of the Rainbow Advisory Board.

17. The disposition of all assets and liabilities of the Fallbrook Fire Protection District will accrue to the new District.

18. The effective date of this agreement will be upon filing the Certificate of Completion by the Local Agency Formation Commission.

19. The existing employment agreements, seniority rights, retirement rights, and other employee benefits and rights of the parties, as appropriate, shall be continued through the effective date of the reorganization and accrue to the new District.

20. The establishment of a new agreement regulating wages, benefits, and working conditions for the new District's employees will occur in compliance with California Government Code Section 3500-3510 (Myers-Miliias-Brown Act).

21. All existing resolutions, ordinances, rules, regulations, and policies of Fallbrook and CSA #7 shall be deemed readopted for their respective departments as of the effective date of this reorganization.

22. The terms of this agreement may only be modified by written agreement of 2/3 of the Rainbow Advisory Board and a majority of the Board of Directors of the new District.

23. This agreement shall be binding on the successor agencies to the Rainbow Advisory Board and Fallbrook. The Rainbow Advisory Board may assign this agreement to a successor legal entity charged with the responsibilities under this agreement.

DATED: 10/28/86

FALLBROOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

BY Kermit L. Harrison
KERMIT L. HARRISON, President

*Mary Gullaghan
Board Secretary*

DATED: 10-28-86

RAINBOW CSA-7 ADVISORY BOARD:

BY Richard H. Mills
RICHARD H. MILLS, Chairman

San Diego LAFCO
1600 Pacific Hwy, #252
San Diego, CA 92101



Fallbrook FPD
315 E Ivy St
Fallbrook CA 92028

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Fallbrook Fire Dep.

RE: "Fallbrook FPD/Rainbow CSA Reorganization"

(Our Ref. No.) RO86-25

The above-cited jurisdictional change is now effective. The recording date/document number are 12/30/86 86-621355. All original documents recorded will be returned to you after receipt by this office from the Recorder.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

By N. Averill

RESOLUTION 87-555

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY PROVIDING FOR
JURISDICTION, RIGHTS, POWERS, DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS,
FUNCTIONS, AND PROPERTIES UPON REORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 1985, commencing with Section 56000 of the Government Code, application was made by resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Fire Protection District as a Resolution No. 86-554, dated October 14, 1986 and by the Board of Supervisors on behalf of County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow Valley) as Resolution No. 7, dated November 12, 1986, for a reorganization consisting of the dissolutions of the Fallbrook Fire Protection District and County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow Valley), and the formation of a new Fire Protection District which would include the same territory as the dissolved Districts; and

WHEREAS, after proceedings by the Local Agency Formation Commission dated November 17, 1986, and the County of San Diego dated December 17, 1986, and the Fallbrook Fire Protection District dated September 26, 1986, proceedings for the reorganization were completed and filed on December 30, 1986, and

WHEREAS, the California Government Code Section 57300 through 57550 provides for the succession of rights, powers, duties, obligations, functions, properties, and jurisdiction of the new District,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED AND ORDERED:

1) That on and after December 31, 1986, the North County Fire Protection District of San Diego County shall succeed to all of the powers, rights, duties, obligations, functions, properties, contracts, rules, regulations, policies, ordinances and resolutions, of the predecessor, Fallbrook Fire Protection District, and as applicable, County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow Valley), which have been united into the newly reorganized District.

2) The territory of the new District, all inhabitants within that territory and all persons entitled to vote by reason of residing or owning land within the territory are subject to the jurisdiction of the new District and, except as otherwise provided by law, have the same rights and duties as if the new District had been originally formed under the principal act.

Dated this 20th day of January, 1987.

AYES: Directors Harrison, Buck, Gaetjens, Johnson and Lash
NOES: None
ABSENT: None



KERMIT HARRISON,
President

ATTEST:



MARY GALLAGHER, Secretary

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

RECORDED IN
OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK
OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIF.

DEC 30 PM 3:52

VERIFIED BY
COUNTY CLERK

Please return to
LAFCO @ MS A216

"Fallbrook FPD/Rainbow CSA
Reorganization"
Ref. No. RO86-25

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Pursuant to Government Code Sections 57200 and 57201, this Certificate is hereby issued.

The name of each city and/or district involved in this change of organization/reorganization, all located within San Diego county, and the type of change of organization ordered for each such city and/or district is as follows:

<u>City or District</u>	<u>Type of Change of Organization</u>
Fallbrook Fire Protection District	Dissolution
County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow)	Dissolution
North County Fire Protection District	Formation


A certified copy of the resolution/ordinance ordering this change of organization/reorganization without an election, or the resolution/ordinance confirming an order for this change of organization/reorganization after confirmation by the voters is attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein.

A legal description and map of the boundaries of the above-cited change of organization/reorganization is included in said resolution.

The terms and conditions, if any, of the change of organization/reorganization are indicated on the attached form.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above-cited resolution/ordinance for a change of organization/reorganization, and have found that document to be in compliance with the Commission's resolution approving said change of organization/reorganization.

I further certify that (1) resolutions agreeing to accept a negotiated exchange of property tax revenues for this jurisdictional change, adopted by the local agencies included in the negotiations, have been submitted to this office, or (2) a master property tax exchange agreement pertinent to this jurisdictional change is on file.



JANE P. MERRILL
Executive Officer

Date December 30, 1986

This is a true certified copy of the original document on file with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, California, and the seal of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereunto affixed in purple ink.



Thomas J. ...

Clerk of the Board, Santa Clara County, California

Date: 1/10/18 Deputy: R.P. ...

Minute Item: 3
Ref. No.: RO86-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING THE
"FALLBROOK FPD/RAINBOW CSA REORGANIZATION"**

On motion of Commissioner Eckert, seconded by Commissioner Hersom, the following resolution is adopted:

WHEREAS, resolutions of application were submitted to this Commission for reorganization of territory including dissolutions of County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow) and the Fallbrook Fire Protection District, and formation of a new fire protection district which would include the same territory as the dissolved districts, which resolutions were adopted by the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Fire Protection District as Resolution No. 86-554, dated October 14, 1986, and by the Board of Supervisors as Resolution No. 7, dated November 12, 1986, pursuant to Title 5, Division 3, commencing with Section 56000 of the Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the territory proposed for reorganization is as described in the application on file with the Local Agency Formation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer of the Commission has filed her report on said reorganization, which report was received and considered by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 56828, the Executive Officer of this Commission set a public hearing on the proposed reorganization for November 17, 1986, and gave notice of the date, time, and place of said hearing in accordance with Government Code Sections 56834 and 56835;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission hereby finds, determines, and orders as follows:

(1) The hearing was held on the date set therefor, and due notice of said hearing was given in the manner required by law.

(2) At that hearing the Commission called for, heard, and considered all interested parties and read and considered the report of the Executive Officer.

(3) The Commission finds, pursuant to Section 15320 of the State CEQA Guidelines, that this reorganization is not subject to the environmental impact evaluation process because the proposal consists of a change in organization of government agencies which does not change the area in which previously existing powers are exercised.

(4) Pursuant to Government Code Section 56839, the Commission hereby approves the reorganization with modified boundaries, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, subject to the terms and conditions included as Exhibit B.

(5) The Commission finds that the North County Fire Protection District (FPD) would be providing all of the services previously provided by the dissolved Fallbrook FPD and County Service Area No. 7 and determines, therefore, that 100% of the base property tax allocation of the two dissolved districts shall be transferred to and become the base property tax allocation for the North County FPD.

(6) The boundaries of the territory as described in Exhibit A are definite and certain.

(7) The boundaries of the territory do conform to lines of assessment and ownership.

(8) The district is a registered-voter district.

(9) The territory includes 78 square miles and is inhabited.

(10) The territory proposed to be reorganized is hereby designated the "Fallbrook FPD/Rainbow CSA Reorganization." The successor agency shall be called the North County Fire Protection District of San Diego County.

(11) The Commission hereby designates the Board of Supervisors as the conducting authority and authorizes the Board to initiate proceedings in compliance with this resolution without an election, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 57081.

(12) The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail certified copies of this resolution as provided in Section 56853 of the Government Code.

Passed and adopted by the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of San Diego this 17th day of November, 1986, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Eckert, Gotch, Hersom, Hostler, Mahr, and Oravec

NOES: Commissioners Bilbray and Nagel


ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO) SS

I, JANE P. MERRILL, Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of San Diego, State of California, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution adopted by said Commission at its regular meeting on November 3, 1986, which original resolution is now on file in my office; and that same contains a full, true, and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand this 19th day of November, 1986.



JANE P. MERRILL
Executive Officer
San Diego County Local Agency
Formation Commission

RO86-25

"Fallbrook FPD/Rainbow CSA Reorganization"

Legal Description

The territory within the boundaries of the North County Fire Protection District shall be the territory within the Fallbrook Fire Protection District and County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow) at the time of their dissolutions.

Approved by the Local Agency Formation
Commission of San Diego

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Executive Officer of said Commission

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FALLBROOK FPD/CSA 7 REORGANIZATION
Terms and Conditions

1. The effective date of the reorganization shall be January 1, 1987 (Government Code Section 57702).
2. County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow) shall be dissolved, terminated, disincorporated and extinguished and all of its corporate powers shall cease (Government Code Section 56844[u]).
3. Fallbrook Fire Protection District shall be dissolved, terminated, disincorporated and extinguished and all of its corporate powers shall cease (Government Code Section 56844[u]).
4. A new district, to be known as the North County Fire Protection District of San Diego County, shall be formed pursuant to the Fire Protection District Law of 1961 (Health and Safety Code Section 13801 et seq.) and shall include all territory formerly in either the Fallbrook Fire Protection District or County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow) (Government Code Section 56844[u]).
5. The existing board of directors for the Fallbrook Fire Protection District shall be continued as the board of directors of the North County Fire Protection District without interruption of office or election rotation schedule (Government Code Section 56844[k]).
6. The North County Fire Protection District shall be the successor to both the dissolved Fallbrook Fire Protection District and the dissolved County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow) for the purpose of succeeding to all rights, duties, and obligations of the extinguished districts with respect to enforcement, performance, or payment of any outstanding bonds, including revenue bonds, or other contracts and obligations of the extinguished districts (Government Code Section 56844[m]).
7. Upon the effective date of this reorganization, there shall be formed the Rainbow Special Fire Protection Zone pursuant to the Fire Protection District Law of 1961 for the territory now served by County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow) and the North County Fire Protection District shall hold and use the assets of the dissolved CSA No. 7 for the exclusive benefit and use of the Rainbow Special Fire Protection Zone (Health and Safety Code Section 13991 and Government Code Section 56844[e]).

8. The North County Fire Protection District shall be entitled to continue collecting the previously authorized "Special Benefit Tax" approved by the voters of County Service Area No. 7 on May 14, 1985, within and for use exclusively for the Rainbow Special Fire Protection Zone (Government Code Section 56844[t]).
9. All property, whether real or personal, including all monies (including cash on hand and monies due but uncollected) of the dissolved County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow) and the dissolved Fallbrook Fire Protection District shall be transferred to and vested in the North County Fire Protection District, with the property from County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow) to be for the exclusive benefit and use of the Rainbow Special Fire Protection Zone (Government Code Section 56844[h] and [i]).
10. The current employees of the dissolved Fallbrook Fire Protection District shall be transferred to and become employees of the North County Fire Protection District and all benefits and rights of said employees, including salary, seniority, rights and retirement rights, sick leave, vacation, and life, disability, and health insurance, shall be continued at an overall level not less than currently enjoyed, subject to subsequent collective bargaining agreements (Government Code Section 56944[l]).
11. The North County Fire Protection District shall be liable for payment of principal, interest, and any other amounts which shall become due on account of any outstanding or authorized but hereafter issued bonds, including revenue bonds, and contracts, annexation agreements, and any other obligations of the two districts to be dissolved, and the levying or fixing and collecting of any taxes, assessments, benefit fees, service charges, rentals, or rates, or any combination of the above, previously approved and/or levied by the two districts (Government Code Section 56844[c]).
12. Any pending annexation proceedings submitted to or by the dissolved Fallbrook Fire Protection District or the dissolved County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow), at any stage of said proceedings, shall be assumed and continued by the North County Fire Protection District as successor agency to the two dissolved districts with no change of status or consideration (Government Code Sections 56843[a][2] and 56844[o]).
13. No payment for the use or right of use of any property, real or personal, acquired from either dissolved district, shall be required of the North County Fire Protection District (Government Code Section 56844[a]).

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14. The Fallbrook Fire Protection District, prior to the recordation of the certificate of completion for the Fallbrook FPD/CSA No. 7 Reorganization, shall initiate the annexation of all territory that lies between the Fallbrook FPD and CSA No. 7, including the Stewart Canyon Area.
15. The proposed appropriations limit as required by Article XIII B of the California Constitution for the North County Fire Protection District for fiscal year 1986-87 shall be \$3,420,456.

Approved by the Local Agency Formation
Commission of San Diego

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Paul Keizer
Executive Officer of said Commission

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WENESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1986

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORDERING
THE "FALLBROOK FPD/CSA 7 (RAINBOW) REORGANIZATION"
WITHOUT AN ELECTION

DEC 30 1986

Fallbrook Fire Dept

ON MOTION of Supervisor Williams, seconded by
Supervisor Bailey, the following resolution is
adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 1985, commencing with Section 56000 of the Government Code, application was made by resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Fire Protection District as Resolution No. 86-554, dated October 14, 1986, and by the Board of Supervisors on behalf of County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow Valley) as Resolution No. 7, dated November 12, 1986, for a reorganization consisting of the dissolutions of the Fallbrook Fire Protection District and County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow Valley) and the formation of a new fire protection district which would include the same territory as the dissolved districts; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 1986, the Local Agency Formation Commission, as Resolution No. RO 86-25, adopted its "Resolution of the Local Agency Formation Commission of The County of San Diego Making Determinations and Approving the Fallbrook FPD/Rainbow CSA Reorganization" and authorizing the Board of Supervisors to initiate and conduct proceedings for the proposed reorganization in compliance with Resolution No. RO 86-25 and pursuant to Government Code Section 57081; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been set on the matter for December 17, 1986; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing on December 17, 1986, this Board heard and received any oral or written protests against the reorganization, any request with respect to modification of its terms and conditions, and any objections or evidence which were made, presented, or filed; NOW THEREFORE

IT IS RESOLVED, FOUND, ORDERED AND DETERMINED as follows:

1. This reorganization action is being taken pursuant to Division 3 of Title 5 of the Government Code (commencing with Section 56000), also known as the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 1985.
2. This reorganization consists of the dissolutions of the Fallbrook Fire Protection District and County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow Valley), and the formation of a new district with boundaries as described in Exhibit "A".

3. The name of the new district to be formed shall be the North County Fire Protection District of San Diego County.
4. The terms and conditions of the reorganization, as approved by the Local Agency Formation Commission, are attached as Exhibit "B".
5. The reasons for the reorganization are that it will provide for additional services for the Rainbow area; it will stabilize funding for fire protection and emergency services in the Fallbrook and Rainbow areas because the new district would not be required to contribute to the Special District Augmentation Fund; and it will reduce the number of agencies performing similar functions and increase the efficiency of existing governmental services.
6. The regular County assessment roll will be utilized.
7. The territory of the new district will be taxed for any existing general bonded indebtedness of the dissolved Fallbrook Fire Protection District and County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow Valley).
8. The territory proposed to be reorganized is inhabited.
9. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57050, the hearing on the proposed reorganization was held upon the date and at the time specified in the notice given by the Clerk. At the hearing, prior to consideration of protests, the resolution of the Local Agency Formation Commission making determinations was summarized and at such hearing this Board of Supervisors heard and received any oral or written protests, objections or evidence which were made, presented or filed.
10. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57081(b)(1), any petition requesting the proposal be submitted to confirmation by the voters has not been signed by either of the following:
 - a. At least 25 percent of the number of landowners within the territory subject to the reorganization who own at least 25 percent of the assessed value within the territory.
 - b. At least 25 percent of the voters entitled to vote as a result of residing within, or owning land within the territory.
11. Pursuant to this Board's Procedures for Environmental Impact Review (California Environmental Quality Act of 1970), the Board certifies that it has reviewed and considered the determination by the Local Agency

Formation Commission that, pursuant to Section 15320 of the State CEQA Guidelines, that this reorganization is not subject to the environmental impact evaluation process because the proposal consists of a change in organization of government agencies which does not change the area in which previously existing powers are exercised.

12. The reorganization is hereby ordered without an election pursuant to Government Code Section 57081(a). The terms and conditions are attached as Exhibit "B".
13. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57200, the Clerk of the Board shall immediately transmit a certified copy of this resolution along with a remittance to cover the fees required by Section 54902.5 to the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission for examination and to make the required filings.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, County of San Diego, State of California, on this 17th day of December, 1986, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Bilbray, Bailey, Golding, Williams, and Eckert
NOES: Supervisors None
ABSENT: Supervisors None

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of San Diego) ss.

I, KATHRYN A. NELSON, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego, State of California, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution passed and adopted by said Board, at a regular meeting thereof, at the time and by the vote herein stated, which original resolution is now on file in my office; that the same contains a full, true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, this 17th day of December, 1986(1).

(SEAL)

KATHRYN A. NELSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By Maria A. Tiscareno
Deputy



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"Fallbrook FPD/Rainbow CSA Reorganization"

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Commission of San Diego

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Paul Hewitt
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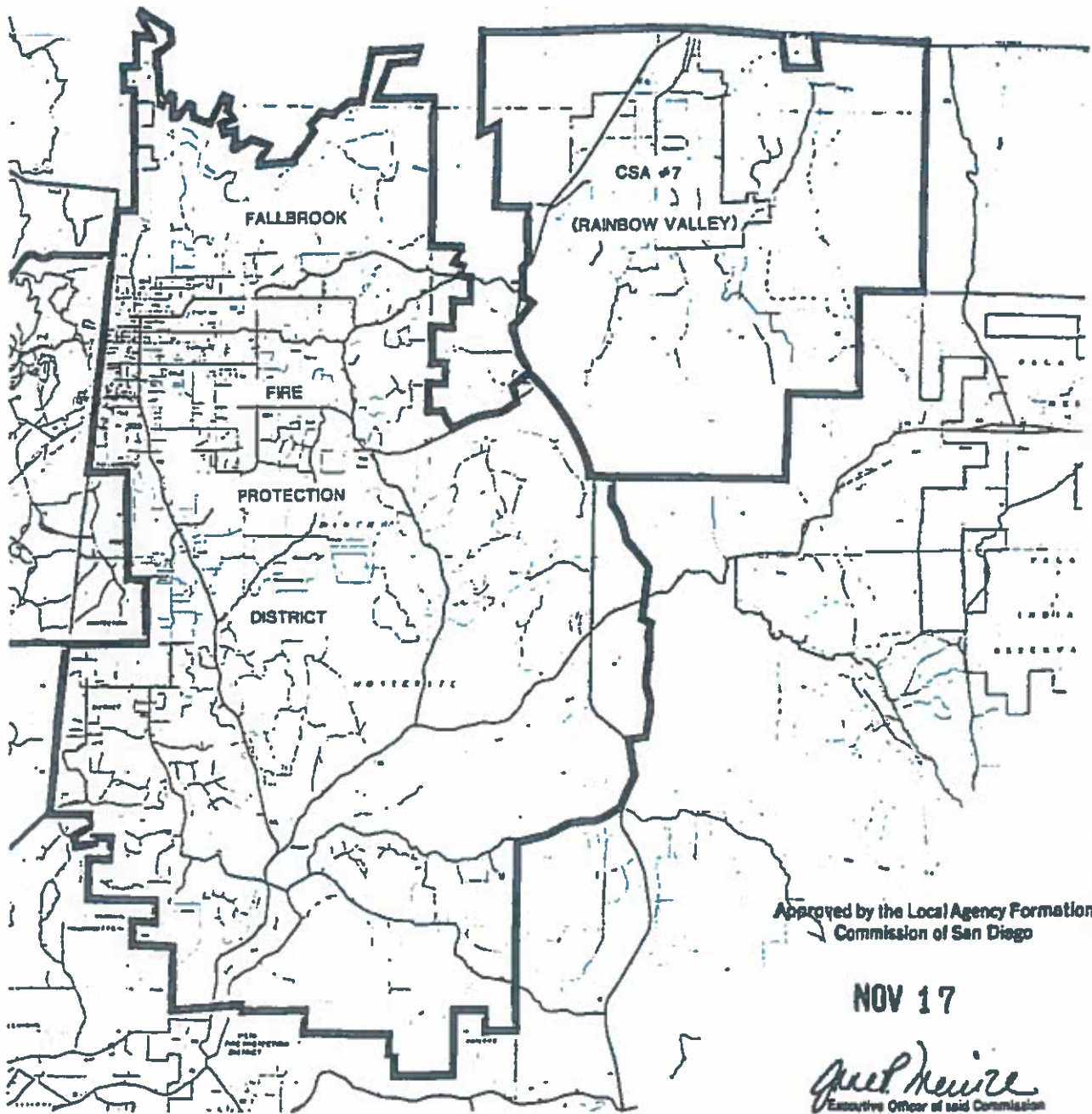
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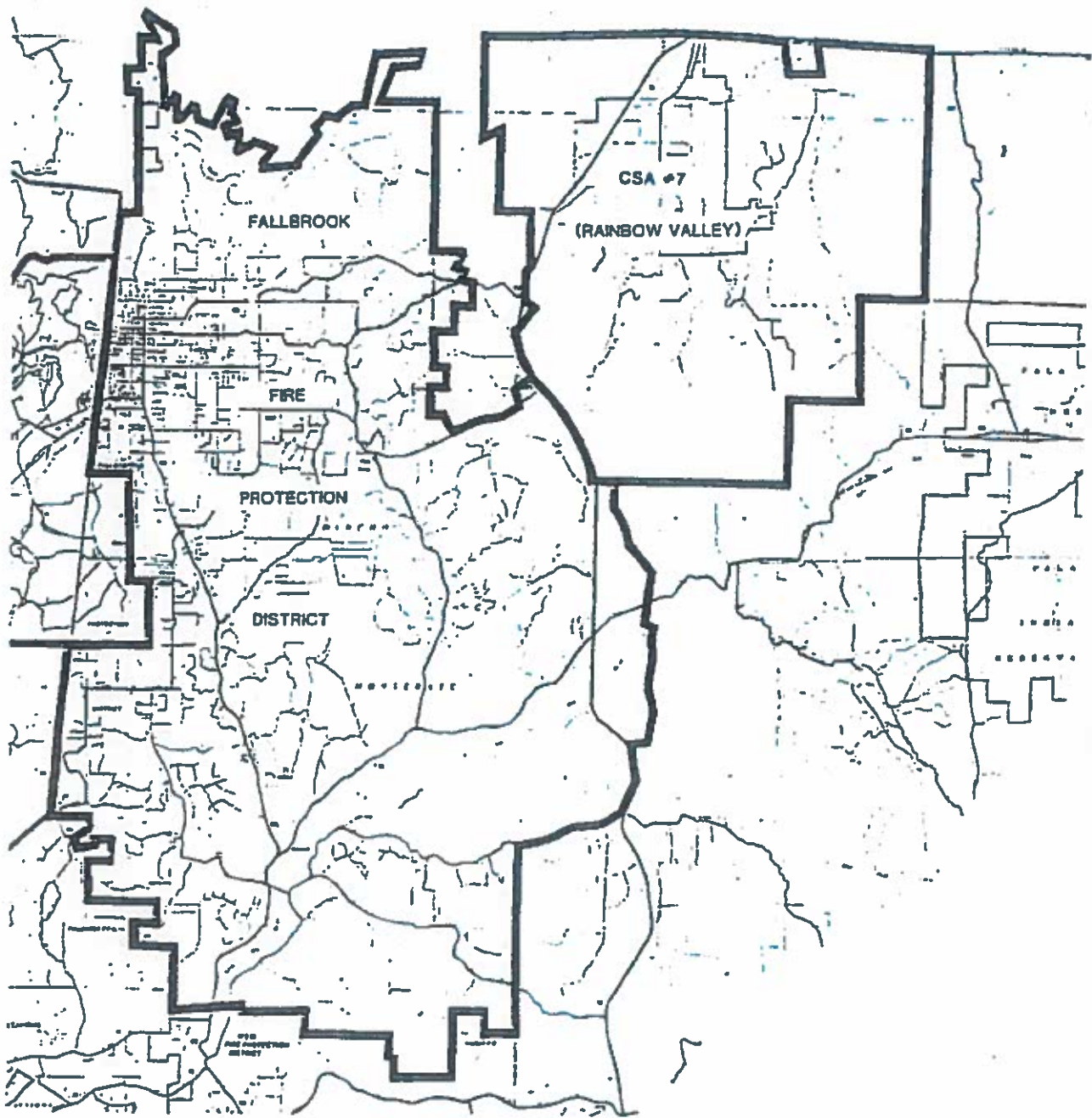


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Paul Hewitt
Executive Officer of said Commission

— FALLBROOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
- County Service Area #7 (Rainbow Valley) Reorganization



———— FALLBROOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
- County Service Area #7 (Rainbow Valley) Reorganization

VII. CONDITIONS

It is requested that the proposed reorganization provide for and be made subject to the following terms and conditions:

Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fallbrook Fire Protection District and County Service Area No. 7 (Rainbow Valley)

Signed Kathy Lehtola
(Signature)

Kathleen A. Lehtola, Chief
(Print or type name)

Representing Special Districts Section (M. S. 0346)
Department of Public Works
Address 5555 Overland Avenue

San Diego, CA 92123

Phone No. 565-5233

Date October 20, 1986

NOTE: If you wish anyone other than the proponent of this application to receive notices and reports of these proceedings, please call the office of the Executive Officer at (619) 236-2015.

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February 1, 2018

Board of Directors North County Fire Protection District

Re: General Counsel Board Report for February 2018

The Rule Against Gifts of Public Funds – Part 2

As most administrators are aware, there are various circumstances when they must decide whether a particular expenditure is a gift of public funds. Below are some frequently asked questions and common scenarios.

1. *Does the gift of public funds doctrine apply to expenses that are just a few dollars?*
Yes. The constitutional prohibition against the gift of public funds applies to expenditures of any amount.
2. *One of our board members had a recent loss in the family. We want to show our respect and send flowers for the funeral service. That's not a violation of the gift clause, is it?*
Yes, it is. Although it is certainly a noble cause, public expenditures that are driven by personal motives or moral obligations, such as to convey compassion or sympathy are an impermissible use of public funds. (See *Veterans' Welfare Board v. Riley* (1992) 189 Cal. 159, 170 ["[o]ur own decisions consistently hold that an appropriation of public funds based upon a moral obligation as a consideration is a gift within the meaning of the constitution"].) This principle applies to public monies spent for flowers or gifts for occasions such as funerals, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, or other life events.
3. *Is the settlement of a good faith dispute between the district and a private party a proper use of public funds?*
It depends. Assuming the settlement does not exceed the district's potential liability, the settlement of a good faith dispute between the district and a private party, such as an employee or contractor, is an appropriate use of public funds because the relinquishment of a valid legal claim in return for a settlement is good consideration and establishes a valid purpose. The use of public funds to settle a claim with no arguable liability, on the other hand, such as a claim that is barred by the statute of limitations, lacks consideration, serves no public purpose, and violates the gift clause. (See *Page v. Mira Costa Community College Dist.* (2009) 180 Cal.App.4th 471.)
4. *We want to show our staff appreciation with occasional gift certificates, mugs, and free movie tickets. Is that a permissible expenditure of public funds?*
Not likely. These expenditures are for the primary benefit of employees who receive the gifts and are driven by the motive to convey gratitude. As such, they are likely an impermissible use of public monies.
5. *May the district use public funds to repair and maintain a road located on private property if the public has a right to travel on the road?*
Yes. The use of public funds to improve a roadway which embers of the public have a right to travel does not violate the gift clause because it would serve a public purpose. (See, 80 Ops.Cal.Atty. Gen. 56)

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6. *Is a donation to charity a gift of public funds in violation of the gift clause?*

Yes. The use of public monies to support nonprofit organizations or charities without consideration, no matter how worthy or benevolent the cause, are impermissible expenditures in violation of the gift clause.

Conclusion

As public agencies, special districts are subject to the constitutional prohibition against gifts of public funds. In reviewing proposed expenditures, the district should exercise due care and diligence in determining whether or not a particular expense serves a primary public purpose. Although the analysis may be somewhat tricky at times, expenses are most likely justified when they will directly benefit the ultimate mission of the district.

ROBERT H. JAMES, Attorney at Law



Robert H. James, General Counsel for the
North County Fire Protection District

RHJ/kim
cc: Chief Steve Abbott



**NORTH COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF/CEO**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2018
SUBJECT: WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

- **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** None.
- **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:** None.

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CSDA e-News

By guest author Melissa Kuehne, Communications and Development Manager, [Institute for Local Government](#)

Special districts throughout California are applying a variety of public engagement strategies and approaches to address a range of issues from budgeting to climate change to public safety. Special districts are discovering a number of benefits resulting from successful community engagement. A number of those benefits are:

Better Identification of the Public's Values, Ideas and Recommendations

Elections help identify voter preferences, but open communication with constituents provides additional valuable information to local officials about resident views on various topics. However, gaps often remain in understanding the public's views and preferences on proposed public agency actions and decisions. This can especially be the case for residents or populations that participate less frequently or when simple "pro" or "con" views don't help solve the problem at hand. Good public engagement can provide more nuanced and collective views about an issue by a broader spectrum of residents.

More Informed Residents – About Issues and About Local Agencies

Most residents do not regularly follow local policy matters carefully. While a relatively small number do, most community members are not familiar, for instance, with the ins and outs of a local agency budget and budget process, or knowledgeable about the process for a new general plan, open space use or affordable housing. Good public engagement can present opportunities for residents to adopt local agency challenges as their own.

Improved Local Agency Decision Making

Members of the public have information about their community's history and needs. They also have a sense of the kind of place where they and their families want to live. They can add new voices and new ideas to enrich thinking and planning on topics that concern them. This kind of knowledge, integrated appropriately into local decision-making, helps ensure that public decisions are optimal for the community and best fit current conditions.

More Community Buy-In and Support

Public engagement by residents and others can generate more support for the final decisions reached by local decision makers. But simply participation helps generate

ownership. Involved residents who have helped shape a proposed policy, project or program will better understand the issue itself and the reasons for the decisions that are made. Good communications and public involvement in a local decision can increase the support of the broader community as well.

More Civil Discussions and Decision Making

Early deliberations an informed residents will offer a better chance for civil and reasoned conversations and problem solving than last minute hearings and other less collaborative opportunities for public input.

Faster Project Implementation

Making public decisions is one thing; successfully implementing these decisions is often something else altogether. The buy-in discussed above, and the potential for broad agreement on a decision, are important contributors to ensure speedy implementation. For instance, a cross section of the community may come together to work on a vision or plan that includes a collective sense of what downtown building height limits should be. If this is adopted by the local agency and guides planning and development over time, the issue will be less likely to reoccur as an issue for the community and for local officials. In general, good public engagement reduces the need for unnecessary decision-making “do-over.”

More Trust – In Each Other and in Local Government

Whatever their differences, people who work together on common problems usually have more appreciation of the problem and of each other. Public engagement helps enhance understanding and respect among the community and inspires confidence that problems can be solved – which promotes more cooperation over time. Whether called social capital, community building, civic pride or good citizenship, such experiences help build stronger communities. Additionally, when a local agency promotes and is a part of these processes -and takes the ideas and recommendations of the public seriously - a greater trust and confidence in local government often results.

Higher Rates of Community Participation and Leadership Development

Engaging the public in new ways offers additional opportunities for people to take part in the civic and political life of their community. This may include community members who have traditionally participated less than others. These are avenues for not only contributing to local decisions but for residents to gain knowledge, experience and confidence in their local government. These are future neighborhood volunteers, civic and community leaders, commissioners and elected officials. In whatever role they choose, these are individuals who will be more prepared and more qualified as informed

residents, involved citizens, and future leaders.

For tips on how to get started, and additional public engagement resources visit:

www.ca-ilg.org/engagement.

Fire Scientists: Wildfires Don't Have to Destroy Homes

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A wildfire sweeps through a California community, burning trees and vegetation, but leaves the majority of homes fully intact. That's the scenario researchers are working to create for neighborhoods at risk, following the most destructive wildfire season in recorded history. But scientists tell the NBC Bay Area Investigative Unit that state and local emergency planners have been slow to support critical retrofits that could help save lives and property.

California's building code sets strict guidelines requiring fire resistant materials for homes built within a wildfire hazard zone after 2008. Those regulations help block flames and burning embers from entering the home. But older homes are not subject to the same standards, and neither are homes in neighborhoods that border a hazardous zone, like Santa Rosa's Coffey Park before the wildfires in October.

RAW: Testing of Flame-Resistant Roof at SoCal Laboratory



Fire scientist Richard Halsey has authored several academic papers and books on wildfire safety and serves on the governor's Fire Service Task Force on Climate Impacts. Halsey believes the same way the state retrofits buildings to withstand earthquakes, California should aggressively retrofit homes to withstand wildfires.

“We’ve had a catastrophe that has affected thousands of lives, and we just sit back and say ‘Oh well, we could not have done anything about it.’ That is not true,” Halsey told NBC Bay Area.

“You’ve got to create an environment that won’t burn the house down, and it isn’t just about [clearing] vegetation. It’s about the structure itself.”



California Chaparral Institute Director Richard Halsey touring the fire safe Eureka Springs community in Escondido.

Halsey took NBC Bay Area on a tour of the Eureka Springs community in Escondido. The area is particularly vulnerable to wildfires, which is why the neighborhood was developed to survive.

“I frankly could not design a community that would be better than this one,” Halsey said while highlighting homes with nonflammable roofs, vents that block burning embers and large roadways that separate homes from the hills.

FLAME RESISTANCE PUT TO THE TEST

QAI Laboratories in Rancho Cucamonga is one of a handful of labs approved by the California State Fire Marshal to certify fire resistant building materials. Lab technicians opened their doors for NBC Bay Area to show how quickly fire can penetrate the average home.

Project manager Drew Mersereau says rooftops and vents are among the most common weak points susceptible to wildfire. Mersereau conducted a test on two rooftop assemblies using simulated burning wood to demonstrate the difference between top-

rated and lower tiered roofs. The top certified class “A” roof survived the full 90 minute test without catching fire. Meanwhile the lower rated roof built with class “C” materials failed after 43 minutes.

Brandguard vents easily withstood QAI’s 10 minute flame test, while the typical home vent melted in just over 50 seconds.

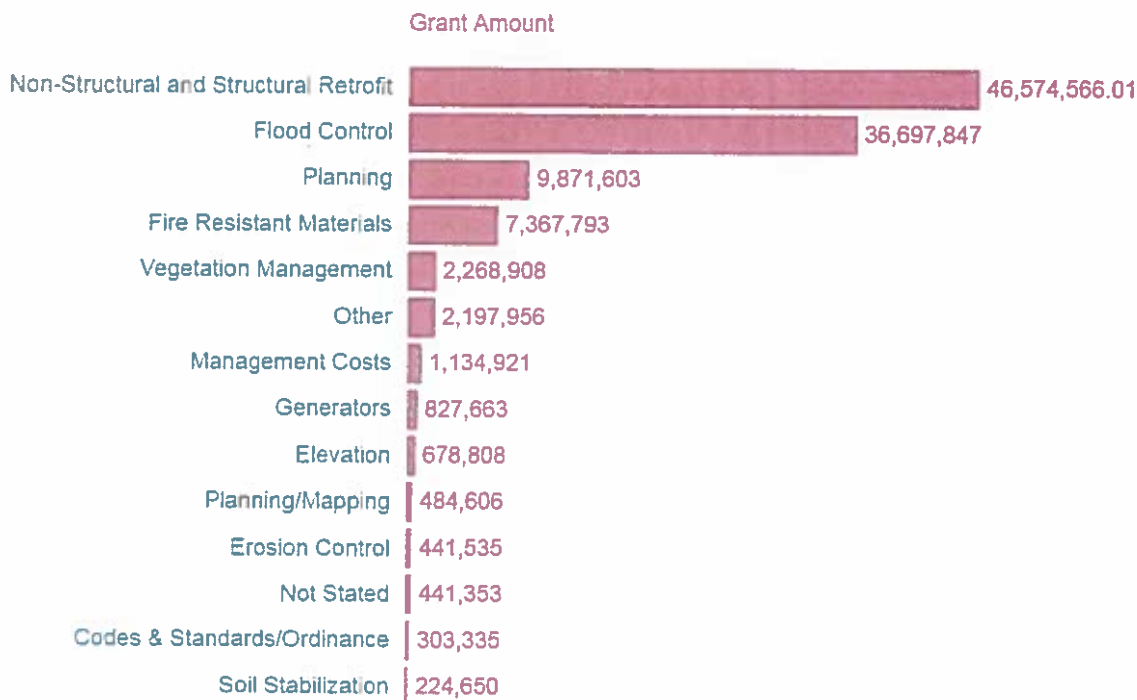
Mersereau said fire resistant retrofits can help save not only homes, but entire neighborhoods, because of how quickly fire spreads.

“You have a chain reaction of one house igniting, heat and embers being released from that house being transferred to the neighbors’ house, and then you’ve got multiple residences that weren’t subject to the wildland urban interface code that are igniting.”

WILDFIRE RETROFITS

The governor’s Office of Emergency Services allows local agencies to apply for grants that help plan for disasters like earthquakes and fires. Since 2008, CalOES granted \$109 million to local agencies for disaster planning. However, only \$7.3 million went towards fire resistant retrofits.

CalOES Hazard Mitigation Grants



Source: CalOES

Lori and Steve Kimball took advantage of their local fire district grant to retrofit their roof in South Lake Tahoe.

The Lake Valley Fire Protection District’s roofing program allows eligible residents to

receive \$7,500 or up to 70 percent of the cost to replace their old wood shake roofs with a new fire resistant roofs. The fire district helped residents replace more than 300 roofs since 2012.

Steve Kimball told NBC Bay Area that the \$10,000 they spent to replace their roof could end up saving much more in the long run.

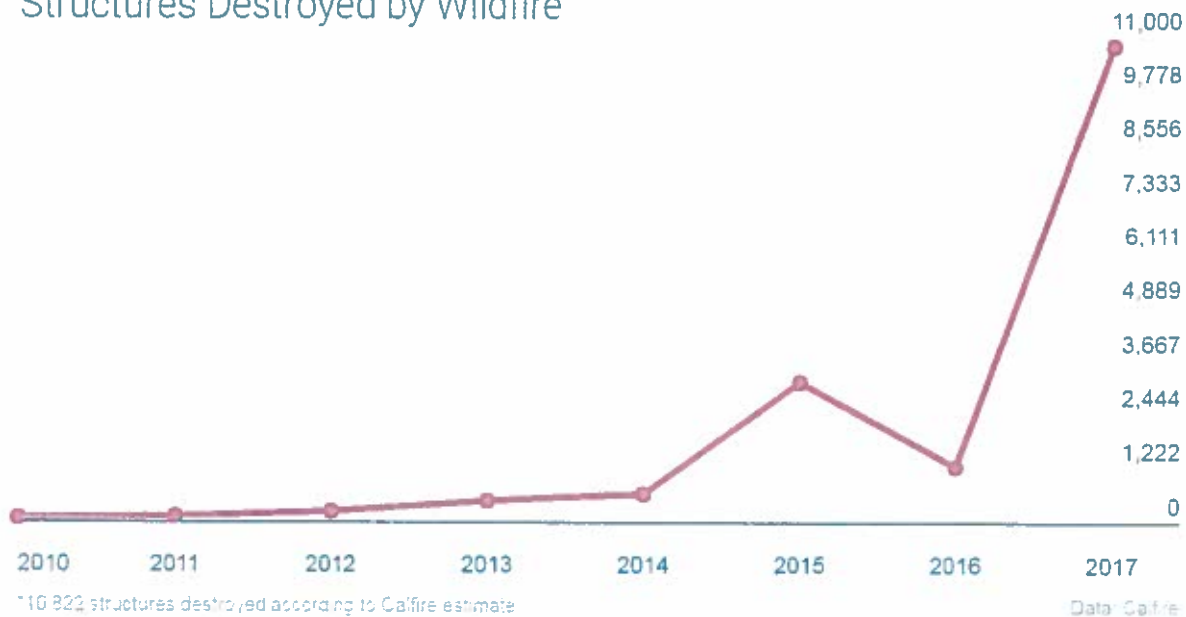
“It’s not a matter of if you’re going to have a fire; you are going to have one. But what can you do to decrease the risk and the impact of that structure and protect other people?” Kimball said.

PREVENTION VS RESISTANCE

Last year, Cal Fire spent \$75 million on wildfire prevention. State Fire Marshal Dennis Mathisen told NBC Bay Area most of the money went towards prescribed burns, cutting vegetation, and helping residents create defensible space.

Mathisen acknowledged there may be more opportunities to retrofit homes.

Structures Destroyed by Wildfire



“I know of several councils where [fire retrofits] is a topic of every meeting. ... It is part of their dialogue on a daily basis because they live with wildfires.” Mathisen said.

Cal Fire is currently in the process of redrawing the state’s wildfire hazard maps that determine which neighborhoods require fire resistant homes. Mathisen says the data collected from this past fire season will help his agency more accurately assess which areas are at risk.

CalPERS returns 15.7% in 2017, outperforming its benchmark

Arleen Jacobius



CalPERS earned a 15.7% net return in 2017, besting its benchmark by 25 basis points, Chief Investment Officer Theodore Eliopoulos said at Monday's investment committee meeting.

Global equity, with a 24% net return, was the strongest performer for the \$356.6 billion [California Public Employees' Retirement System](#), Sacramento. The worst-performing asset class was the liquidity portfolio, which returned 1.2%.

For the longer term, CalPERS' portfolio earned an annualized 9% net return for the five years ended Dec. 31, outperforming its benchmark by 19 basis points; for the 10-year period, the pension fund returned an annualized net 4.9%, underperforming its benchmark by 114 basis points.

The best-performing asset class for the 10-year period was private equity with a 9.1% annualized net return. The worst-performing asset class for the 10-year period ended Dec. 31 was the liquidity portfolio, which returned an annualized net 1.1%.

During his presentation to the investment committee, Mr. Eliopoulos acknowledged the recent market volatility that could signal "the beginnings of a market environment that may be shifting."

"But experiencing a 10% drop in the stock market is something that we should expect to see from time to time," he added.

CalPERS' investment portfolio going into 2018 presents "a mixed picture, both positives and challenges looking at attaining our investment objectives," Mr. Eliopoulos said.

The pension fund is 70% funded, and CalPERS officials are projecting lower future returns.

Even so, due to CalPERS' Dec. 21, 2016, decision to lower its discount rate to 7% from 7.5% over three years, pension fund officials are forecasting neutral to positive cash flows from contributions and investment income, which will help the pension fund weather volatile periods, Mr. Eliopoulos noted.

Separately, CalPERS is winding down a corporate governance investment program that is part of the pension fund's \$176.4 billion equity portfolio. CalPERS has \$100 million in the corporate governance program, and pension fund officials are winding down the portfolio due to concentrated risk and fees, said Dan Bienvenue, CalPERS managing investment director of global equity, in response to a question from Betty T. Yee, who is the California state controller and a CalPERS board member.

"So that is actually one existing partnership with one security. ... We're very patient in finding liquidity events," Mr. Bienvenue said.

CalPERS officials have been able to liquidate the "vast majority" of the portfolio since the end of the year, he said.

Mr. Bienvenue did not identify the remaining manager. Spokeswoman Megan White declined to provide further details beyond the information provided during the investment committee meeting.

In other action, consultant [Meketa Investment Group](#) also reviewed CalPERS' \$26.7 billion private equity portfolio. The vast majority, 67%, of CalPERS' private equity portfolio is in funds, with 14% in customized separate accounts, 11% in funds of funds and secondaries, and 8% in co-investments and direct investments.

CalPERS' overall private equity portfolio lagged its benchmark in all time periods ended Dec. 31, with an 18% internal rate of return for one year, an annualized 12.6% for five years and an annualized 9.1% for 10 years.

"It's normal for

be characterized as a way-up market," said Steven Hartt, principal at Meketa, explaining CalPERS' private equity performance.

CalPERS' private equity investments that are in funds had an 18.7% internal rate of return for the year, while co-investments and direct investments gained 50.4% IRR, custom separate accounts returned 9.6% IRR, and funds of funds and secondaries earned 6.3% IRR for the year ended Dec. 31. For the 10-years ended Dec. 31, private equity invested in co-investments and direct investments earned a 9.7% internal rate of return, funds earned 9.6% IRR, separate accounts gained 8% IRR, and funds of funds and secondaries returned 6.4% IRR. All 10-year returns are annualized.

However, Mr. Hartt said co-investment returns "tend to be lumpy," and 2017 was a strong year for co-investments.

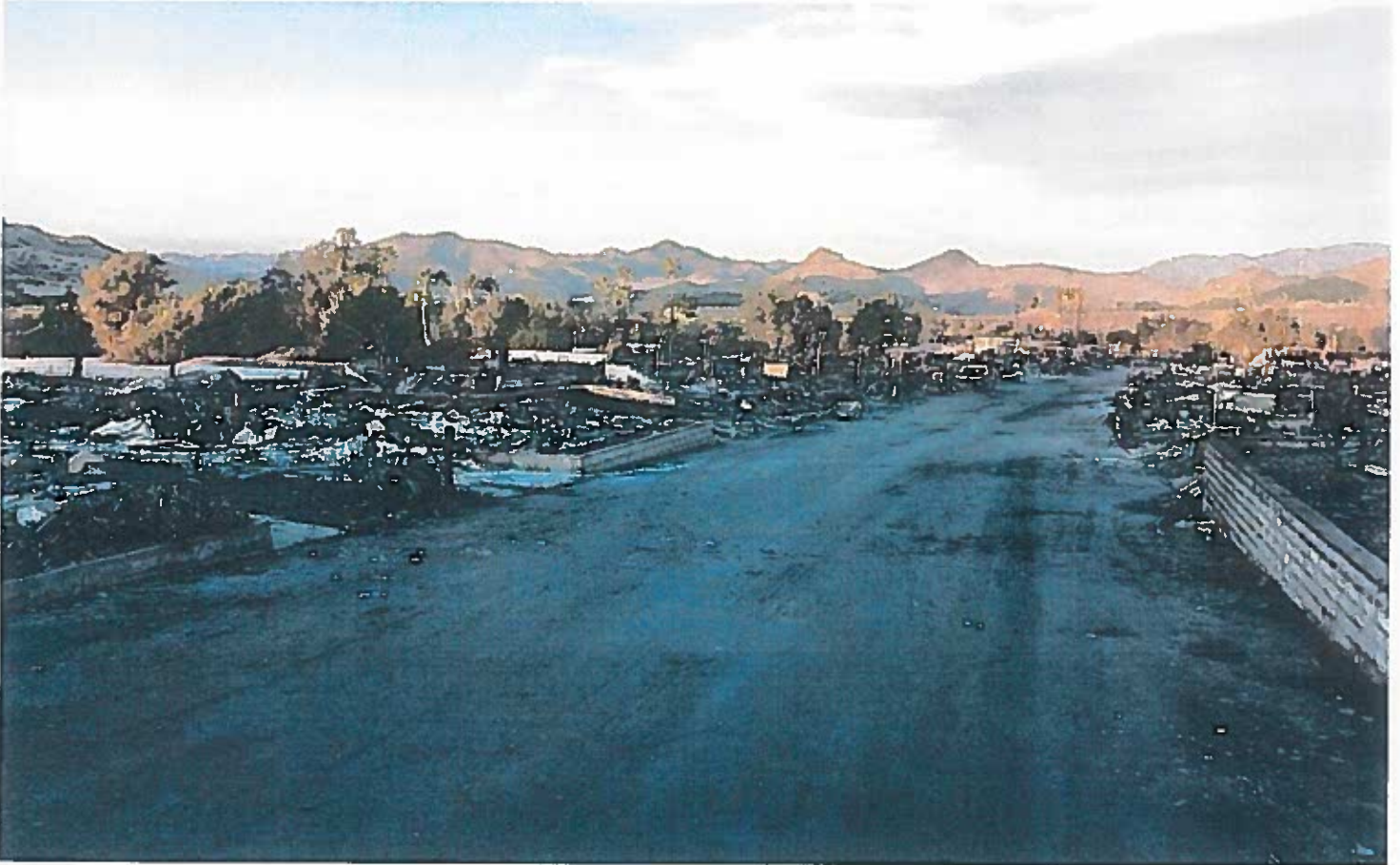
The investment committee also elected **Henry Jones** to be its chairman and **Richard Costigan**, vice chairman. In January, CalPERS' board had elected its first female president, **Priya Mathur**, and chose **Rob Feckner** as vice president. Mr. Feckner had been board president.



Lilac Fire Victims Eligible For Government Food Assistance

Monday, February 12, 2018

By City News Service



Credit: Matt Hoffman/KPBS

Above: Parts of the Rancho Monserate Country Club in Fallbrook were completely destroyed by the Lilac Fire, Dec. 11, 2017.

People affected by the Lilac Fire may be eligible for government food assistance benefits, county officials announced Monday.

Residents who lived or worked in the area hit by the December wildfire may apply for special disaster **CalFresh** benefits until Friday. Those who lived or worked in ZIP codes 92028, Fallbrook, 92003, Bonsall, 92084, Vista, or 92057, Oceanside, experienced a disruption in income, had disaster-related expenses, had damage to their home or self-employment property and are not already receiving CalFresh benefits may qualify, **according to** the county Health and Human Services Agency.

"Emergency benefit amounts are determined on a case-by-case basis," said Rick Wanne, the agency's director of eligibility.

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An in-person interview is required to determine eligibility. Applications are accepted at North Coastal Family Resource Center, 1315 Union Plaza Court, Oceanside, or the Fallbrook Community Resource Center, 202 West College St., Fallbrook.

Residents may also go to other Family Resource Centers that are closer to them and their information will be forwarded to the Oceanside or Fallbrook office.

Those already receiving CalFresh will be automatically considered for additional benefits due to the fire.

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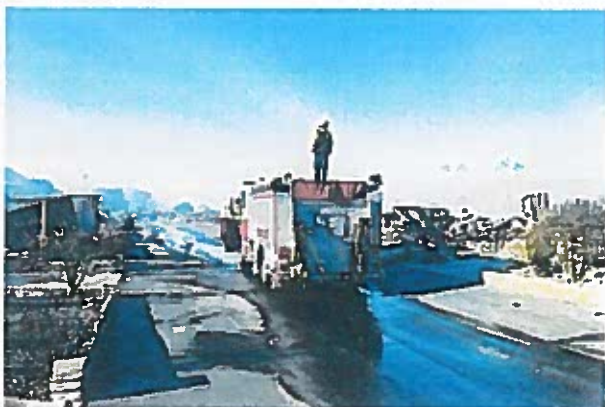
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CSDA e-News

A report released last week by the League of California Cities Retirement System Sustainability Study and Findings confirms that pension costs for California cities are approaching unsustainable levels, and that cities need more tools and options to ensure they are able to retain and attract public sector employees and continue to deliver high quality municipal services to residents.

Dozens of city leaders in recent months have testified before the CalPERS Board of Administration on the urgent need for more solutions and flexibility at the local level to address the rising costs associated with pensions. These leaders, representing mayors, council members, city managers, finance officers and public safety each told their own cities' stories during meetings in September and November 2017.

League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman commented on the importance of this study, which follows numerous representatives from California cities giving voice to the challenges they face delivering services as costs increase.

“The League commissioned this study to put analysis and hard numbers to the realities that cities up and down the state are experiencing with growing pension costs,” said League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman. “As the amount cities have to pay into CalPERS each year increases, it puts a great strain on their ability to maintain service delivery levels. The pressures are not only mounting, but will force cities to make very tough choices in the near future. This much-needed data will help inform ongoing discussions with all stakeholders about solutions that will ensure our public sector retirement system is sustainable and that cities have the resources needed to serve their residents.”

Key Findings

The study reveals three key findings:

- Rising pension costs will require cities over the next seven years to nearly double the percentage of their General Fund dollars they pay to CalPERS;
- For many cities, pension costs will dramatically increase to unsustainable levels; and
- The impacts of increasing pension costs as a percentage of General Fund spending will affect cities even more than the state because employee costs, including police, fire and other municipal services, are a larger proportion of spending for cities.

Methodolog

Bartel Associates, LLC, a leading California actuarial firm serving only public sector clients, conducted the study that examines costs to cities over a seven-year period between FY 2018–19 and FY 2024–25. The analysis was based on two main sources: CalPERS' June 30, 2016, public agency actuarial valuation data and the League's Oct. 18, 2017, City Survey. The study was limited to pension liability only and does not reflect the costs to cities associated with active or other post-employment benefits such as health care.

The complete report is available at www.cacities.org/pensions.

Firefighters focus on clean air, bodies and gear to try to cut cancer risk

Karen Kucher

Long before he became San Diego’s fire chief, Brian Fennessy would wear his crusty, soot-covered helmet like a badge, proof he worked at one of the city’s busiest fire stations. He thought it gave him credibility and earned him the respect of peers.

Now he knows his dirty gear harbored the toxins and carcinogens that haunt the scene of a fire – and that they might well revisit him in the future as cancer.

“I figure that’s what’s going to get me,” said Fennessy, who has been a firefighter since 1978. “When I worked for the Forest Service, man, we sprayed fuel breaks with chemicals that aren’t even allowed anymore. We inhaled that stuff; we were exposed to all kinds of bad stuff.

“I figure it is just a matter of time before I’m diagnosed.”

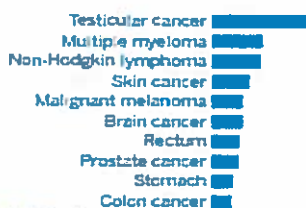
At many fire departments around the country, chiefs like Fennessy are working to change the culture of the fire service, encouraging firefighters to take steps to better protect themselves from dangerous fumes, smoke and soot.

Cancer in the fire service

A number of studies have explored the connection between firefighting and job-related cancer and have found that firefighters have an increased risk for developing certain kinds of cancers.

LeMasters meta-analysis

A 2006 study done at the University of Cincinnati that pooled data from 32 smaller studies.



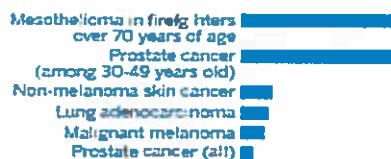
NIOSH study

A National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health study looked at 29,993 career firefighters from 1950 to 2009.



Nordic study

The study looked at 16



Sources: cancer risk among firefighters: a review and meta-analysis of 32 studies; mortality and cancer incidence in a pool cohort of firefighters from San Francisco, Chicago, and Philadelphia; cancer incidence among firefighters: 45 years of follow-up in five Nordic countries; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

California Wildfires Insurance Claims Near \$12 Billion

Posted by: Bill Carey

Most expensive series of wildfires in state history



In this Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, file photo a wildfire threatens homes as it burns along the 101 Freeway in Ventura, Calif. Insurance claims for last year's deadly California wildfires have reached \$11.8 billion, Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones said Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, File)

By JONATHAN COOPER, Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Insurance claims from last fall's deadly California wildfires have reached \$11.8 billion, making it the most expensive series of wildfires in state history, an official said Wednesday.

The staggering number exceeds the total insurance claims from the top 10 previously most costly wildfires in California.

Until last year, California's most expensive single fire was the 1991 Oakland Hills fire that prompted \$2.7 billion in claims in today's dollars, according to data from the Insurance Information Institute.

If treated as one disaster, the combined fires in October and December 2017 “represent one of the most damaging natural catastrophes in California history,” Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones said at a news conference in Los Angeles.

For comparison, insured losses from the 1994 Northridge earthquake, the costliest quake to strike the United States, were nearly \$26 billion in 2017 dollars, according to data from the insurance institute.

Nearly \$1.8 billion of the 2017 insurance claims stem from fires that swept through Southern California in December, a rare winter fire whipped by fierce winds. A fire in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties became the largest by acreage in state history, charring 282,000 acres — larger than the city of San Diego.

The figures for Southern California are likely to grow as more people get through the time-consuming process of filing a claim.

The totals do not include claims related to mudslides that buried homes and vehicles in Montecito when torrential rain fell on hillsides burned in the December fires.

Insurance claims from a series of October fires grew to \$10 billion, nearly all of them in Northern California’s wine country.

Crews this week finished removing debris from the devastated Coffey Park neighborhood in Santa Rosa, a tidy urban community that was leveled when flames rushed through in the middle of the night.

Jones said the combined firestorms damaged or destroyed 32,000 homes, 4,300 businesses and more than 8,200 vehicles, boats and other equipment. Dozens of people were killed.

The figures do not reflect losses suffered by people who were uninsured or at schools and other public buildings.

Jones said insurers have enough reserves to pay the massive claims. But he said the fires may prompt them to re-evaluate the fire risk and raise premiums — or decline to sell insurance at all — especially for homes near forested areas.

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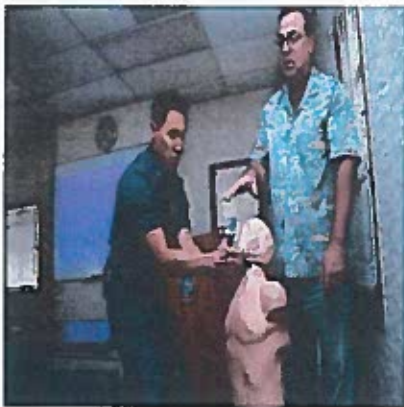
Fire captain to discuss home protection

The Fallbrook Newcomers Club will hold its next coffee meeting with guest speaker Capt. John Choi from the North County Fire Protection District at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Fallbrook United Methodist Church, 1844 Winter Haven Road. Choi will discuss how to create a defensible landscape to protect homes from fires. Those who are new to the community are invited to attend. Coffee meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. The Newcomers Club is a nonprofit for residents who have lived for three years or less in Fallbrook or the nearby communities of Bonsall, Rainbow and DeLuz. Visit fallbrooknewcomers.com.

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North County Fire personnel gets advanced training in resuscitation

By [Tom Ferrall](#)
Staff Writer



Shane Gibson photo

Residents of Fallbrook, which lost its hospital in 2014, should take comfort in knowing that when they call 911 for a medical emergency and personnel from North County Fire Protection District arrives, they're practically getting a hospital delivered to their door.

All firefighters with North County Fire are paramedics, and they are constantly working to improve their medical skills through training and classes. An example: on Jan. 25 firefighters attended an Advanced Resuscitation Training program conducted by Dr. Daniel Davis, a Fallbrook resident who served as an emergency room physician at UCSD for 20 years.

Davis developed the ART program while at UCSD, which sent the doctor out "to train the world." Davis has been teaching the program for 10 years and has tutored people in 40 countries. He recently returned from China and will soon be heading to Dubai and Saudi Arabia.

"In the hospital, a lot of BART (basic resuscitation training) focuses on when the patient is getting sicker but isn't in cardiac arrest, and recognizing the signs that they're getting sicker and trying to intervene so they never have a cardiac arrest," said Davis. "The advanced training starts to bring in – once they've had cardiac arrest – how do you integrate your advanced equipment, some of the medications, some of the more innovative therapies, that sort of thing."

Davis said that by attending the ART program, North County Fire firefighters are gaining knowledge that will help them save more lives.

"Part of the reason that UCSD sent me out is because it's been kind of eerily consistent," said Davis of the results delivered by the ART program. "Everywhere we've gone, after a single round of training, survival from cardiac arrest doubles."

Davis, who has been teaching North County Fire personnel for 1 1/2 years on a quarterly basis, said he aims to give firefighters an advanced education.

"The things that I bring to them are concepts that would have been reserved for emergency physicians or critical care physicians and nurses," said Davis. "And I'm bringing it to them and presenting it in away that it's understandable and they can apply it."

Davis stresses the knowledge the firefighters are garnering should bolster their confidence.

"I tell them constantly, you couldn't find a critical care physician in San Diego County who understands this as well as you now understand it, and so be proud of that," said Davis. "Be confident that you're learning stuff that even physicians and nurses don't know."

Davis said residents in North County Fire's coverage zone can feel good about the fact that their emergency medical service providers "are better trained and more confident."

Davis added the better training really comes into play in areas like Fallbrook.

"In general, in a more urban environment, the transport time to the hospital is five or 10 minutes," said Davis. "I know that in Fallbrook, now that we've lost the hospital, that they (firefighters) may be with the patient for 30, 45 minutes or longer. So, they need to learn critical care in a way that perhaps the medics down in San Diego city don't have to because they're not with them as long."

North County Fire, according to Davis, is the only fire agency in San Diego County that is enrolled in his ART program. John Choi, captain paramedic with North County Fire, said Davis' classes are invaluable.

"Dr. Davis has been a great partner with us," said Choi. "He's a great trainer and he holds us at such a high standard. We already have the skills for advance life support, but what he wants us to do is start critically thinking calls through as a physician would. We want to take the bigger picture of what's going on with this patient so we can treat them appropriately."

Treating patients appropriately requires having the right equipment and sufficient personnel, and that is why an engine often accompanies an ambulance to a medical call.

"People always ask, 'I only called for an ambulance, why did you bring an engine and an ambulance?'" said Choi. "Well, one of the big components of that is we have to bring the hospital to you. Whereas, if you drove to a fixed building, they have an EKG there, they have the drug cart, they have a pharmacist, they have a respiratory therapist, they have an admin check in – they have all these people infrastructured to provide all the services.

"Well, we have to bring everything in," continued Choi. "We have to bring the drug box in, the EKG, the airway bag. We have to bring in somebody who is going to figure out the administration part – who is this, what's their name, how old are they, all their medical history. On top of that, if this is a working call like a CPR, we need a lot of hands."

Choi said the firefighters work as a team on the patient, performing different duties.



Shane Gibson photo

"You have the airway person, someone who is going to manage that critical airway; you've got somebody who is going to manage that monitor and report what they see on that heart monitor; somebody to start up the IV bag; somebody to draw up the medication; somebody to administer the medication; you need somebody to do CPR, we need somebody to do a time recorder, which they have in a hospital, a nurse that's time-stamping everything that they are doing," said Choi.

Choi added that if a house or building has no lighting or poor lighting, firefighters bring in portable lighting. Someone also has to bring in a gurney for transport.

Choi, who noted that 70 percent of the calls North County Fire responds to are medical in nature, said ART is just one of several training programs for its firefighters.

"We are an all rescue, all risk provider here, so we not only provide the fire, we also provide the emergency medical services," said Choi. "So this is part of that diverse training that we receive – medical, fire, technical rescue, hazmat. We do it all at North County Fire and we're always trying to be a better, proficient rescue team."

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River Village businesses host firefighters for lunch



The River Village businesses and community members presented the firefighters with a large bouquet of flowers to show appreciation for their service. The firefighters were also treated to a lunch at the River Village restaurant.



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California officials re-evaluate 'voluntary' evacuations after deadly mudslides

Tony Biasotti, The Washington Post

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Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office Senior Deputy Dennis Thomas leads Dina Landi on Friday through the home where she was staying when a mudslide barreled through in the early morning of Jan. 9.

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Dina Landi searches for salvageable belongings on Friday at the home where she was staying with her partner when a mudslide hit the neighborhood in Santa Barbara County, California.

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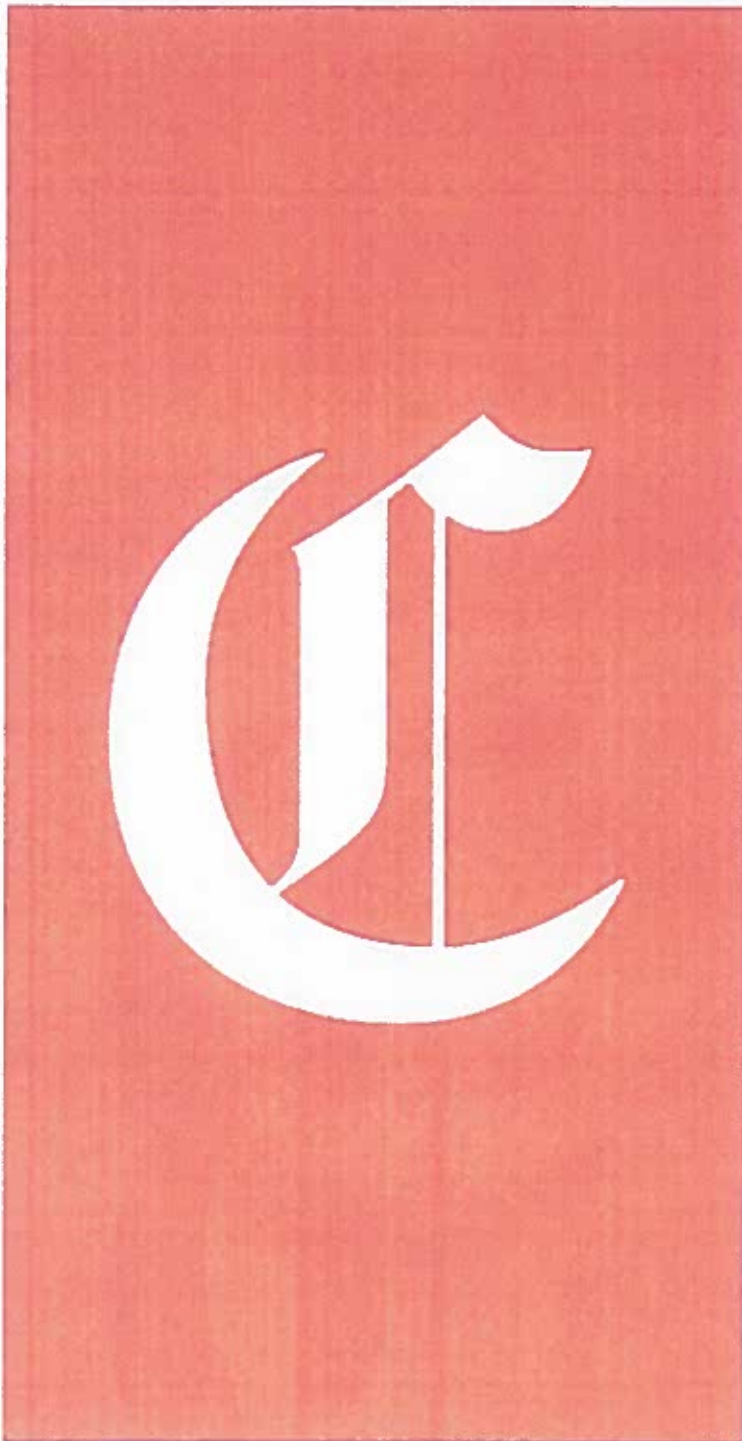
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MONTECITO, Calif. - When the final mandatory evacuation order lifted after mudslides

struck this coastal hillside neighborhood, Dina Landi returned to her home this week anticipating the damage she might find.

Three weeks earlier, she and her partner had fled to a friend's guesthouse about a mile away, assuming that the voluntary evacuation zone would be safer.

But in the early morning hours of Jan. 9, after they opened the door to check out the rainstorm raging outside, the structure flooded three or four feet deep in seconds, Landi said, forcing the couple to climb onto the guesthouse roof with their 70-pound dog. In the main house, their friend Rebecca Riskin and her husband had been swept away by the mudflow, killing Riskin.

It seemed inevitable that Landi's house had suffered a similar fate in the mudslides, which destroyed or damaged more than 500 homes. But when she returned, the house was untouched.

"You go through something like this, and you lose somebody - and I don't mean to sound ungrateful, because I'm really grateful that our house is OK - but you almost don't care," she said.

After suffering back-to-back natural disasters, local officials are rethinking how they warn residents about impending threats and designate evacuation zones.

Much of Montecito was evacuated in mid-December when the extensive Thomas Fire blazed on the mountainsides that border the area. The flames left swaths of barren land in their wake, clearing the way for the rain-soaked soil to cascade down toward homes in the foothills.

In the days before the storm struck, Santa Barbara County officials declared a local emergency and issued a mandatory evacuation order for part of Montecito. But only a voluntary evacuation warning was issued for areas between East Valley Road and the Pacific Ocean, farther away from the hillsides.

"Be prepared to leave immediately at your own discretion if the situation worsens," the county's notification stated.

County Sheriff Bill Brown said that, in retrospect, the areas officials designated as voluntary evacuation zones were no safer than mandatory ones.

"Obviously, in hindsight, it was not sufficient," Brown said of the evacuation order. "Had we known what we now know, we would have evacuated the entire area."

Landi wasn't alone in her belief that the voluntary evacuation zone was safer.

While many people in both the voluntary and mandatory evacuation zones left the areas,

enough stayed to make the mudslides the deadliest disasters in Santa Barbara County's history, Brown said.

Twenty-one people are confirmed to have died in the mudslides, and two are still missing. People died in both mandatory and voluntary evacuation zones.

"The problem is, sometimes the focus is on the word 'voluntary,' rather than the word 'evacuation,' " he said. "The reality is, it's still an evacuation area."

County authorities believe "evacuation fatigue" might have led some to stay home during the storms. Everyone asked to leave their homes in anticipation of the Montecito mudslides had been asked to evacuate at least once in December to escape the Thomas Fire, the biggest wildfire in California's recorded history.

Brown said he also thinks some Montecito residents fell back on their habits for a fire evacuation: Pack a "go bag" and wait to see how close the flames get.

But a mudslide is not a wildfire. It can't be seen and smelled from miles away.

"We are accustomed, very much so, to fires in Santa Barbara County," Brown said.

"Here, since we haven't had major flooding for decades, very few people have firsthand knowledge to understand that danger."

Anticipating the rainstorm, a team of county, state and federal experts had drawn up maps that predicted fairly accurately where the water would fall and the mud would flow, Brown said. The sheriff's department based its evacuation orders on those maps.

The mandatory evacuation zone stopped at East Valley Road - just south of where Landi lives - because that's as far as experts expected the heavy mud and debris to flow down from the hills.

However, the downpour was heavier than forecast - as much as half an inch of rain in about five minutes - and the resulting slide was worse than the experts' worst-case scenario, Brown said. The areas under voluntary evacuation were hit just as hard as those in the mandatory evacuation zone - in some cases worse - and the mud and debris flowed all the way to the ocean.

No one wants to trigger widespread panic every time it rains, he added, but the standard procedures used in Montecito did not communicate the true danger to enough residents.

The evacuation orders, both mandatory and voluntary, were covered extensively in the local media for days before the storm hit. On the day the rain started, sheriff's deputies and other emergency workers went door to door in the mandatory evacuation zones.

"The message was getting to people, but I don't know if it was resonating with people,"

Brown said. "There is no doubt that we are going to have to take a look at all of our protocols, at how we notify people and alert people, and I suspect what will come out of this is some new protocol, not only for our county but for our entire state."

Landi and her partner, Geoff Gray, had heard the county's warnings in the days before the storm, but even as their cellphones blared in the early morning hours, they simply checked the flash-flood alerts and went back to sleep. Being in a voluntary evacuation zone conveyed a sense of security.

It wasn't until about 3:30 a.m., when they woke to torrential rain, that they opened the door to investigate - allowing a rush of water into the guesthouse.

As they were waiting for rescuers on the roof, Landi and Gray heard Riskin's husband, Ken Grand, yell out their names.

"He tells us, 'My leg is broken, and it's really, really cold,' " Landi recalled. She called 911 for a second time, realizing Grand had been swept from the house and was possibly experiencing hypothermia.

The rescue helicopter came not long after sunrise. Landi and Grand got in, while Gray, Riskin's adult daughter and the dog were picked up by another helicopter. The next day, Landi and Gray were in the hospital with Grand when they learned that Riskin, a real estate agent, had been killed in the mudslides.

"She was a very strong businesswoman, and she was also the most compassionate, caring and kind person I've ever met," Landi said. "She treated her gardener and housekeeper the same as she'd treat one of her billionaire clients. She treated the person she bought coffee from the same as someone buying a \$15 million estate from her."

Landi said she has other friends in Montecito who evacuated the way she did, going from a mandatory evacuation area to a voluntary one.

"There were so many of us that felt going to the voluntary evacuation zone was safer," she said. "I don't know if some of that was because we were so desensitized from the Thomas Fire evacuations that we thought a voluntary evacuation meant we'd have more time if something happened."

CA In Seismic Drought But Big Earthquake Coming, Professor Says

CALIFORNIA -- California is long overdue for an earthquake with a magnitude larger than 7 but one will come soon, said a Colorado State University professor. Richard Aster, a professor of geophysics, wrote this week that the state has been in an "earthquake drought" for years with the last major earthquake happening in 1906 in San Francisco.

The so-called drought is more serious than most people realize, Aster wrote for TheConversation.com.

"The earthquake situation in California is actually more dire than people who aren't seismologists like myself may realize," Aster wrote. "Multiple segments of the expansive San Andreas Fault system are now sufficiently stressed to produce large and damaging events."

Aster explained that the San Francisco earthquake, which killed roughly 3,000 people, was the last shake that was more than 7 in magnitude. The result is that "strands of the fault system accumulate stresses that correspond to a seismic slip of millimeters to centimeters."

"Eventually, these stresses will be released suddenly in earthquakes," Aster wrote. "Reflecting this deficit, the Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast estimates that there is a 93 percent probability of a 7.0 or larger earthquake occurring in the Golden State region by 2045, with the highest probabilities occurring along the San Andreas Fault system."

Thankfully, California's government has made headway in improving infrastructure and planning. Those efforts will be tested when the big one hits, Aster wrote.

"As California prepares for large earthquakes after a hiatus of more than a century, the clock is ticking," Aster wrote.

Here are earthquake preparedness tips from the American Red Cross:

- Become aware of fire evacuation and earthquake safety plans for all of the buildings you occupy regularly.
- Pick safe places in each room of your home, workplace and/or school. A safe place could be under a piece of furniture or against an interior wall away from windows, bookcases or tall furniture that could fall on you.

- Practice "drop, cover and hold on" in each safe place. If you do not have sturdy furniture to hold on to, sit on the floor next to an interior wall and cover your head and neck with your arms.
- Keep a flashlight and sturdy shoes by each person's bed in case the earthquake strikes in the middle of the night.
- Make sure your home is securely anchored to its foundation.
- Bolt and brace water heaters and gas appliances to wall studs.
- Bolt bookcases, china cabinets and other tall furniture to wall studs.
- Hang heavy items, such as pictures and mirrors, away from beds, couches and anywhere people sleep or sit.
- Brace overhead light fixtures.
- Install strong latches or bolts on cabinets. Large or heavy items should be closest to the floor.
- Learn how to shut off the gas valves in your home and keep a wrench handy for that purpose.
- Learn about your area's seismic building standards and land use codes before you begin new construction. Keep and maintain an [emergency supplies kit](#) in an easy-to-access location.

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Medicaid Transportation At Risk in Some States

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By JoNel Aleccia and Heidi de Marco

Unable to walk or talk, barely able to see or hear, 5-year-old Maddie Holt waits in her wheelchair for a ride to the hospital.

The 27-pound girl is dressed in polka-dot pants and a flowered shirt for the trip, plus a red headband with a sparkly bow, two wispy blond ponytails poking out on top.

Her parents can't drive her. They both have disabling vision problems; and, besides, they can't afford a car. When Maddie was born in 2012 with the rare and usually fatal genetic condition called Zellweger syndrome, Meagan and Brandon Holt, then in their early 20s, were plunged into a world of overwhelming need — and profound poverty.

"We lost everything when Maddie got sick," said Meagan Holt, now 27.

Multiple times each month, Maddie sees a team of specialists at Seattle Children's Hospital who treat her for the condition that has left her nearly blind and deaf, with frequent seizures and life-threatening liver problems.

The only way Maddie can make the trip, more than an hour each way, is through a service provided by Medicaid, the nation's health insurance program started more than 50 years ago as a safety net for the poor.

Called non-emergency medical transportation, or NEMT, the benefit is as old as Medicaid itself. From its inception, in 1966, Medicaid has been required to transport people to and from such medical services as mental health counseling sessions, substance abuse treatment, dialysis, physical therapy, adult day care and, in Maddie's case, visits to specialists.

"This is so important," said Holt. "Now that she's older and more disabled, it's crucial."

More than 1 in 5 Americans — about 74 million people — now rely on Medicaid to pay for their health care. The numbers have grown dramatically since the program expanded in 32 states plus the District of Columbia to cover prescription drugs, health screening for children, breast and cervical cancer treatment and nursing home care.

With a Republican administration vowing to trim Medicaid, Kaiser Health News is examining how the U.S. has evolved into a Medicaid Nation, where millions of Americans rely on the program, directly and indirectly, often unknowingly.

Medicaid's role in transportation is a telling example. Included in the NEMT coverage are nearly 104 million trips each year at a cost of nearly \$3 billion, according to a 2013 estimate, the most recent, by Texas researchers.

Citing runaway costs and a focus on patients taking responsibility for their health, Republicans have vowed to roll back the benefits, cut federal funding and give states more power to eliminate services they consider unaffordable.

Already, states have wide leeway in how to provide and pay for the transportation.

Proponents of limiting NEMT say the strategy will cut escalating costs and more closely mirror private insurance benefits, which typically don't include transportation.

They also contend that changes will help curb what government investigators in 2016 warned is “a high risk for fraud and abuse” in the program. In recent years, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reported that a Massachusetts NEMT provider was jailed and fined more than \$475,000 for billing for rides attributed to dead people. Two ambulance programs in Connecticut paid almost \$600,000 to settle claims that they provided transportation for dialysis patients who didn't have medical needs for ambulance transportation. And the mother of a Medicaid patient who was authorized to transport her child for treatment billed Medicaid for trips that didn't take place. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail and ordered to pay \$21,500.

Last March, Rep. Susan Brooks, an Indiana Republican, introduced a resolution that would have revoked the federal requirement to provide NEMT in an effort to provide states with “flexibility.” That effort stalled.

Another Republican proposal in 2017 would have reversed the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion and reduced federal funding for the NEMT program. It failed, but other efforts by individual states still stand.

Former Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price and CMS Administrator Seema Verma encouraged the nation's governors to consider NEMT waivers, among other actions, in a March letter to them.

“We wish to empower all states to advance the next wave of innovative solutions to Medicaid challenges,” they wrote. The Trump administration has used state waivers to bypass or unravel a number of the Obama administration's more expansive health policies, and has granted some states' requests.

At least three states, Iowa, Indiana and Kentucky, have received federal waivers — and extensions —allowing them to cut Medicaid transportation services. Massachusetts has a waiver pending.

Critics of the cuts worry the trend will accelerate, leaving poor and sick patients with no way to get to medical appointments.

“I wouldn't be surprised to see more of these waivers in the pipeline,” said Joan Alker, executive director of the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families.

Because medical transportation isn't typically covered by the commercial insurance plans most Americans use, it's unfamiliar to many people and could be seen as unnecessary, said Eliot Fishman, senior director of health policy for Families USA, a nonprofit, nonpartisan consumer health advocacy group.

Formerly a Medicaid official in the federal government, Fishman called the transportation program “vital” not only for children with severe disabilities, but also for non-elderly, low-income adults.

CMS released results of a 2014 survey of Medicaid users, which found that lack of transportation was the third-greatest barrier to care for adults with disabilities, with 12.2 percent of those patients reporting they couldn't get a ride to a doctor's office.

“This is not something to be trifled with lightly,” Fishman said. “We're talking about a lifesaving aspect of the Medicaid program.”

About 3.6 million Americans miss or delay non-emergency medical care each year because of transportation problems, according to a 2005 study published by the National Academy of Sciences.

That same study analyzed costs for providing NEMT to patients facing 12 common medical conditions and found that providing additional transportation is cost-effective. For four of those conditions — prenatal care, asthma, heart disease and diabetes — medical transportation saved money when the total costs for both transportation and health care were tallied.

Medicaid is required to provide NEMT services using the most appropriate and least costly form of transportation, whether that's taxis, vans or public transit.

Most states rely on NEMT brokers or managed-care organizations to administer the transportation services. Other states run the service directly, paying providers on a per-ride basis, while some use local ride services and pay independent taxi firms to shuttle patients.

Proponents of revamping NEMT note that disabled children like Maddie and other people with serious disabilities are in little danger of losing services. In Iowa and Indiana, Medicaid transportation remains available to several groups of patients, including those classified as "medically frail," though the definition of who qualifies can vary widely.

In addition, one managed-care provider, Anthem, continues to transport Indiana Medicaid patients, despite the waiver that was first enacted in 2007.

Still, Medicaid clients like Fallon Kunz, 29, of Mishawaka, Ind., are often stuck. Kunz, who has cerebral palsy, migraine headaches and chronic pain, uses a power wheelchair. When she was a child, she qualified for door-to-door service to medical appointments, she said.

Today, she lives with her father, whose home is outside the route of a Medicaid transit van. Getting to and from medical appointments for her chronic condition is a constant struggle, she said. Taxis are too expensive: \$35 each way for a wheelchair-enabled cab.

"The only way I can get rides to and from my doctor's appointment is to ride the 2 miles in my wheelchair, despite all kinds of weather, from my home, across the bridge, to the grocery store," she said. "Right outside the grocery store is the bus stop. I can catch the regular bus there."

Sometimes, she's in too much pain or the Indiana weather — warm and humid in the summer, frigid and windy in the winter — is too much to battle and she skips the appointment.

"Today I didn't go because it was too cold and my legs hurt too much," she said on a December Tuesday. "I didn't feel like getting blown off the sidewalk."

In Maddie Holt's case, she was shuttled to Seattle Children's on a rainy Tuesday morning in a medical van driven by Donovan Dunn, a 47-year-old former big-rig trucker. He works for Northwest Transport, one of several regional brokers that manage NEMT services for Washington state.

Dunn said he received special training to transport patients like Maddie, who is loaded onto a motorized platform, wheelchair and all, into the van and then carefully strapped in.

"I have to drive different," said Dunn. "I have to watch my corners, watch my starts, watch my stops. It's always in the back of my mind that I have somebody on board that's fragile."

We're talking about a lifesaving aspect of the Medicaid program.

The transportation service can be used only for medical visits to the specialists who treat Maddie's condition, which is caused by mutations in any one of at least 12 genes. If Meagan Holt needs to pick up prescriptions or get groceries, she leaves Maddie and a second daughter, Olivia, 3, at home with their dad and takes the bus or walks to her destinations.

Caring for a severely disabled child is not the life she expected, Meagan Holt said, but she cherishes time with Maddie, who has learned to communicate through tactile sign language spelled into her hand.

"She knows about 100 words. She knows the alphabet," Meagan said. "She likes Disney princesses. She loves 'Frozen.'"

Maddie is one of hundreds of NEMT-eligible children transported to Seattle Children's each month. Last September, for instance, more than 1,300 clients made more than 3,600 trips at a cost of more than \$203,000, according to the Washington Health Care Authority, which oversees the state's Medicaid program called Apple Health.

The need is so great, in fact, that the hospital created a transportation will-call desk to help organize the comings and goings.

"When we realized how much transportation is a barrier to getting to your appointment, we decided to do something about it," said Julie Povick, manager of international exchanges and guest services at Seattle Children's.

"The majority of our patients are in survival mode," Povick added. "You need a lot of handholding."

But Verma, the architect of Indiana's Medicaid overhaul plan, has suggested that too much handholding might be "counterproductive" for patients — and bad for the country.

In a 2016 Health Affairs essay, Verma noted that early analysis of the effects of curtailing NEMT in Indiana showed that more Medicaid patients with access to the program said transportation was a primary reason for missed appointments than did members without access.

"Moreover, 90 percent of [Healthy Indiana Plan] members report having their own transportation or the ability to rely on family and friends for transportation to health care appointments," she wrote.

But Marsha Simon, a Washington, D.C., health policy consultant who has tracked NEMT for years, said Medicaid is the option of last resort. People who are able to get rides on their own already do.

"If 90 percent can and 10 percent can't, what about the 10 percent?" Simon said.

It's a question that haunts Kunz every day.

"I'm a college student. I have a cat," said Kunz, who is studying psychology online at Southern New Hampshire University. "I'm just a regular human trying to do things, and the inaccessibility in this area is ridiculous."

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January 24, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Office of the Governor
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

Following a tragic and historic year in California, Local Government California Fire Chiefs representing Cities and Districts large and small have convened and reaffirmed our commitment to recommendations aimed at bolstering our Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Service capability to respond to climate-driven disasters.

In just four months this year, the State endured fires and floods from San Diego to Mendocino that destroyed over 11,000 homes, and commercial structures and killed 64 Californians. Local Government fire and rescue personnel and equipment comprise up to 80% available resources for mutual aid throughout the State.

In 2003 after the devastating fires, then Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger convened "The Blue Ribbon Commission," a broad fire service coalition tasked with finding ways to prepare for and respond more effectively to devastating all-hazard emergencies that occur regularly throughout our great State. Recommendations were delivered to the Governor and the Office of Emergency Services. Those recommendations were refined, readopted in 2009, and most recently in 2017 by the Governors Climate Change Task Force.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you Governor Brown and the Legislature for providing \$25 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) last year. That money provided a good start for what we believe are effective strategies to prevent and respond to climate-driven events while at the same time reducing massive carbon emissions resulting from urban conflagrations, urban interface fires and forest fires. By some estimation, the amount of greenhouse gasses emitted from just the recent Sonoma/Napa and Ventura/Santa Barbara County Fires, exceeded the gasses released by all passenger vehicles in the State of California for a full year.

The focus of California Fire Chiefs, League of Cities Fire Chiefs, Fire District Chiefs, Metropolitan Chiefs, and FIRESCOPE is united and consistent. We seek more revenue to pre-position all-hazard fire and rescue resources in preparation for anticipated extreme weather events. This strategy proved invaluable over this past year. Even with the recent devastation, we as California fire chiefs believe that loss of life and property would have been much worse had we not been able to preposition fire and rescue resources prior to the recent fires and flooding. Ventura County used State funds to up-staff and preposition 24 additional fire engines in anticipation of the predicted wind event prior to the Thomas Fire. The extra resources and personnel undoubtedly saved hundreds of structures and more than likely prevented loss of life. In fact, statewide local government rescue resources that were pre-deployed in Montecito performed a number of successful swiftwater rescue operations.

California Fire Chiefs also believe that it is time to modernize and improve resource ordering and command and control at local communications centers using readily available technology, equipment and processes. We believe that Cal OES should continue the purchase of equipment to be staffed and deployed by local government to incidents across the State as requested. Local government Fire Chiefs in California also support the development of a more capable and robust notification system that would notify residents and travelers in harm's way.

Funding for staffing and equipment is vital and mission critical to support efforts in managing the State Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System. Funding is needed for the protection of life, property and the environment and is essential to coordinating federal/state/local public safety efforts.

The following list of recommendations is not meant to be inclusive but does represent our highest priorities that we believe will make significant difference in the lives of Californians we are dedicated to serve:

1. With the aid of current technology, funding to preposition local government all-hazard resources in advance of predicted extreme weather events.
2. Revenue to modernize the effective, but aging, Mutual Aid System to include rapid resource processing and ordering, incident logistical support, and command and control functions at local public safety communications centers.
3. We ask that funding be made available to OES to continue the purchase of fire, rescue, haz mat, and EMS equipment that is distributed to local government for them to staff and deploy as part of the California Mutual Aid System.
4. Although not contemplated in 2003 or 2008, we strongly believe in a geo-based opt-out disaster notification system designed to alert people in the path of approaching and/or anticipated life-threatening events.

We look forward to working with you, the legislature, and other leaders to jointly stand on the frontlines in our mitigation and response to climate-change disasters.

Our coalition of local government fire service executives are seeking an addition \$100 million to effectively address our priorities that we believe will address the concerns of all Californians. We will be reaching out to your Office of the Governor and Cal OES in the next week to discuss the details of our recommendations. We hope to have meaningful progress toward these efforts by the peak of this summer's fire season.

Sincerely and Respectfully,



California Fire Chiefs Association
Mark A. Hartwig, President



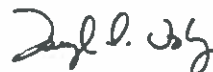
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More mountain-top cameras coming for fire protection

J. Harry Jones

Five new high-definition cameras will be placed on peaks around the county, and an existing computer network that links fire stations throughout the region will soon be upgraded.

In place for the better part of a decade has been an elaborate computer and camera network that allows firefighting agencies to constantly monitor the county in ways never dreamed of in years gone by.

When last month's Lilac Fire began off Interstate 15 during Santa Ana winds, numerous cameras atop peaks were able to capture what was happening.

"We were able to look at the smoke column and see the winds and we knew within just minutes that we were going to have a major incident," said San Diego County Fire Authority Chief Tony Mecham during a recent Board of Supervisors meeting.

"We committed a massive response based on what we were seeing."

The High Performance Wireless Research and Education Network, known in the industry as (HPWREN), connects firefighters from all agencies with real-time fire activity information. Sixty HPWREN stations use more than 180 cameras to provide high-quality, on-demand time-lapse HD imagery that helps spot fire outbreaks and prevent them from reaching catastrophic size.

During the Lilac Fire, Mecham said, while the battle was being waged in Bonsall, dispatchers were constantly monitoring the system for other problem areas. Based on that information, "as we pulled resources from other parts of the county to the Lilac Fire, we felt comfortable that we weren't leaving other communities unprotected," he said.

On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved spending \$437,174 to add five new cameras to the system and to upgrade the bandwidth of the network.

The new cameras will be placed on Cowles Mountain, Cuyamaca Peak, North Peak (west of Lake Cuyamaca), White Star (Boulevard) and Sierra Rojo (Valley Center).

Every time a 911 call is placed, officials said, the information is put into the network and every station gets a printout with location and type of call information. That happened more than 33,000 times last year.

Supervisor Ron Roberts, who has championed the technological side of firefighting efforts since the firestorms of last decade showed how much more was needed to be done to protect

the county, said the system, and other technological tools, provide real-time situational awareness.

“It’s clear that recently our major emergencies are coming as wildfires,” he said Tuesday. “They are devastating, they’re unpredictable and very hard to deal with. This effort today represents the latest in a continuing effort to increase fire safety.

“When you’re in a battle, information and communications are essential to making good decisions,” Roberts said. “ We’ve seen in the past what happens when they don’t have that information.”

The HPWREN system is the result of a partnership among the county, the University of California, San Diego, and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

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Rising from the ashes - Village News

Village News

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The Lilac fire burned 4,100 acres and destroyed 157 structures in the Bonsall and Fallbrook areas. Among these were 75 homes located in Rancho Monserate, a close-knit community that saw almost one-third of its homes destroyed.

As a result of the Lilac, Thomas and other recent fires, new legislation is being introduced in Sacramento to assist the rebuilding process. For my part, I have introduced legislation to assist homeowners in Rancho Monserate and similar common interest developments throughout the state when they seek to obtain loans for rebuilding.

Additional bills under consideration would allow insured homeowners to combine coverage for unused structures to help cover costs of rebuilding an underinsured primary structure. Other bills would clarify the scope of coverage for additional living expenses (ALE), and extend the time to rebuild and collect full replacement costs from 24 to 36 months after a declared disaster.

Legislation has also been proposed to require insurers to provide "Replacement Cost Estimates" for new residential insurance policies and at each annual renewal, clarify the rights of insured homeowners regarding replacement costs, expand coverage for debris removal, and provide greater transparency for policy holders. These bills have just been introduced, and final bill language, committee assignments and hearing dates are still being developed.

In addition to state efforts, more federal help is also on the way. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced that residents impacted by the Lilac fire may apply for disaster assistance. FEMA grants can include funds for home repair, rent and uninsured property loss. You can register online at DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling (800) 621-3362.

FEMA Aid Available For Residents Impacted By Lilac Fire

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The disaster recovery center can assist North County San Diegans affected by the Lilac Fire apply for FEMA disaster relief or apply for a federal disaster loan

By [Melissa Adan](#) and [Christina Bravo](#)

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A disaster recovery center was opened in Fallbrook Saturday to help victims of the Lilac

Fire in North County apply for federal aid and obtain federal disaster loans.

More than 100 homes were destroyed or damaged by the 4,100-acre Lilac Fire that broke out along Interstate 15 near Bonsall on Dec. 7, 2017. The fire devastated the rural North County community known for its farms and ranches.

To assist North County San Diegans affected by Lilac Fire, the United States Small Business Association (SBA) has opened a recovery center at the Rancho Monserate Community Center at 4650 Dulin Road in Fallbrook. The facility is open every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The SBA is providing federal assistance loans to both homeowners and businesses affected; Homeowners can receive up to \$200,000 and businesses can receive up to \$2 million respectively.

For more information on the types of loans available, visit [here](#).

Residents whose property was affected must register with FEMA at DisasterAssistance.gov or by phone at 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585. Phone lines are open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The disaster recovery center on Dulin Road can provide residents with one-on-one registration assistance.

FEMA is accepting applications for all Southern California residents who suffered damage or losses from the recent wildfires and flooding, mudslides, and debris flow. This includes residents of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and San Diego counties.

Horses Flee Flames in Lilac Fire



FEMA asks applicants to provide their Social Security number, address, and phone

number, description of the damage, insurance coverage information and a bank account or routing numbers for direct deposit of funds.

FEMA suggests residents register even if they have insurance.

For more details on how to register visit: www.fema.gov/disaster/4353.

To Prevent Fires, California Cracks Down on Power Companies

by Tribune News Service | January 23, 2018

By David R. Baker

California utility regulators on Friday finally approved a statewide map, years in development, designed to help prevent power lines from starting wildfires.

The detailed map, which shows the risk of utility-related fires in different parts of the state, will govern how electric companies maintain their equipment in the field. Stricter regulations -- on inspection schedules and tree-trimming around power lines -- will apply in areas facing an elevated or extreme risk of wildfires.

The map's approval, by the Safety and Enforcement Division of the California Public Utilities Commission, caps a nearly decadelong process of creating tougher fire regulations for the state's electric utilities.

The effort began after electrical equipment sparked wildfires in San Diego County in 2007. But the commission adopted new regulations for most of the state only in December, after last fall's deadly, wind-driven wildfires in the North Bay and Southern California.

Those regulations, in turn, depend on the map, whose development was overseen by an independent group of experts assembled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire. The process of creating the map proved complex, forcing the commission to extend several times the deadline for finishing it.

In areas designated as facing the highest risk of fire, the new safety regulations will take effect Sept. 1. In places facing an elevated but not extreme fire risk, the regulations will apply starting on June 30, 2019. Utility companies will be required to file an annual report detailing their plans for preventing fires in high-risk areas, with the first report due on Oct. 31 of this year.

Although Cal Fire has not determined the causes of most of last fall's fires, investigators are exploring the possibility that power lines blown by fierce winds prompted them.

With the new rules and the map finally in place, the commission will hold a daylong public meeting on Jan. 31, at the commission's San Francisco headquarters, to discuss whether additional steps are needed to prevent utility equipment from starting fires

State senators and assembly members from the North Bay will hold a hearing on the same subject on Jan. 26 at Santa Rosa City Hall.

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