



# Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association

*President: Chief Steve Akre  
Sonoma Valley Fire District*

January 13, 2025

Honorable Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and County Administrator  
575 Administration Drive Suite 100 A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dear Chairperson Hopkins, Supervisors Coursey, Gore, Hermosillo, Rabbitt, and Administrator Rivera:

Re: Rancho Adobe Fire District's Fire Impact Fee Program

The Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association unanimously supports the request of the Rancho Adobe Fire District to the Board of Supervisors to approve the collection of their Fire Impact Fee Program.

The Fire Impact Fee Program is requested by the elected leadership of the RAFD; and supported by their community, including many stakeholders in the housing advocates, business and builder's groups. The RAFD Board unanimously approved the updated and Final Impact Fee Study and Program on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

These local fees are fully supported by the required Nexus Fee Studies and are critical measures that provide the ability for the Fire Districts to maintain service levels through the challenges of community expansion. The Impact Fees will contribute to the District's ongoing efforts to be as self-sufficient and financially sustainable as possible.

The Fire Impact Fee Programs have been presented to the Fire Service Working Group (FSWG) and the FSWG has voted unanimously in support of the Impact Fee Programs.

On behalf of the Fire Chiefs leadership, we appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this Board item.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S Akre", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Steve Akre, President  
Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association