



COUNTY OF SONOMA

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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 12/9/2025

To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): County Executive's Office

Staff Name and Phone Number: M. Christina Rivera, Christel Querijero, Maggie Luce 707-565-1796

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:

Sonoma Valley Fire District Revenue Sharing Agreement

Recommended Action:

Delegate authority to the County Executive or designee to execute a Revenue Sharing Agreement with the Sonoma Valley Fire District.

Executive Summary:

This item requests authorization to delegate authority to the County Executive or designee to execute a revenue sharing agreement with Sonoma Valley Fire District (SVFD) for an annual amount of \$206,710.73. This agreement is a continuation of the ongoing supplemental funding approach established by the County on January 25, 2022 <<https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5383597&GUID=48B15846-1D0D-4076-BB51-5AB07A552201&Options=&Search=>>>, when the County entered into various tax exchange and revenue sharing agreements with multiple fire agencies as part of the Fire Services Project, including a revenue sharing agreement with the Kenwood Fire Protection District. The Kenwood Fire Protection District was consolidated into SVFD on May 20, 2025, and the new revenue sharing agreement with SVFD will continue the former Kenwood Fire Protection District revenue sharing payments under the same terms and conditions, as was contemplated in the prior agreement.

In March of 2024, Sonoma County Voters approved Measure H, a voter-initiated ½ cent sales tax to support fire services. Following the passage of Measure H, the County negotiated with local fire agencies to reduce the amount of County discretionary funding for fire services by approximately \$1 million/year. The County's Fire Services Program continues its commitment in funding annual revenue sharing agreements, such as this SVFD agreement, aiming to improve efficiency and effectiveness in countywide fire service provision.

Discussion:

The Board of Supervisors began dedicating funds in 2015 to the Fire Services Project, including a portion of the County's Proposition 172 Public Safety funds, Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue, and other discretionary funding sources, in order to enhance fire services within Sonoma County. These funds have facilitated the reorganization of County Service Area 40 (CSA-40) territories and other key fire agency consolidations through revenue sharing agreements that provide additional sources of revenue, including County discretionary funding, to stabilize newly consolidated districts.

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On May 20, 2025, the Kenwood Fire Protection District was consolidated into the Sonoma Valley Fire District. This new revenue sharing agreement with the consolidated Fire District will continue the former Kenwood Fire Protection District revenue sharing payment under the same terms and conditions, supporting the County’s interest to continue to provide effective and efficient fire protection services countywide. The annual payment to Sonoma Valley Fire District will be \$206,710.73, adjusted annually for CPI, and will continue in perpetuity subject to the provisions of this agreement. This initial dollar figure is a baseline amount, that shall be annually adjusted based on the percentage change in the annual San Francisco Area Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) issued in January of each year, over the prior year.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Racial Equity:

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

No

Prior Board Actions:

[January 25, 2022: Approval of Fire Agency Consolidation/Stabilization Agreements and Update on Funding Efforts <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5383597&GUID=48B15846-1D0D-4076-BB51-5AB07A552201&Options=&Search=>](https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5383597&GUID=48B15846-1D0D-4076-BB51-5AB07A552201&Options=&Search=>)

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY25-26 Adopted	FY26-27 Projected	FY27-28 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$206,711	\$206,711	\$206,711
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	\$206,711	\$206,711	\$206,711
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			

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Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance	\$206,711	\$206,711	\$206,711
General Fund Contingencies			
Total Sources	\$206,711	\$206,711	\$206,711

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

There will be no changes in fiscal impact. The funding for the annual revenue sharing agreement is already built into the Fire Services Project budget, which is funded through a portion of the County's Proposition 172 Public Safety funds, Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue, and other discretionary funding sources.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment A: 2025 SVFD Annual Revenue Sharing Agreement

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None