



Fire Services Project

Fire Agency Consolidation and Stabilization Agreements and Funding Efforts

January 25, 2022

July 20, 2021 BOS Direction

Authorized \$2 million to stabilize the Bodega Bay Fire District

Authorized CAO to negotiate consolidation agreements with key fire agency partner using \$7.9 million in authorized funding

Direct staff to coordinate with FSWG on a potential new sales tax effort



Fire Agency Partnerships

CSA 40 Partnerships

- North Bay Fire
- Gold Ridge
- Northern Sonoma County Fire
- Sonoma County Fire

District Stabilization

- Bodega Bay
- Kenwood



Tax Exchange/Revenue Agreements

Agency Agreements	CSA 40	FSP Fund
Bodega Bay and Sonoma County Fire	\$0	\$3 million
CSA 40 and Gold Ridge	\$537,374	\$3,862,625
CSA 40 and Northern Sonoma County Fire	\$1.2 million *	\$0
CSA 40 and Sonoma County Fire	\$27,867	\$0
Kenwood	\$0	\$300,000 **



Ongoing Fire Services Project Funding

- Measure L TOT - \$2.2 million
- Prop 172 - \$4.2 million
- Budget Hearings - \$1.5 million
- CSA 40 Prop. Taxes - \$2.3 million



Additional Sources Needed

- TOT Funds for Dispatch - \$900,000
- TOT Regional Parks Camping - \$300,000
- Future Tax Effort - \$1 million



Risks and Mitigation Efforts

- Pending Litigation
 - Global Covenant to not sue
- Timing of LAFCO Approval Process
 - Continue North Bay Contract



Fire Services Project

- Board established in 2014
- Goal: provide more efficient, effective, and sustainable fire services in Sonoma County
- 2017 fires galvanized need for a collaborative approach
- Fire Chiefs Association established the Strategic Leadership Group



FSP Recommendations

- Consolidate CSA 40 territory with professional districts
- County provide supplemental funding for key consolidations
- Pursue a fire sales tax to fund the analysis recommendations



Measure G

- Board authorized pursuit in January 2019
- 1/2 cent sales tax on March 2020 ballot
- Failed by 1.86%
- No private campaign



New Sales Tax Effort

- Board authorized in July 2021
- Improve outreach
- Incorporate veg management



Consultant Findings

- Fire protection and prevention remains an important issue, but...
- “Wrong track” voter sentiment highest in ten years
- Polling falls short for June and November
- Sunset provision should be considered



Staff Recommendation

- Do not pursue an effort in 2022
- FSWG continue to educate on unmet need
- Continue to collaborate with Fire, veg management, and other stakeholders for a potential measure in 2023 or 2024

