



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 10/22/2019

To: Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): County Administrator's Office
Staff Name and Phone Number: Terri Wright
Vote Requirement: Informational Only
Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

2:00 P.M. - Fire Services Project Update

Recommended Action:

Receive an update on the Fire Services Project and efforts to bring a ½ cent sales tax on the March 2020 Ballot

Executive Summary:

The Fire Services Working Group and the Fire Implementation Ad-Hoc will update the Board on efforts to place a sales tax measure on the March 2020 ballot.

Discussion:

The County of Sonoma has been working with local fire service agencies to provide more efficient, effective, and sustainable fire services in Sonoma County. On January 29, 2019, the Board of Supervisors directed the Fire Services Working Group to work with the Fire Implementation Ad-Hoc to develop recommendations for the Board to consider the placement of a sales tax measure to fund fire services within the County. An update on efforts to place a sales tax measure on the March ballot will be provided.

Prior Board Actions:

July 23, 2019 - The Board authorized the County Administrator to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Muelrath Public Affairs, Inc.

March 19, 2019 - The Board entered into Enhanced Fire Services agreements with several agencies and approved the formation of the Fire Services Working Group, which includes representatives from labor and fire districts in addition to the fire chiefs from the Strategic Leadership Group.

January 29, 2019 - The Board directed staff to work with the Strategic Leadership Group to explore placing a sales tax measure before the voters.

November 23, 2018 - Approved a Concurrent Resolution supporting the annexation of territory to the Windsor Fire Protection District.

August 18, 2018 - Approved the Fire Services Deployment Plan

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 19-20 Adopted	FY20-21 Projected	FY 21-22 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	0	0	0
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Funding Sources	0	0	0
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	0	0	0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

There is no fiscal impact related to this informational update. The estimated costs of placing a sales tax measure on the March 2020 Ballot ranges from \$280,000 to \$420,000, dependent upon the number of registrations.

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

EMC Research Report

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

None