



FRESNO COUNTY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

Date: 9/18/2024

To: Board Directors

Attn: John Arabian
President

From: Fire District Staff

Subject: Financial Funding Studies

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING PAPER

ISSUE: The Fresno County Fire Protection District (FCFPD) faces increasing demands on its services due to population growth, urban development, and expanding fire safety requirements. To adequately fund operations and maintain a high standard of emergency response, it is essential for FCFPD to regularly assess its funding mechanisms.

BACKGROUND: In 2010, The Fresno County Fire Protection District (FCFPD) explored several funding mechanisms to sustain and improve its services, one of which was the implementation of a Community Facilities District (CFD). CFD is a financing tool that allows local governments to levy special fees on properties within a designated area to fund public services and infrastructure improvements. For the FCFPD, this tool was seen to secure consistent funding for staffing, equipment, and operational upgrades.

DISCUSSION: To ensure that the FCFPD can meet these demands effectively, it is essential to initiate consultants to conduct future Community Facilities District (CFD) and, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and a Fee Schedule study. These studies will provide the FCFPD with a detailed financial analysis, allowing for the accurate assessment of service costs, the necessary adjustments to fees, and the sustainable allocation of resources. Consultants bring specialized expertise in financial modeling, public safety funding, and legal compliance, ensuring that any updates to a CFD, CIP, or a Fee Schedule are both equitable and in line with current regulations. By engaging consultants, the FCFPD can make data-driven

decisions that help maintain a high level of service without placing undue financial strain on the community, while ensuring long-term fiscal sustainability. Furthermore, these studies will help the FCFPD stay proactive in planning for future growth, infrastructure improvements, and evolving safety needs.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. None

IMPACTS *(Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas of concern for proposed alternatives):*

- Fiscal – Needed to maintain current staffing levels
- Operational – Needed to maintain operational support
- Legal – No known impact.
- Labor – No known impact.
- Sociopolitical – No known impact.
- Policy – No known impact.
- Health and safety – No known impact.
- Environmental – No known impact.
- Interagency – No known impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending the Board of Directors authorize the Chief to initiate a search for a consultant and move forward with contract to conduct the studies with a not to exceed \$75,000.

APPROVED:



Dustin Hail, Fire Chief

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