



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY EXECUTIVE FIRE CHIEFS

November 16, 2015

To: The Honorable John Gioia, Chair and Members of the CCC Board of Supervisors
651 Pine Street, Room 107
Martinez, California 94553

Re: Fire and Medical Services in the East Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Dear Chairman Gioia and Members of the Board:

The Contra Costa County Executive Fire Chiefs support the recommendations of the Task Force for fire and medical services in the East Contra Costa County Fire Protection District contained in the November 17, 2015 communication from the honorable Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor. Our support, however, is not without reservation and a good deal of concern over the lack of a funding solution that is sustainable over the long term and does not rely on the current level of mutual aid from neighboring fire/EMS agencies.

The Executive Chiefs support is based on the unique factual situation and legal constraints that presently exist in East County. Our support for the recommendations is based on this unique situation and our recognition of how it impacts emergency services countywide. Approval of this one-time, stop-gap measure will enhance public safety for all County residents, at least for the near term.

We believe, therefore, if this recommendation is approved, that the East Contra Costa County Fire Protection District should aggressively pursue all means of cost recovery and continue to engage the residents and property owners in conversations about substantially increasing funding for the District. The reliance on other agencies for ongoing emergency services is not fair to other County taxpayers, nor sustainable for much longer.

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The Executive Chiefs will each continue to work with their respective departments to ensure that there is unified action to achieve the success of what is proposed, again recognizing that the actions should not serve as precedent for anything other than the current problem.

Thank you for your review of the Association's position. We hope that you understand the Association's concern for this method of addressing a public safety issue, and that this should be a one-time solution only.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, Contra Costa County Executive Fire Chiefs

cc: CCC Executive Fire Chiefs' members

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