To: Board of Supervisors

From: Monica Nino, County Administrator

Date: September 20, 2022

Subject: Measure X Funding for Fire Protection Services



Contra Costa County

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Resolution No. 2022/332, allocating Measure X funds to Contra Costa County Fire Protection District through June 30, 2028, for the provision of fire protection services within the service area of the former East Contra Costa Fire Protection District and within the cities of Antioch and Pinole.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Board of Supervisors has allocated Measure X funds totaling \$9.0 million annually through FY 2023/24 for the provision of fire protection services by the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD). \$3.5 million has been allocated for fire protection services within the service area of the former East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD), \$3 million to reopen and staff CCCFPD's Fire Station 81 located in the City of Antioch and \$2 million for fire protection services within the City of Pinole (via a fire protection service agreement between CCCFPD and the City of Pinole). Today's action would allocate Measure X funds of \$9.0 million annually through FY 2027/28 for a total additional Measure X allocation of \$36 million. With the inclusion of an annual adjustment for fire protection services provided in these three areas, the total additional allocation is \$39.7 million, assuming a 4.0% annual increase through FY 2027/28.

✓ APPROVE✓ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTYADMINISTRATOR		☐ OTHER ☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE				
Action of Board On: 09/20/2022 ✓ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER Clerks Notes:						
VOTE OF SUPERVISORS	I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown. ATTESTED: September 20, 2022					
Contact: Paul Reyes 925.655.2049	Monica Nino, Coun Supervisors	anty Administrator and Clerk of the Board of				
	By: , Deputy					

FISCAL IMPACT: (CONT'D)

BACKGROUND:

On November 3, 2020, voters in Contra Costa County approved Measure X, a Countywide, 20-year, half-cent sales tax. The ballot measure language stated the intent of Measure X is "to keep Contra Costa's regional hospital open and staffed; fund community health centers, emergency response; support crucial safety-net services; invest in early childhood services; protect vulnerable populations; and for other essential county services."

On November 16, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Measure X expenditure plan that included allocating annual funding of \$9.0 million through June 30, 2024, for the provision of fire protection services. An annual allocation of \$3.5 million was allocated to CCCFPD to support the operational costs related to the annexation of ECCFPD and the reopening of CCCFPD's Fire Station 54 in the City of Brentwood. An annual allocation of \$3.5 million has been allocated to CCCFPD to staff and reopen CCCFPD's Fire Station 81 in the City of Antioch, which is within CCCFPD's current service area. An annual amount of \$2.0 million has been allocated to support the provision of fire protection services by CCCFPD to the City of Pinole, including the reopening of Pinole's Fire Station 74, provided the parties enter into a fire protection service agreement. The potential fire protection service agreement between CCCFPD and the City of Pinole is still under negotiation and has the initial term ending June 30, 2028, with a provision for a 5-year extension.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution to allocate Measure X funds through June 30, 2028, for the provision of fire protection services by CCCFPD within the former ECCFPD service area and within the cities of Antioch and Pinole. If the agreement with the City of Pinole is extended, the Board of Supervisors may allocate additional funds over the life of the extended agreement. The recommended allocation of Measure X funds for fire protection services includes an annual adjustment to offset increases in the operating costs of the funded programs. It is recommended that, beginning with Fiscal Year 2023/24, the allocations be adjusted annually by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers for the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward Area for the twelve-month period ending with the February index of the calendar year in which the adjustment is made, but not to exceed 4 percent per year.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

An allocation of Measure X funds beyond FY 2023/24 would not be made which would result in an increased level of uncertainty in long-term fiscal planning.

CLERK'S ADDENDUM

Speakers: Caller 6770; Jan Warren; No name given;

ADOPTED Resolution No. 2022/332, allocating Measure X funds to Contra Costa County Fire Protection District through June 30, 2028, for the provision of fire protection services within the service area of the former East Contra Costa Fire Protection District and within the cities of Antioch and Pinole; and DIRECTED that staff will have flexibility to negotiate any final language changes with the city of Pinole on this issue.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2022/332