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CSA-69 BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING **Minutes** **Thursday, February 13, 2014, 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

Members

Bingham, James – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District
Rickards, Dave – San Miguel Fire Protection District
Savage, Warren – City of Santee

Agency Representatives

Kirkpatrick, Jim – Lakeside Fire
Mattick, Richard – Santee Fire
Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire Protection District

County Staff

Brewton, Linda
Cavanaugh, Adria

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. BUDGET PLANNING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/15

A. FY 2013/14 Year-to-date Revenue and Expenditures as of February 11, 2014.

1. <u>Revenue</u>		
Ambulance Transports		\$2,246,354
Resident	\$1,798,231	
Non-Resident	<u>448,123</u>	
Benefit Fee		1,391,749
Property Tax Revenue		276,871
Interest and Others		<u>10,049</u>
Total Revenue		\$3,925,023

Totals are consistent with revenue compared last fiscal year at this time.

2. <u>Expenditures</u>		\$2,697,137
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Expenditures are higher than this time last year by \$222,072 due to timing of invoice payments.

B. Budget Build FY 2014/15

1. <u>FY 2014/15 Revenue Budget Recommendations</u>		
a. Ambulance transports:		
• Residents		\$2,500,528
• Non-residents		\$625,923
b. Benefit Fee tax:		\$2,400,000
c. Property tax:		\$451,365
d. Budgeted annual revenue from GEMT:		\$150,000

The Benefit Fee tax includes an annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. The CPI is expected to be released February 20, 2014.

Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) is a new approved supplemental reimbursement program run by the CA Department of Health Care Services. The program provides partial reimbursement for Medi-Cal runs performed by CSA-69. The County signed a Provider Participation Agreement and EMS will submit cost reports to the State for reimbursement on an annual basis. This is estimated to be about \$150,000 - \$200,000 in new revenue for CSA-69.

CSA-69 will see a one-time retroactive funding collection in the amount of \$556,892.

2. FY 2014/15 Expenditures
 - a. Ambulance Transport Services contracts:
 - Lakeside Fire Protection District \$2,961,971
 - Santee Fire Department \$2,740,845
 - b. Wittman Enterprises, Inc.: \$225,000

The Wittman Enterprises contract expires June 30, 2014. To anticipate an increase in costs, it is recommended to budget for available appropriations.
 - c. CSA Administration expenditures: \$215,000

3. Overview clarification of the CSA-69 budget and funding
Benefit fee revenue is collected for ALS ambulance 911 services, fire and paramedic ambulance response. Dave Rickards requested information from Lakeside Fire to be presented at a San Miguel Fire Protection District meeting.
4. Reserves Update: In FY 2012/13 there was a savings of approximately \$500,000 that went back into the reserve and an increase in transport revenue. The ambulance transport fee increase took effect in July 2009. Discussion ensued on future changes due to Community Paramedicine, Affordable Care Act and transportation contracts.
5. Lakeside Fire Protection District and City of Santee Fire Department budget projections will have a 2% change. In FY 2015/16, both Lakeside and Santee are expecting a one-time fee assessment of \$7,000 for each Regional Communication System radio for a total of \$84,000. A mandatory upgrade is planned by 2018.

A motion was made by Jim Bingham, seconded by Dave Rickards to forward the FY 2014/15 Proposed Budget to the CSA-69 Advisory Committee for approval.

Discussion on the motion included estimates on Lakeside and Santee Operations costs for salary and benefit increases. The projected increase of 2% would cover the estimated cost increases.

By previous motion and second, the FY 2014/15 Proposed Budget will be forwarded to the CSA-69 Advisory Committee for approval. Motion carried.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Submitted by
Janet I. Wolchko, Administrative Secretary
Emergency Medical Services