

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022, 9:00 AM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

A. REGULAR SESSION – Regular Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT: Directors Nathan Fletcher, Chair; Nora Vargas, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson; Terra Lawson-Remer; Jim Desmond; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

(Members of the San Diego County Fire Protection District attended the meeting via teleconference and participated in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-056, adopted May 24, 2022.)

B. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Board on any subject matter within the Board’s jurisdiction but not an item on today’s agenda.

NOTICE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COUNTY STAFF DO NOT LIMIT ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER AS DETERMINATIVE OF THE ACTION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

Agenda Items

Agenda #	Subject
1.	NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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**1. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On July 7, 2020, the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors approved the formation of the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD), transferring fire protection and emergency medical services powers from County Service Area 135 to the SDCFPD. The SDCFPD makes available rescue ambulances in some rural areas to support ambulance coverage when needed through an agreement with a private ambulance contractor. The establishment of emergency medical services fees in the SDCFPD are appropriate and necessary to continue to provide services within the newly-formed district.

The proposed user fees, charged to the patient, will allow SDCFPD to recover costs associated with providing Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) level ambulance transportation, and treatment of patients at the scene who decline to be transported. The recommended fees are based on the average market rate for emergency medical services across the region and align SDCFPD with other operating areas throughout San Diego County. The Auditor and Controller has reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and methodology for the proposed fees. Today's request is for the Board of Directors (Board) for the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) to consider adopting an ordinance setting fees for emergency medical services. If the Board takes the recommended action today, then on June 28, 2022, the Board is asked to consider and adopt the proposed ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

On June 14, 2022:

1. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading), read title, and waive further reading of the Ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES.

If, on June 14, 2022, the Board takes action as recommended in Item 1 above, then on June 28, 2022:

1. Consider and adopt (second reading):
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES.
2. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery which requires full cost recovery for services.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) is committed to assuring that equity is considered in policy development, distribution of fire protection resources, and the provision of emergency medical services in all areas where the County has jurisdictional influence and/or authority. More than 80 percent of the San Diego County Fire Protection District's (SDCFPD) jurisdictional area qualifies as a disadvantaged unincorporated community, based on a San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) report on the funding, administration, and performance of the former County Service Area No. 135 (now SDCFPD). Proposed SDCFPD emergency medical services fees take this data into consideration and follow the industry standard market rate including a provision for the Fire Chief their or designee to waive said fee for individuals financially unable to pay.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request in the current fiscal year. If fees are approved, staff will return to the board to establish appropriations if necessary. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Fletcher, seconded by Director Anderson, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Fire Protection District closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on June 28, 2022.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

The Board of Directors of the San Diego County Fire Protection District recessed at 4:50 p.m. on June 14, 2022 and reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on June 15, 2022. The Board adjourned the meeting on June 15, 2022 at 10:20 a.m.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Directors of the
San Diego County Fire Protection District

Notes By: Vizcarra

NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the San Diego County Fire Protection District on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.