

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 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 9:00 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. 22-072, adopted June 14, 2022.)

B. Non-Agenda Public Communication: No Speakers

C. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meetings of June 14, 2022 and June 15, 2022.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Fletcher, seconded by Director Vargas, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Fire Protection District approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meetings of June 14, 2022 and June 15, 2022.

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

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 |
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| 1. | ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
(4 VOTES) |
| 2. | SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:
NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES |

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1. SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 29088 and Health and Safety Code 13895, this request recommends the approval of a Resolution to adopt the budget for the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Approve the CAO Change Letter.
2. Consider Board member Change Letters submitted before the close of the budget hearing, if applicable.
3. Consider change requests submitted after the close of the budget hearing, if applicable.
(4 VOTES)
4. If written requests to revise the Recommended Budget received prior to the close of hearings do not identify a funding source, continue recommendation 6 to June 29, 2022, if necessary.
5. If requests to revise the Recommended Budget are made after the close of the budget hearing and approved by the Board, continue recommendation 6 to June 29, 2022, if necessary.
6. Adopt a Resolution entitled: ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Chief Administrative Officer Recommended Operational Plan is intended to provide resources to address inequities in County services by engaging community voices, enhancing data analysis to identify disparities, developing meaningful outcome indicators, and creating a County government culture of equity, belonging, and racial justice. The County has implemented its new Budget Equity Assessment Tool that helps County departments prioritize services and allocations with equity in mind. The County applies an equity lens to department operations, utilizes equity data specific to each department, seeks to strengthen community engagement; all of this is in hope of ensuring accountability. This tool requires all County departments each year to ask themselves six general budget-equity questions for their budget requests. They are designed to ensure that we deeply study the effects of our spending plans on all County residents. To fuse equity into all departments' budgets. To ensure that our programs serve the needs of all people-Black, Indigenous, people of Color, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, people of low-income, the young, the older, immigrants, refugees and communities that have historically faced inequality and inequity. We've also added Equity, Belonging and Community Engagement to the County Strategic plan that we use to guide our day-to-day operations and reinforced those additions with racial equity assessments and data analysis.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended action provides spending authority of \$9,096,245 for the San Diego Fire Protection District for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Vargas, seconded by Director Fletcher, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Fire Protection District took the following actions:

1. Approved the CAO Change Letter. (Ref. Board Letter Recommendation 1)
2. Adopted Resolution No. 22-106, entitled: ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022. (Ref. Board Letter Recommendation 6)

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

2. **SUBJECT: SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:
NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On June 14, 2022 (FP01), the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Fire Protection District took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on June 28, 2022.

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**

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 took action as recommended, adopting Ordinance No. 10802 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES.

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

There being no further business, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Fire Protection District adjourned at 4:36 p.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.