



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FIRE MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM

Fire Mitigation Fee Program Updates
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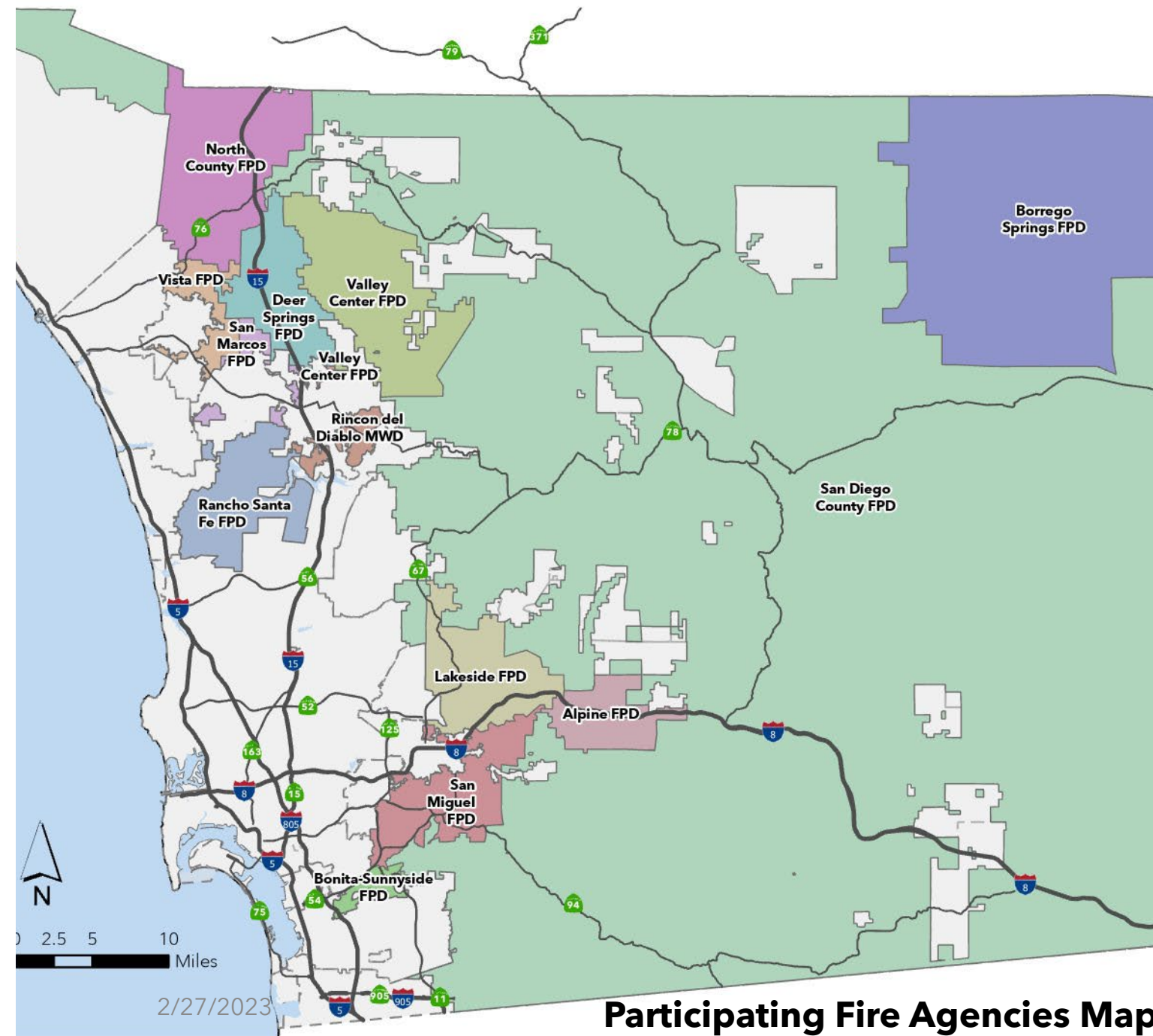
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Program Overview

- Development impact fee adopted by the Board of Supervisors as the Fire Mitigation Fee Program in 1985
- Revenue can only fund capital facilities and equipment to serve new development
- 13 participating fire agencies throughout the unincorporated area of San Diego County





Eligible Expenditures

Fire Station Construction

Aerial Trucks

Chief's Vehicles

Engines (Type 1, 2 and 4)

Additional Requirements:

- Capital Projects identified by Resolution approved by the participating fire agency's Board of Directors
- Annual financial reporting per the San Diego County Ordinance and California Government Code
- Infrastructure categories eligible to receive funding identified as by Nexus Study as planning level costs of the fire related infrastructure



Nexus Study Requirements

Effective 2022, AB 602 set forth several new requirements for impact fee programs:

- Nexus study required
- Must identify the existing level of service for each public facility, identify the proposed new level of service and explain why the new level of service is appropriate
- Adoption of capital improvement plan required
- Adoption of nexus study at a public hearing with 30 days notice
- Studies shall be updated every 8 years



Historical Fee Rates

35.6%

Los Angeles
Cost Construction
Index inflation

12¢

Fire Mitigation Fee
rate increase

Fiscal Year	General Buildings	Rate of Increase	Ag Bldgs w/out Sprinklers	Ag Bldgs w/ Sprinklers	Poultry/ Green Houses
FY 2009-10	\$0.46	0%	\$0.12	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2010-11	\$0.46	0%	\$0.12	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2011-12	\$0.46	0%	\$0.12	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2012-13	\$0.46	0%	\$0.12	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2013-14	\$0.47	2%	\$0.12	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2014-15	\$0.52	11%	\$0.14	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2015-16	\$0.52	0%	\$0.14	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2016-17	\$0.56	8%	\$0.15	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2017-18	\$0.56	0%	\$0.15	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2018-19	\$0.58	4%	\$0.16	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2019-20	\$0.58	0%	\$0.16	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2020-21	\$0.58	0%	\$0.16	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2021-22	\$0.58	0%	\$0.16	\$0.02	\$0.01
FY 2022-23	\$0.58	0%	\$0.16	\$0.02	\$0.01

Fee Calculation Method

Infrastructure

- Fire Stations
- Aerial Trucks
- Engines
- Chief's Vehicles

Standard

Existing Infrastructure
Service Population

Example: 1 Fire Engine
for every 10,000 People

Cost to Implement the Standard

Infrastructure Cost
Standard

Example:
\$1,030,000 Per Engine
10,000 People Served

Cost: \$103 Per Person

Total Fee

Sum of the cost per
person to implement all
infrastructure types

Example:
Fire Stations: \$700
Aerial Trucks: \$20
Engines: \$103
Chiefs Vehicle's: \$15
Total: \$838
Per Person



Timeline

- **April 4 and 18, 2023**

- Board adoption of Nexus Study and new County FMF Program Ordinance

- **May 2, 2023**

- SDCFPD adoption of annual FMF Resolutions
 - Continued Participation, Setting Fee Ceiling Percentage and Capital Improvement Plan

- **July 2023**

- Fee increase effective Fiscal Year 2023-24



Thank you

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Draft Fee Rates

FIRE AGENCY	MAXIMUM FEE RATE BY LAND USE (\$ per square foot)						
	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL / RETAIL	HOTEL	INDUSTRIAL	MEDICAL	OFFICE	AGRICULTURE
Alpine FPD	\$2.00	\$1.74	\$0.93	\$1.37	\$3.26	\$6.53	\$0.06
Bonita-Sunnyside FPD	\$1.59	\$1.39	\$0.74	\$1.09	\$2.60	\$5.20	\$0.05
Borrego Springs FPD	\$8.76	\$7.62	\$4.08	\$6.02	\$14.29	\$28.59	\$0.26
Deer Springs FPD	\$2.05	\$1.78	\$0.95	\$1.41	\$3.34	\$6.68	\$0.06
Lakeside FPD	\$1.45	\$1.26	\$0.68	\$1.00	\$2.37	\$4.74	\$0.04
North County FPD	\$1.13	\$0.98	\$0.53	\$0.77	\$1.84	\$3.68	\$0.03
Rancho Santa Fe FPD	\$2.71	\$2.36	\$1.26	\$1.86	\$4.43	\$8.85	\$0.08
Rincon Del Diablo MWD	\$1.04	\$0.90	\$0.48	\$0.71	\$1.69	\$3.39	\$0.03
San Diego County FPD	\$2.89	\$2.52	\$1.35	\$1.99	\$4.72	\$9.44	\$0.09
San Marcos FPD	\$0.97	\$0.85	\$0.45	\$0.67	\$1.59	\$3.17	\$0.03
San Miguel Consolidated FPD	\$1.61	\$1.40	\$0.75	\$1.10	\$2.62	\$5.24	\$0.05
Valley Center FPD	\$1.19	\$1.04	\$0.56	\$0.82	\$1.95	\$3.89	\$0.04
Vista FPD	\$0.88	\$0.76	\$0.41	\$0.60	\$1.43	\$2.86	\$0.03
KEY: FPD = Fire Protection District; MWD = Municipal Water District.							