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ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE MITIGATION FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 (Districts: All)

On December 11, 1985 (11), the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted the Fire Mitigation Fee (FMF) Ordinance, pursuant to its authority under the Mitigation Fee Act. The Mitigation Fee Act (California Government Code sections 66000, et seq.) provides authority for local governments to impose fees to offset the impacts of development on public facilities or services. The statute regulates how public agencies may collect, maintain, and spend development impact fees, including reporting requirements.

The County's FMF program allows fire districts to directly impose and collect mitigation fees and receive FMF funding for capital facilities and equipment to serve new developments in their districts. The County's Department of Planning & Development Services collects the FMF from applicants when building permits are issued, then distributes the funds to the fourteen (14) participating fire agencies on a quarterly basis.

Since the FMF program was initially approved, there have been changes to State law, County strategic initiatives, industry standards and community needs that impact provision of fire protection and emergency medical services throughout the unincorporated areas of the region. Over the past year, staff have coordinated with a consultant, participating agencies and the public to generate a study to determine the appropriate level of fees for the program. In 2023, staff will present the study and proposed updates to the Board for consideration.

The enclosed report was prepared in accordance with the information required by Government Code sections 66001 and 66006 of the Mitigation Fee Act and will be made available on the San Diego County Fire website within 180-days of the end of the fiscal year www.sdcountyfire.org/fire-mitigation-fee-program.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact me at (858) 974-5924.

Respectfully,

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Attachments: Fire Mitigation Fee Annual Report Fiscal Year 2021-22

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