

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022, 9:00 AM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

- A. Roll Call
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Agenda Items

CONSENT CALENDAR

All agenda items listed under this section are considered to be routine and will be acted upon with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Chief Administrative Officer so requests, in which event, the item will be considered separately in its normal sequence.

Agenda #

1.

Subject

ADOPT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRANSFER OF
FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES FROM THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT

1. SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRANSFER OF FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FROM THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DISTRICT: 2)

OVERVIEW

On December 14, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Ramona Municipal Water District (RMWD) unanimously voted in support of the adoption of a resolution of application (Attachment A, on file with the Clerk of the Board) to initiate proceedings with the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (San Diego LAFCO) for divestiture of fire protection and emergency medical services and transfer of responsibility for these services to the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD). The proposed transfer of services will benefit both organizations by allowing the RMWD to focus on its primary function of providing water and sewer service and further the regionalization of fire and emergency medical services within the SDCFPD.

Today's request seeks Board of Supervisors adoption of a resolution supporting the transfer of responsibility for fire protection and emergency medical services from the RMWD to the SDCFPD as successor agency.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
DIRECTOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Find that adoption of the proposed resolution in support of divestiture of fire protection and emergency medical services from the Ramona Municipal Water District and transfer of responsibility for these services to the San Diego County Fire Protection District is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because it does not have the potential to result in a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment. Alternatively, if the proposed action is subject to CEQA, it is exempt from additional analysis pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(2) and Section 15320 because it involves a reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not alter the geographical area in which existing powers are exercised. In addition, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Adopt the Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION TO DIVEST FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POWERS AND TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE SERVICES TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (Attachment B, on file with the Clerk of the Board).
3. Authorize the Executive Director and any designees to take all actions necessary to transfer responsibility for fire protection and emergency medical services to the San Diego County Fire Protection District.

4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide a certified copy of the Resolution to the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission.

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). The Ramona Municipal Water District convened an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate and evaluate future options for providing fire protection and emergency medical services. The committee's findings in support of the divestiture of fire protection and emergency medical services and transfer of responsibility for these services to the SDCFPD as successor agency were presented to the community at a public meeting. Following the initiation of additional community engagement, the Ramona Community Planning Group voted (14-0-1) on December 2, 2021, in support of the RMWD plan to transfer fire protection and emergency medical services to the SDCFPD.

FISCAL IMPACT

If LAFCO approves the transfer of services, the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) will receive revenue from property taxes, ambulance transport fees, the Equivalent Dwelling Unit Fire Benefit Fee and mitigation fees from the Ramona Municipal Water District (RMWD) in order to offset the cost of providing service. For the current fiscal year, the estimated cost for RMWD is \$6,097,800. County staff will return to the Board of Directors to seek approval of the property tax exchange, and a Board of Equalization action would occur in December of 2022 to change the allocation of the property taxes within the boundaries of the RMWD, which would go into effect in Fiscal Year 2023-24. For Fiscal Year 2022-23, the County would reach agreement with the RMWD on a transfer of funding to cover the cost of services and credit the RMWD for upcoming expenditures on apparatus and facilities.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A