

RESOLUTION 24-01

RESOLUTION OF THE SALMON CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AUTHORIZING A SECURED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT AND THE SALMON CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2019, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors adopted a group of strategies and expectations to enable local fire districts to utilize property tax exchange agreements with Humboldt County ("COUNTY") in support of annexation/formation/consolidation and a commitment to service delivery in areas outside current district boundaries that included five (5) standardized Tax Exchange Agreement Offers with specific expectations that must be achieved to qualify for a tax exchange offer; and

WHEREAS, as a part of its application to form the Salmon Creek Fire Protection District ("DISTRICT"), the Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Department submitted a Fire District Formation Property Tax Exchange Proposal to the COUNTY that was deemed by the County Administrative Officer to meet all of the expectations and commitments outlined in Tax Exchange Offer 5 of the Board of Supervisors ("BOARD") adopted strategies and expectations; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2022, the BOARD approved Resolution Number 22-138 and found that the Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Department Fire District Formation Property Tax Exchange Proposal satisfied the expectations for Tax Exchange Agreement Offer 5 and agreed to transfer to the new DISTRICT Three Percent (3.0%) of the Secured Property Tax Revenue attributable only to the change in base value applicable District Formation Area if: (1) the registered voters of the proposed DISTRICT approve the proposed special tax, as defined in the application, (2) the formation of the DISTRICT is certified by the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission; and (3) a tax exchange agreement is executed by and between the COUNTY and the DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2022, the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission approved the formation of the DISTRICT contingent upon the completion of an agreement regarding the exchange of ad valorem property tax pursuant to Tax Exchange Agreement Offer 5 between the COUNTY and the DISTRICT, and the approval of the special tax by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast upon the measure within the proposed district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, an election was held on March 7, 2023, in accordance with the notice and hearing procedures of Government Code Section 50075 et seq. and Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and Measure S to "formation of Salmon Creek Fire Protection District" and Measure T to "Salmon Creek Fire Protection District Special Tax" was approved by a vote of over 96% of the registered voters of the DISTRICT, substantially greater than the 2/3rds majority required votes and electing Dan Gribi, Carleen Cochran, and Linda Vandyke as the DISTRICT Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2023, the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission filed a certificate of completion certifying the formation of the DISTRICT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Salmon Creek Volunteer Department, the registered voters and members of the Salmon Creek Community have duly carried out their obligations to satisfy the conditions for the Tax Exchange Agreement Offer 5 contained in Resolution Number 22-138 as approved by the BOARD.
2. That the Board of Directors of the DISTRICT commit to meeting the expectations outlined in the Salmon Creek Fire Protection District Formation Tax Exchange Sharing Agreement Proposal, as generally summarized in the following:
 - a. Establishing a new and or update revenue sources, by:
 - i. Maintaining the DISTRICT Special Tax;

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- ii. Preparing a fee ordinance based on the California Fire Code structure to recover costs associated with plan review and inspection;
 - iii. Seeking grant funding from the federal Assistance to Firefighters program and the CAL FIRE Volunteer Fire Assistance program to purchase equipment to benefit the community;
 - iv. Supporting the Salmon Creek VFD 501(c)3 which conducts regular annual programs and fundraising to support the community's volunteer firefighters;
 - v. Providing aid to CAL FIRE during incidents and when state resources are out of the Humboldt – Del Norte Unit; and
 - vi. Communicating its needs to the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association Measure Z Committee so that they are incorporated into annual grant allocations;
- b. Planning for the future, by:
- i. Establishing a procedure by resolution for maintaining the Salmon Creek Fire Protection District Special Tax;
 - ii. Establishing a procedure by resolution for budgeting and reporting that is consistent with state law;
 - iii. To create and consistently maintain a District website in accordance with SB 929 to further public access to information related to the District's essential services;
 - iv. Work closely with the Humboldt County Fire Chief's Association in its implementation of its strategic plan; and
- c. Continue, in good faith, to consider the feasibility of reorganizations or consolidations with neighboring districts and departments within the Southern Humboldt County area with the aim of achieving an economy of scale and improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and sustainability of fire services.
3. That the Board of Directors of the DISTRICT hereby authorize the Chair of the Board of Directors to execute a Secured Property Tax Revenue Exchange Agreement between the COUNTY and the DISTRICT, that is substantially similar with the agreement attached as Exhibit "A".

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Salmon Creek Fire Protection District, this **8th day of February, 2024**, by the following vote:

AYES: DAN GRIBI, LINDA VANDYKE and CARLEEN COCHRAN

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:



DAN GRIBI, CHAIR
SALMON CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:



LINDA VANDYKE, SECRETARY/TREASURER
SALMON CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT