

### **Attachment 3: Review of Existing County Support for Fire Services**

In addition to supporting the organizational planning for sustainable fire protection services, the county has contributed funding and support to the fire service through the provision and administration of the following:

#### **Proposition 172:**

Humboldt County Fire districts currently receive a two (2) percent share of the Proposition 172 revenue. In FY 2018-19, fire districts will receive an estimated \$201,226 in Prop 172 revenues.

#### **Measure Z:**

Over the three years of funding provided by Measure Z, more than \$5.5 million have been contributed to support local fire services to purchase equipment, pay dispatch fees, and continue a multiyear sustainable fire-services planning effort. These purchases and activities have directly affected and benefited local fire and rescue agencies and organizations, and contributed to sustaining and improving the level of service throughout the county.

The Blue Lake, Kneeland and Willow Creek fire protection districts have been receiving Measure Z funds as a stop gap measure while a long term solution is sought to provide services to the Mad River-Redwood Creek Study Area which includes the 299 corridor between Blue Lake and Willow Creek and surrounding developed areas. Over the past three years, these districts have received \$213,673, \$60,714, and \$240,647 respectively to maintain fire and rescue services to these areas.

#### **Workers' Compensation:**

The county provides a workers' compensation umbrella for 24 fire departments. County staff administers the program on behalf of the participating departments and the departments must meet specific requirements and training levels to participate. The program represents a significant cost savings for the participating fire departments.

#### **Fire Dispatch Fees:**

The County of Humboldt historically covered approximately 50% of dispatch fees for the fire services Dispatch Cooperative.

#### **Other:**

The county is involved in providing and supporting community fire services through a variety of other means including, but not limited to, the administration of CSA #4, sharing property tax growth with the Fieldbrook-Glendale CSD, and providing real property for fire stations as described in more detail below:

Property Conveyance: On June 26, 2018 (item C-41), your Board approved the conveyance of the county property located at 746 K Street in Blue Lake, California to the Blue Lake Fire Protection District (FPD) as the property was no longer required for county use and conveyance would allow for the construction of a new fire station. The county had owned this property since 1941 and Blue Lake FPD had occupied the property since 2003. Finally, the county has also agreed to allow the Bridgeville FPD to use the Bridgeville Road Maintenance Facility as a fire

station, while only requiring repayment for the county’s annual insurance expense for the property. The county is working to transfer this land to Bridgeville FPD.

The table below illustrates which fire departments benefit from the county support described above.

**County Support of Fire Districts**

	Proposition 172	Measure Z	County Workers' Compensation	Other
Alderpoint		X		
Arcata Fire Protection District (FPD)	X	X	X	
Blue Lake FPD	X	X	X	X
Briceland Volunteer Fire District (VFD)		X	X	
Bridgeville VFD		X	X	X
Carlotta Community Service District (CSD)	X	X		
CSA #4				X
Ferndale FPD	X			
Fieldbrook-Glendale CSD	X		X	X
Fortuna FPD	X		X	
Fruitland Ridge FPD		X	X	
Garberville FPD	X	X		
Honeydew		X		
Hoopa VFD		X		
Humboldt FPD	X	X	X	
Kneeland FPD	X	X	X	
Loleta FPD	X	X	X	
Manila CSD				
McKinleyville CSD				
Miranda CSD	X	X	X	
Myers Flat FPD	X	X	X	
Orick CSD	X	X	X	
Orleans CSD	X	X	X	
Palmer Creek CSD				
Palo Verde Fire Department			X	
Patrick Creek CSD				
Petrolia FPD	X	X		
Phillipsville VFD			X	
Redcrest VFD		X	X	
Redway FPD	X		X	
Resort Improvement District #1	X			
Rio Dell FPD	X			
Salmon Creek VFD		X	X	
Samoa Peninsula FPD				
Scotia VFD			X	
Shively Company Fire and Rescue				
Telegraph Ridge VFD		X		
Weott CSD		X	X	
Westhaven VFD		X	X	
Whale Gulch VFD			X	
Whitethorn FPD				
Willow Creek FPD		X	X	

Total Allocated Fiscal Year 2018-19      \$201,226      \$2,290,536