



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 1/22/2019

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** County Administrative Office

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Local Fire District Allocations for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for the Arcata, Blue Lake, Ferndale, Fortuna, Garberville, Humboldt No. 1, Kneeland, Loleta, Myers Flat, Petrolia, Redway, Rio Dell, and Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection Districts; Fieldbrook, Miranda, Orick, and Orleans Community Services Districts; and Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District No. 1

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute agreements with the Arcata, Blue Lake, Ferndale, Fortuna, Garberville, Humboldt No. 1, Kneeland, Loleta, Myers Flat, Petrolia, Redway, Rio Dell, and Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection Districts (FPD); Fieldbrook, Miranda, Orick, and Orleans Community Services Districts (CSD); and Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District (RID) No. 1 for revenue-sharing of the county's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 Proposition 172 (Prop 172) funding; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to submit one copy of the agreement to the County Administrative Office for processing.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

General Fund (Prop 172)

**DISCUSSION:**

Prop 172 of 1993 enacted a one-half cent sales tax statewide dedicated to public safety purposes. It was intended as partial compensation to counties and cities for property tax revenue that was shifted from local government to the State Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). In October 2005, the Board of Supervisors voted to contribute Prop 172 funding to the recognized fire districts in the county.

The Fire Chiefs' Association provided the county with an allocation formula for distribution of 2.0 percent of the Prop 172 revenue between the 23 fire districts. County Administrative Office staff prepared draft agreements with each fire district based upon the fire chiefs' allocation formula. The Arcata, Blue Lake, Ferndale, Fortuna, Garberville, Humboldt No. 1, Kneeland, Loleta, Myers Flat,

Petrolia, Redway, Rio Dell, and Telegraph Ridge FPDs; Fieldbrook, Miranda, Orick, and Orleans CSDs; and Shelter Cove RID have returned signed copies of their revenue-sharing agreements to the county.

The following revenue-sharing agreements have not yet been returned to the County Administrative Office: Samoa, Whitethorn, and Willow Creek FPDs; and Carlotta CSD.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Pursuant to the allocation formula developed by the Fire Chiefs' Association, Arcata, Blue Lake, Ferndale, Fortuna, Garberville, Humboldt No. 1, Kneeland, Loleta, Myers Flat, Petrolia, Redway, Rio Dell, and Telegraph Ridge FPDs; Fieldbrook, Miranda, Orick, and Orleans CSDs; and Shelter Cove RID will receive the following percentages of total county Prop 172 revenue:

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| Arcata FPD          | 0.08283% | \$8,305   |
| Blue Lake FPD       | 0.02337% | \$2,343   |
| Ferndale FPD        | 0.05615% | \$5,630   |
| Fortuna FPD         | 0.18988% | \$19,038  |
| Garberville FPD     | 0.01506% | \$1,509   |
| Humboldt FPD        | 1.30896% | \$131,240 |
| Kneeland FPD        | 0.00865% | \$867     |
| Loleta FPD          | 0.01167% | \$1,170   |
| Myers Flat FPD      | 0.00667% | \$669     |
| Petrolia FPD        | 0.01181% | \$1,184   |
| Redway FPD          | 0.06437% | \$6,454   |
| Rio Dell FPD        | 0.01096% | \$1,099   |
| Telegraph Ridge FPD | 0.00725% | \$727     |
| Fieldbrook CSD      | 0.01028% | \$1,030   |
| Miranda CSD         | 0.00712% | \$714     |
| Orick CSD           | 0.00766% | \$768     |
| Orleans CSD         | 0.00680% | \$682     |
| Shelter Cove RID    | 0.08283% | \$8,305   |

These percentages represent approximately \$191,734 of the \$200,525 expected to be allocated to the fire districts during FY 2018-19. These funds are currently budgeted in Fund 1100, Budget Unit 199 (Contributions to Other Funds) for FY 2018-19. The recommendation before you supports your Board's strategic framework of creating opportunities for improved safety and health.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Arcata, Blue Lake, Samoa, Ferndale, Fortuna, Garberville, Humboldt, Kneeland, Loleta, Myers Flat, Petrolia, Redway, Rio Dell, Willow Creek, Whitethorn and Telegraph Ridge FPDs, and Fieldbrook, Carlotta, Miranda, Orick and Orleans CSDs, and Shelter Cove RID.

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board could choose not to approve the revenue-sharing agreements for the county's FY 2018-19 Prop 172 funding. This is not

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recommended as it would leave fire districts with reduced resources.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Allocation spreadsheet

B. Fire District Agreements

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: F-2

Meeting of: 10/18/05