

Sonoma County Fire District Board of Directors Special Joint Board Meeting with Bodega Bay Fire Protection District Agenda

Tuesday July 13, 2021 6:00PM

Location: Bodega Bay Fire Protection District 510 Highway 1, Bodega Bay Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954(b)(3)

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

President Klick

Vice President Tognozzi Director So Secretary/Treasurer Weaver

Director Hamann

Director Treanor

Director Briare

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

(Three-minute time limit)

This is an opportunity for any member of the public to briefly address the District Board on any matter that does not appear on this agenda. Items that appear to warrant a lengthier presentation or Board consideration may be placed on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

An opportunity for the Board President to approve adjustments to the current agenda.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Heine will report on District administration and operations.

ACTION ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY OF SONOMA PRELIMINARY TERM SHEET FOR BODEGA BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION WITH SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

The Board will consider the County of Sonoma preliminary Term Sheet for BBFPD consolidation with SCFD dated July 1, 2021, and delegation of authority to Fire Chiefs to complete negotiation of property tax allocation agreement with the County of Sonoma to re-initiate the LAFCO process for BBFPD consolidation with SCFD.

ADJOURNMENT

Bodega Bay Fire District Stabilization and Distribution Plan Review 7/1/21

A) Objectives

- Enter into an agreement with Bodega Bay to distribute the stabilization funding authorized during budget hearings.
- Support efforts to stabilize Bodega Bay, while simultaneously implementing the CSA 40 consolidation plan as recommended by the Fire Services Work Group (FSWG). This effort will utilize preliminary agreements with partner agencies to consolidate the remaining CSA 40 territory via an equitable funding distribution model.
- Allocate the additional \$1.5 million of funding authorized by the Board during budget hearings to support consolidation efforts for CSA 40, Bodega Bay, and Kenwood.
- Above actions if implemented would ultimately result in the current 32 agencies consolidating down to 18, made up of six city agencies and 12 fire districts.

B) Key Assumptions

• The Board authorized up to \$1m for two years to stabilize Bodega Bay as a bridge effort to the fire tax. The original authorization is based on the May 19 Fire Ad Hoc meeting where the stated goal was to authorize enough funding for Bodega Bay and Sonoma County Fire to enter into a JPA as glide path to the fire tax. The amounts to support the formation of a JPA are as follows:

Bodega	Bay I	Fire	Protection	District	Glide	Path	Numbers
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Rem	Amount	Note
Firefighter Paramedics (3)	\$594,733.68	Fully burdened including training, testing, overtime staff for preceptors and mentoring
Fiscal Year 20/21 Deficit	\$424,800.00	Adopt balanced budget by clearing deficit at start of Fiscal Year 21/22. No Reserve Funds available to clear deficit.
Salary Equalization with SCFD	\$307,045.00	Match SCFD MOU Rates for Retention, Recruitment, Interoperability and Consolidation
Contingency 10%	\$132,657.87	Allow for flexibility in hiring and coverage until fully staffed and stable.
Subtotal (without promised \$500,000):	\$1,459,236.55	If the County DOES NOT grant the \$500,000 to the designated Listricts, Including BBFPD
Total Deducting \$500,000	\$959,236.55	If the County DOES grant the \$500,000 to the designated Districts, including BBFPD

- Since we have heard that the original plan to form a JPA is untenable, CAO staff will coordinate with Bodega Bay to identify the proper amount of funding to support the stated objective of stabilizing Bodega Bay until a long-term path is identified in sufficient time for Bodega Bay to adopt their final FY 21-22 budget in September.
- Enhanced Services Funding would stay in place as recently authorized by the Board until such time that the funding made available for consolidation efforts is authorized.
- The additional \$1.5 million of funding authorized by the Board during Budget Hearings provides sufficient funding to effectuate preliminary funding agreements with CSA 40 partners and the partnerships between Bodega Bay and Sonoma County Fire, and Kenwood and Sonoma Valley Fire.
- The Plan assumes that the County would enter into preliminary agreements with each of our partner agency and the distribution of funds would become effective upon the consolidations being finalized by LAFCO, whereby formal revenue exchange agreements would be entered into.
- Initial funding distributions for long-term consolidation efforts would begin in FY 2022-23.

- The timing of LAFCO annexations processes is assumed to coincide with the expiration of the Enhanced Services Agreements. In the event the LAFCO process takes longer than expected, the County would seek to further extend these agreements to act as bridge funding.
- Bodega Bay and Sonoma County Fire are expected to fully support and cooperate with the pursuit of a new fire tax.

C) Preliminary Terms

- Bodega Bay is expected to negotiate an agreement that provides fiscal stability for the next two years using up to \$1m per year as authorized by the Board during budget hearings.
- Bodega Bay, Sonoma County Fire will begin negotiations to enter into a preliminary agreement that would transfer a total of \$3million per year of County discretionary funding upon annexation of Bodega Bay by Sonoma County Fire via the LAFCO annexation process.
- If the \$3million is proven to be insufficient during negotiations, then Bodega Bay will coordinate with CAO staff to identify the amount of funding necessary to stabilize Bodega Bay until a tax or other form of supplemental funding can be identified to support final consolidation.

D) Next Steps

To be responsive to the Board's direction during budget hearings, the County Administrator's Office will bring an item on July 20, 2021, requesting delegated authority to 1) Enter into a two-year financial stabilization agreement with Bodega Bay, and 2) Negotiate and enter into preliminary agreements based on the Distribution Plan with our CSA 40 partner agencies, Bodega Bay, and Kenwood making use of the ongoing funding authorized by the Board to support fire services consolidations.