



**REDWOOD VALLEY-CALPELLA FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2022**

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1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Talso at 4:02 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Talso, Tuso, Rugg, Boyd, Strangio

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Robinson and Jessica Keizer, Clerk

#3 PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None

#4 OLD BUSINESS

- a. SCI Tax Measure Proposal. Arcelia Herrera and Valerie Flores of SCI presented via online the progress made thus far in the Tax Proposal. Material presented was on the different option between a Benefits Assessment Tax vs a Special Tax. The Board reviewed the information fact sheet that discusses RVCFD and the proposed measure as well as the two surveys created by SCI.

-Information Fact Sheet- Done in a fold over format the fact sheet presents information about the District. Director Boyd had some corrections in grammar, and layout information. Board discussion and suggested corrections. Add the words "legally mandated" when addressing the need for funding for training. Address that the costs have increased for everything. When speaking of a negative funding gap, remove the word negative. When speaking of the CPI (Consumer Price Index) , remove listed cities and just say Northern California. Re-word and clarify the section about how much the proposed measure would cost/increase. Change the fact that there has not been a tax increase from 20 years to 22 years. Address that the PG&E funding is a one time event.

-Discussion of rate proposals.

Benefit Assessment- property owners, 50% + weighted vote, ballots are generated and mailed to the property owners, mailed ballots stay in the field for 45 days, the ballots are returned and then a public hearing is held for people to voice their opinions and then they close the hearing and call for tabulation of the votes. It's an all mail election. Another requirement is a civil engineer has to prepare an engineers report to support the budget of the District and the methodology. The funds can only be used for items that are built into the engineers report. The approximate cost for this report is \$30,000.00-\$35,000.00. If it is passed the report is done every year to make it a public



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record but it is an included cost. The levy administration is about \$5,000.00 a year that we already pay for our current tax. The survey will show their specific amount they will be charged for their owned property.

Special Tax- goes to all registered voters, $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to pass, goes to the general election.

We need to institute the use of Operational permits. This will also help with compliance and additional revenue.

Review of the two proposed surveys. Discussion of the questions presented on the survey. The conclusion was drawn that the Board would like additional time to review and make corrections to the surveys. The Board will review and meet at a later date.

- b. District 10 year projected budget plan- Tabled until the regular meeting at 6:00 to be discussed under the Financial reports.

#5 ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting will be February 10, 2022 at 6:00PM

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Linda Talso, Chair

Jessica Keizer Clerk