



To: Board of Directors
From: Steve Simons, Fire Chief
Date: July 8, 2019
Subject: Public Hearing - Approval of the Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment Annual Report 2019 and Related Items, and Continuation of the Assessment

Resolution 2014-08 was adopted in October of 2014. With the adoption of the resolution, the assessment can be imposed and levied annually, after the Board of Directors approves an annual update to the Engineer's Report prepared by staff, budget for the Assessment, services to be provided, other specifics of the Assessment. In addition, the Board must annually hold a public hearing to continue the Assessment. A Notice of Public Hearing was published on July 12, 2019 in the Sierra Sun.

In order to conform with the requirements of the resolution, and ensure the County can legally levy the Assessment on property tax bills, the Board must hold a Public Hearing to review and approve the update of the Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment Annual Report; and authorize the continuation of the Assessment.

The Board also has the authority to adjust the Special Assessment based on the San Francisco Area Consumer Price Index (CPI) as of December the preceding year. December 2018, the CPI increased by 4.5%, however, the authorized maximum assessment to be levied in any fiscal year shall not exceed 4% per year, provided that any change in the CPI in excess of 4% shall be cumulatively reserved as the "Unused CPI" and shall be used to increase the maximum authorized assessment to be adjusted by 4% for the CPI increase in any year in which the CPI is less than 4%. The increase for a vacant parcel will be \$1.98 (from \$50.16 to \$52.14); for the average parcel with a standard home, the increase will be \$8.02 (from \$200.66 to \$208.68); and the largest increase will be \$25.72 (from \$642.90 to \$668.62). The overall benefit to the District will be \$408,571.04.

Recommendation:

1. Approve the Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment Annual Report for 2019;
2. Approve the annual update of the budget, with an increase of 4% based on the December 2018 San Francisco Area CPI-U, for the Assessment shown in the report;
3. Approve the annual update of the services to be provided shown in the report;
4. Approve the annual update of all other specifics of the Assessment shown in the report; and
5. Authorize the continuation of the Assessment.