

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT

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CONSIDERATION OF A FIRE SPECIAL TAX MEASURE

South Placer Fire Protection District
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BACKGROUND

- The District is facing increased costs in providing fire protection and emergency medical services to our community
 - Without an increase in revenues, the District will not be able to continue to serve the community without degrading service levels
- A Fire Special Tax can be used to generate annual and secure funding from the community to support ongoing operations



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WHAT IS A FIRE SPECIAL TAX

A tax imposed by a local agency (i.e., fire district, city, or county)

Legally restricted to fire-related purposes only, such as:

- Fire suppression and staffing
- Emergency medical response (EMS)
- Wildfire prevention and vegetation management
- Fire station construction and equipment

Must be approved by 2/3 of voters

- Voting in the election

SPECIAL TAX FOR SPFD

- Multi-family parcels charged per unit at 50% of Single-Family Residential rate
- Mobile home parks charged based on number of units at 50% of Single-Family Residential rate
- High hazard occupancy surcharge at 2x Non-Residential rate
- Tax rate inflated annually based on percent change in California Consumer Price Index

Character of Property	Tax Rate
Single-Family Residential	\$375.00 per Dwelling Unit
Non-Residential Structures	\$0.25 per Building Square Foot

Would repeal the existing special taxes and assessments throughout the District.

Special Tax is anticipated to generate \$5.75 million annually, an increase of approximately \$3 million.

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PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

To reopen closed fire stations: improve response times/firefighting capabilities; and attract/ retain experienced emergency medical responders, shall the South Placer Fire Protection District measure to repeal two parcel taxes, require its Board to repeal an assessment, and establish a single, uniform \$375 annual parcel tax on single-family parcels, and other parcels as specified, to generate approximately \$5,750,000 annually until ended by voters, with considerations for low-income residents, disclosures, audits and citizen oversight, be adopted?

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REVENUES CAN BE USED FOR:

- Maintaining equipment
- Attracting and retaining experienced emergency medical responders
- Reopening closed fire stations
- Investing in and maintaining fire stations
- Improving training and related items necessary for the District to maintain and improve the ability to fight fires and save homes and structures when fires occur
- Improve emergency medical response times
- Fulfill operational functions

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

- Proceeds deposited into a designated account
- Funds may only be used for authorized expenditures
- Funds must be used by the District itself
 - May not be used by any other local, county, state or federal agency
- Annual report shall be prepared and open for public inspection
 - Documenting all funds collected and expended
 - Filed with the District Board of Directors no later than January 1 of each year



PROCESS FOR MOVING FORWARD

TONIGHT'S
MEETING

- Board considers Resolution Calling for a May 19, 2026 public hearing

MAY 19th
2026

- Board considers Resolution with attached Ordinance that calls for a November 3, 2026 election regarding the proposed special tax measure

NOVEMBER 3rd
2026

- Election Day

AUGUST 10th
2027

- With successful tax measure, District will submit the special tax roll to the County Auditor-Controller to place the tax on 2027-28 tax bills
- Taxes will be distributed to the District after December 2027/April 2028 tax revenues are received



BOARD QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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