

San Diego County Fire Protection District  
Resolution No.:  
Meeting Date: 05/05/2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FIRE MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27**

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Fire Protection District (District), requires long-term fire protection facilities and equipment (Facilities) to provide fire suppression or emergency medical services within the District;

WHEREAS, new development is anticipated in the District, and existing Facilities will be inadequate to provide fire suppression or emergency medical services, creating a situation perilous to public health and safety;

WHEREAS, to mitigate the impacts caused by new development, the District must improve or expand existing Facilities and/or construct or acquire new Facilities;

WHEREAS, the District lacks sufficient funds for new or improved Facilities from fund balances, capital facility funds, property tax sources, or any other appropriate source, and annexation and plan check fees charged by the District do not include a payment toward the costs of Facilities as a component of those fees;

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Fire Protection District (District), imposes a mitigation fee pursuant to California Government Code Section 66000, et seq. (Mitigation Fee Act) and Chapter 3 of Division 10 of Title 8 (commencing with Section 810.301) of the County Code of Regulatory Ordinances (Fire Mitigation Fee Ordinance)

WHEREAS, the County has established fee ceilings for types of construction by Chapter 3 of Division 10 of Title 8 (commencing with Section 810.301) of the County Code of Regulatory Ordinances (FMF Ordinance); and

WHEREAS, the District desires to participate in the County's Fire Mitigation Fee (FMF) program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES:**

1. The District shall participate in the County's FMF Program for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the County's FMF Ordinance and the Mitigation Fee Act.
2. The District shall collect 100 percent of the FMF ceiling from applicants for building permits within the District's boundaries. The percentage of the ceiling fee is equal to or less than the Facilities needs caused by new development.

3. Except as otherwise provided in the County Code or state law, all FMF revenue shall be used only to expand the availability of Facilities to serve new development within the District's boundaries. FMF revenue shall not be used to address existing deficiencies, but may be used in response to increased demand reasonably related to the new development to refurbish existing facilities to maintain an existing level of service or achieve an adopted level of service that is consistent with the San Diego County General Plan.
4. The District shall deposit all FMF revenue and all interest subsequently accrued by the District on these funds in a separate account to be known as "SDCFPD Fire Mitigation." The District shall only expend funds from the "SDCFPD Fire Mitigation" account for the purpose of providing Facilities to serve new development.
5. The District shall make its records justifying the basis for the FMF amount available to the public on request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution supersedes Resolution No. 25-025 adopted May 6, 2025 to participate in the FMF program.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY  
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