



# San Diego County Fire Protection District

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## AGENDA ITEM

**DATE:** June 25, 2026

**FP01**

**TO:** Board of Directors, San Diego County Fire Protection District

### SUBJECT

**ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 BUDGET FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### OVERVIEW

Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 29088 and Health and Safety Code 13895, this request recommends the approval of a resolution to adopt the budget for the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Approve the Chief Administrative Officer Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter.
2. Consider change requests submitted after the close of the budget hearing, if applicable. **(4 VOTES)**

*If additional time is needed to identify funding sources or otherwise balance the budget based on the Board's direction and recommendations above, this item may be continued to June 26, 2026, if necessary. If additional time is not needed, then take the following action:*

3. Adopt a resolution entitled, ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026.

### EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) is committed to promoting a culture of equity, belonging, and racial justice. We serve all communities, including Black, Indigenous, people of Color, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, low-income individuals, the young, the elderly, immigrants, refugees, and those who have faced inequality.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recommended Operational Plan aims to allocate resources to address inequities in County programs and services. This plan is based on community input, data analysis identifying disparities, and meaningful assessment of outcome indicators.

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In 2021, the County introduced a Budget Equity Assessment Tool. This tool helps County departments prioritize services and allocate resources with equity in mind. Each year, departments must identify equity components to evaluate budget changes that impact their ability to deliver services and support their goals. The questions in this tool ensure that the County applies an equity lens when developing the budget.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) is working towards a sustainable future for everyone. Our strategic plan guides our activities to ensure sustainability in the region's economy, climate, environment, and communities. We aim to strengthen communities by pursuing legislative policies and collaborating with stakeholders to enhance services that help residents become self-sufficient, increase economic sustainability, and reduce poverty.

County departments contribute by implementing their own sustainability plans, which reflect their priorities and inform financial planning and decision-making. This ongoing effort helps each department increase the overall sustainability of their operations. These collective efforts strengthen communities, ensure accountability, and protect public resources by aligning available resources through services and initiatives.

The proposed budgetary plans for the Fiscal Years 2026-27 in the Chief Administrative Officer Recommended Operational Plan support the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability. This aligns our resources with services while maintaining fiscal stability and ensuring long-term solvency.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The recommended action provides spending authority of \$46,825,203 for the San Diego County Fire Protection District for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

N/A

**BACKGROUND**

The San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) is a dependent special district that is a distinct entity from the County of San Diego (County) but maintains an agreement with the County for the purpose of staffing, administrative support, facilities, vehicles, equipment, ambulance transports, and contracting with CAL FIRE for fire protection and emergency medical services. SDCFPD receives revenues from property taxes, special taxes, special assessments, ambulance transports, and revenue agreements, and the County supplements SDCFPD revenues to the extent required to ensure fire protection and emergency medical services continue to be provided within the SDCFPD.

The recommended action provides spending authority of \$46,825,203 for the SDCFPD for Fiscal Year 2026-27. Any changes filed by the SDCFPD Board of Directors (Board) and/or motions

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made to revise the budget recommended for adoption today must be acted on before adoption. If the Board approves any revisions to the budget recommended for adoption, Recommendation 3 may be continued to June 26, 2026 to allow for revisions to the budget resolution and/or additional recommendations from the Chief Administrative Officer to balance the budget that may be necessary. The funding associated with the SDCFPD makes up a portion of the \$161.9 million total budget for San Diego County Fire.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT**

N/A

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Today's proposed actions support the Equity, Sustainability, Community, Empower, and Justice initiatives in the County of San Diego's (County) 2026-2031 Strategic Plan by fully committing to use County resources to meet the highest priority needs of residents.

Respectfully submitted,



**EBONY N. SHELTON**  
Executive Director

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

*Note: Due to the size of the attachments, the documents are available online through the Clerk of the Board's website at [www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/cob/bosa.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/cob/bosa.html).*

1. Resolution – Adoption of the Budget for San Diego County Fire Protection District for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026
2. CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28