

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TUESDAY, MAY 05, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2

**SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
ANNUAL FIRE MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM RESOLUTIONS
AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AND ADOPTION OF A
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego created the Fire Mitigation Fee (FMF) program following the adoption of an ordinance by the County Board of Supervisors on December 11, 1985 (11). The purpose of the program is to collect and allocate funds to participating fire agencies in the unincorporated area of San Diego County, including the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD), for facility and equipment improvements to serve new development. In addition to SDCFPD, the program allows other fire agencies, lacking legal authority to directly impose and collect mitigation fees, to provide long-term capital facilities and equipment for fire suppression or emergency medical services, including station construction, station expansion or improvements, and fire or emergency medical apparatus to serve new development in their districts.

To participate in the FMF Program, SDCFPD must adopt two resolutions on an annual basis to authorize continued participation and identify the percentage of the maximum fee for collection and adopt a Capital Improvement Plan identifying the future use of FMF revenue. The SDCFPD Capital Improvement Plan proposes to allocate FMF revenues to support fire facility projects identified in the Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA) and fire service vehicles in accordance with the County Fire Fleet Plan. The proposed Fire Mitigation Fee Program Fee schedule reflects the Los Angeles Construction Cost Index annual cost escalator of 3.6% for Fiscal Year 2026-27 in accordance with the County's FMF Ordinance (SEC. 810.301).

Today's actions request approval of the annual Participation and Capital Improvement Plan Resolutions to allow the SDCFPD to continue to receive mitigation fees to support new development in the district.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

1. Adopt the Resolution entitled: 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.
2. Adopt the Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO ADOPT A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE USE OF FIRE MITIGATION FEE REVENUE.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) serves an under resourced and geographically diverse portion of the County's unincorporated area where many communities experience limited access to critical public safety infrastructure. These areas are designated as high or

very high fire hazard severity zones and include populations that are at risk, low income or socially vulnerable. Revenue collected through the Fire Mitigation Fee program is critical to maintaining equitable service delivery by providing funding for capital improvement investments, including fire stations and equipment, to support growing communities and increased demands for services in the SDCFPD. These investments directly enhance response capabilities and service delivery to ensure residents receive fire protection and emergency medical services that are equitable to those provided by incorporated city departments.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions in today's request support the County of San Diego's Sustainability goals to provide just and equitable access to services by ensuring communities across the SDCFPD can address future needs for fire protection and emergency medical services.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) will continue to participate in the County's Fire Mitigation Fee (FMF) Program and will use funds collected for capital improvement projects and equipment purchases within the boundaries of the SDCFPD. In Fiscal Year 2026-27, the FMF program is anticipated to generate approximately \$2,000,000 in revenue. Costs for equipment purchases and facility improvements will be included as needed in future Operational Plans for San Diego County Fire. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years will be required.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Anderson, seconded by Director Aguirre, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Fire Protection District closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 26-034, entitled: 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; and, Resolution No. 26-035, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO ADOPT A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE USE OF FIRE MITIGATION FEE REVENUE.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer

NOES: Desmond

ABSENT: Montgomery Steppe

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the San Diego County Fire Protection District.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Directors



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Potter".

Signed
by Andrew Potter