



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 1
File #: 19-231

Board Meeting Date: 3/26/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael P. Callagy, County Manager
Subject: Use of District-Discretionary **Measure K** Funds - Supervisorial Districts 1 and 3

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) of one-time district-discretionary **Measure K** funds, not to exceed \$250,500, to the Office of Sustainability for the Fire Chiefs Association's Standardized Evacuation Zone Polygons and the San Mateo Resource Conservation District Forest Health/Fire Safe Program.

BACKGROUND:

Measure K is the half-cent general sales tax initially approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012 and extended in November 2016 for a total of thirty years. The Board of Supervisors ("Board") and County staff have conducted study sessions and community outreach efforts to inform priorities for **Measure K** spending for FY 2017-19.

On May 16, 2017, the Board approved the FY 2017-19 Measure K allocation plan in which the County anticipates Measure K receipts of approximately \$81.6 million annually. The plan included \$7 million in one-time loans or grants each year during FY 2017-19, divided equally among the five supervisorial districts, for district-specific needs and projects. Districts 1 and 3 have submitted a request to use its district-discretionary **Measure K** funds as shown below and described in the Project Summary section of this memorandum:

| District/Project | Amount |
|---|---------------|
| District 1 (Supervisor Pine) - Office of Sustainability: projects related to wildland fire risk strategy | \$140,000 |
| District 3 (Supervisor Horsley) - Office of Sustainability: projects related to wildland fire risk strategy | \$110,500 |

This item is consistent with the criteria for district-discretionary **Measure K** funds approved by the Board in December 2018.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This is a request to authorize an ATR in the amount of \$250,500 in Measure K district-discretionary funds to the Office of Sustainability to fund projects related to the County’s strategy to reduce wildland fire risk. The Office of Sustainability will use the Measure K funds for the following efforts to reduce risks from wildland fires:

I. San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association - \$75,000:

- Collaborate with local fire and police chiefs and evacuation specialists to develop standardized evacuation zone polygons, utilizing the County’s LiDAR data, evacuation route capacity, population density, and additional data.
- Validate evacuation zones, develop a digital GIS map layer, and create standardized pre-plan worksheets and supporting evacuation zone materials for the Office of Public Safety Communications, the Office of Emergency Services, and first responders throughout the county.

II. Fire Safe Council/San Mateo Resource Conservation District Forest Health/Fire Safe Program - \$175,500:

- Coordinated and facilitate Fire Safe Council (FSC) work on local initiatives and priorities identified by FSC stakeholders, the CAL FIRE Unit Plan, and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- Expand the FSC chipping program, which includes outreach to residents on topics including defensible space, home hardening, evacuation routes, and neighborhood fuel/vegetation risk reduction efforts.
- Support project development and efforts to secure grants to further fuel reduction and forest health projects, including watershed health/sediment load reduction, to improve critical trails, fire roads, emergency access/evacuation roads, and related bridges and culverts.
- Research and begin the process of developing programmatic permitting tools and environmental documentation for projects including: fuel reduction, removal of large trees like eucalyptus, defensible space, large scale forest health projects, strategic fuel breaks, and sediment load reduction improvements for emergency access/evacuation routes and other fire risk reduction projects.

Total Measure K Request: Not to Exceed \$250,500

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the ATR as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient **Measure K** funds for this specific FY 2018-2019 **Measure K** request. These funds are budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget.