

# COUNTYWIDE FIRE PREVENTION & RESPONSE PROPOSED MEASURE H, MARCH 2024



*"We plan to use funds from the countywide measure to provide the Cazadero Volunteer Fire Department funding for year round staffing of the Cazadero Cal Fire Station, volunteer and stipend firefighter staffing, enhancement of our fire prevention capacity, including fuels management projects that align with the community wildfire protection plan (CWPP), and improved Fire and EMS response times in the Cazadero Community Services District and surrounding areas of the county. Additionally, we plan to use funds to support critical infrastructure improvements including an earthquake retrofit project and facility improvements that will support overnight staffing at Station 1. The revenue will be managed by the local Fire District Board and will directly enhance the safety of the communities served by the Cazadero Volunteer Fire Department."*

– Steve Krausmann, CVFD Chief

## REVENUE WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING TO COUNTY RESIDENTS

- Recruitment and retention of local firefighters
- Improved response times
- Increased wildfire prevention, preparedness, and response
- Expanded paramedic services
- Infrastructure improvements
- Red flag and winter storm upstaffing
- Provide staffing to rural and underserved communities
- Supports an improved local dispatch center
- Enhanced vegetation management and fuels reduction
- Provides collaborative technology platforms

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ➤ How much will this tax generate?

This ½ cent sales tax is expected to generate approximately \$60 million annually to address the current and future funding challenges that face EVERY fire agency in the county.

### ➤ How will the expenditures be governed?

Revenue will go directly to fire agencies. Their governing bodies, either City Councils or District Boards will be responsible for ensuring that the funds are spent in accordance with the ordinance. Additionally, an independent oversight committee will review the expenditures of each agency.

### ➤ How much funding will my local fire department get?

Your local fire department will receive 1.14% of the annual tax revenue, estimated at nearly \$700 thousand.

### ➤ What will the funding be used for?

- The Cal-Fire "Amador" Agreement which provides year-round staffing in Cazadero
- Funding for volunteer & stipend firefighters
- Improved response times in rural areas
- Enhanced fire prevention resources
- Facility upgrades and essential Equipment



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