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**Subject:** FW: General Fund Supports Fire Services

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Greetings, All,

Since last Wednesday's Fire Department Advisory Commission meeting, I have been asking questions about the issue of whether or not Measure G's proposed sales tax increase would really benefit County Fire. I spoke publicly at last Tuesday's Board of Supervisor meeting Open Comment about the matter, and today received this response from Ms. Mowrey, County Budget Manager.

What are your thoughts? I am not convinced that the sales tax increase would benefit County Fire. I asked Supervisor Bruce McPherson directly about the matter at a Chamber of Commerce event. Whether General Fund monies will be allocated to County Fire in the future, he said, "will be something to be determined by the Board."

I wrote a letter to the editor for the Register-Pajaronian about Measure G's claims and how the CAO postponed putting a CSA 48 increase on the ballot until next spring.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Sincerely,

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On Wednesday, September 26, 2018 5:26 PM, Christina Mowrey <[Christina.Mowrey@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:Christina.Mowrey@santacruzcounty.us)> wrote:

In response to your question raised at the 9/25/18 Board meeting. The Santa Cruz County General Fund supports fire services in the following ways:

1. Radio Services are provided to the local special fire districts at a reduced cost through the County Radio Shop.
2. Funding is provided to the SC County Fire Chiefs Association annually (from Prop 172 General Funds) to provide for special teams, long range training facility needs, cooperative fire protection programs and fire prevention materials and projects.
3. Emergency Services provides a General Fund contribution of one-third of the annual contribution for emergency response to hazardous materials cleanup administered by SV Fire Protection Agency.
4. General Fund pays for the County's share of 911 net costs not covered from the 911 fee and this includes services to dispatch fire service calls not related to wildland fires.
5. Emergency Services provides a General Fund Contribution to the Fire Safe Council for fire projects and/or prevention programs.

6. Emergency Services provide staff support to the Emergency Management Council, the County Fire Department Advisory Commission and the Santa Cruz County Anti-Terrorism Approval Authority which is mandated by the State Office of Homeland Security.
7. Emergency Services is the lead agency and coordinates Homeland Security related activities including Fire. Minimal reimbursement for administration with the net cost absorbed by the General Fund.
8. Emergency Services staff support the coordination and management of the grant program that supports county wide costs including Fire from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). Minimal reimbursement from the grant for administration with the net cost absorbed by the General Fund.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

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