

West Plainfield Fire Protection District

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**MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE – FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT – MEETING
January 25, 2021 at 600 pm**

Held via Video and Teleconference

Remote Meeting Location: 34791 Creeksedge Road, Davis, CA

1. Call the meeting to order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Yeager at 1808 hours. Present were: Committee member Yeager, Fire Chief Rita, AC Stiles, AC Heins, and Lt Bravo. Absent was: Committee member Hjerpe.

2. Public comment

None.

3. Discussion/Action – Recommendation to the West Plainfield Fire Protection District Board on the Proposal for Use of Proposition 172 Funds to be Presented to the Yolo County Fire Protection Sustainability Board Ad Hoc Committee

As a refresher, AC Stiles presented the history of the Yolo County Fire Protection Sustainability Board Ad Hoc Committee (YCFPS). There are two items before our committee for the YCFPS: (1) funding options and (2) use of funds, both as outlined in our agenda packet. Our recommendations to the YCFPS will be delivered to the County for their February 8, 2021, meeting.

Some figures for consideration regarding the funding options (based on 2018-2019 figures):

- \$2,081,696.20 = funding sources presented by YCFPS
(20% of growth of 172 funds + anticipated sales tax)
- \$684,845.00 = 100% of growth of 172 funds
- \$2,629,845.00 = 100% of growth of 172 funds + anticipated sales tax
- \$2,600,000 +/- = 13% of 172 funds (estimate)

AC Stiles reported that the YCFPS members have been told by Patrick Blacklock, Chief Administrative Officer, that the County's current position is they are unlikely to re-direct current 172 funds from other County Departments, thus leaving 172 growth and County sales tax as the only funds potentially available.

Recommendation to our Board for presentation to the Yolo Fire Chiefs and YCFPS: (1) Our preference would be to receive a portion of the 172 funds.

However, understanding that receipt of 172 funds is unlikely until the County puts a ½ cent sales tax measure on the ballot, we would not oppose such a measure. However, in addition to the sales tax, the special fire protection districts should be receiving 100% of the 172 growth until such time as the districts collect a total of \$2,600,000.00 from 172 growth, or 13% of the current total 172 funds collected, whichever is more.

(2) In addition to the above, it should be made clear we believe that if the ½ cent sales tax measure does not pass, the County should reallocate the total 172 funds it collects: 8% the first year, increasing each year thereafter until it reaches 13%.

Synopsis of different options for use of the funds:

- a. Upstaff a station or two with additional personnel to assist with training
- b. Split between departments

Regarding item 3a: This option uses all the funds without providing clear idea of how the other issues facing the special district departments will be funded, though we have heard that there is money for those items. It is not favored by any of the districts, that we are aware of. None of Chief Rita, AC Stiles, or AC Heins were in favor of this option.

Regarding item 3b: Chair Yeager and staff discussed the proposal presented to the Yolo Fire Chiefs and Boards for their consideration. Two issues were discussed: (i) the percentages and (ii) how to determine call volume.

- (i) Chief Rita does not believe that population should be a consideration, though it does drive call volume. However, call volume is one of the factors taken into account regarding allocation of funds in the proposal under consideration. Chief Rita pointed out that (a) including population as a factor in determining allocation would disproportionately affect districts that, by County zoning laws, have limited growth potential, and (b) those districts that can grow will be receiving additional property taxes because of that growth.
- (ii) Capt Bravo reported he had a discussion with AC Stiles about the numbers currently being used for call volume: all calls for service by each district whether the call was in-district or out-of-district and, perhaps even multiple call numbers were issued for the same call when redirected from one assignment to another on the same incident. If this metric is used as a factor, there needs to be a discussion about what constitutes a call for these purposes.

Discussion was held about whether to accept the proposal put forth by the Yolo Chiefs for consideration as presented or whether we should make a different proposal for the Yolo Chiefs / Boards of Commissioners / YCFPS consideration.

Recommendation to our Board for presentation to the Yolo Fire Chiefs and YCFPS: That the allocation of funds method presented for consideration by the Yolo Chiefs and District Boards should be modified to remove “population” as a factor and to change the “equal division” factor from 75% to 85%, leaving call volume at 15%. The “Accountability” and “Review Process” sections of the proposal are acceptable, but could be expanded to include plans to regionally use funds as agreed upon to take advantage of economies of scale.

4. Calendar

a. The next Budget Committee meeting to be determined

No date was determined.

APPROVED:

RECORDER: Cherie Rita

CHAIR: Jim Yeager

Dated: _____