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SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: May 8, 2002
TO: Board of Supervisors
SUBJECT: Standardizing Fire Service Fees for New Development in County Service Areas
(District: All)

SUMMARY:

Overview

There is a lack of consistent standards by which the County signs off developer proposals for fire service in County Service Areas and other unincorporated areas not covered by a fire protection district. New development should be responsible for paying its costs for fire protection and mitigating the impact it will have on the local fire agency.

This proposed action asks staff to prepare an analysis of potential costs and other impacts to local fire departments outside of fire protection districts, and recommend a standardized mitigation structure for new development.

Recommendation(s)

SUPERVISOR DIANNE JACOB:

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with volunteer fire departments outside of fire protection districts and develop a proposal to provide adequate fire protection services for new development in the unincorporated area, and report back to the board within 90-days.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this proposal.

BACKGROUND:

There is a lack of consistent standards by which the County signs off developer proposals for fire service in County Service Areas and other unincorporated areas not covered by a fire protection district. New development should be responsible for paying its costs for fire protection and mitigating the impact it will have on the local fire agency.

Recently, the County's fire letter policy led to a difference of opinion between volunteer fire departments and developers regarding appropriate mitigation for a proposed development. Under the current policy, CSA boards make recommendations to the County Fire Code

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specialist, who in turn makes a decision. There are no formal standards in place for the developers, fire departments or the County to make these recommendations and decisions. An analysis of potential impacts of new development on fire agencies and the creation of consistent standards will give all involved the tools necessary to make a decision on appropriate costs for fire service.

I urge your support.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, Second District

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

CONCURRENCE(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Other Concurrence(s): [\[Click here and type, or type N/A if not applicable\]](#)

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: [\[Click here & type\]](#)

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PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

N/A

CONTRACT NUMBER(S):

N/A