



# **BODEGA BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**P.O. Box 6  
510 Highway One  
Bodega Bay CA 94923**

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## **Notice & Agenda of Regular Meeting & Public Hearing**

**Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 7:30 pm**

**BODEGA BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BURKE ROOM**

**510 Highway 1, Bodega Bay, California**

**Assistance for the Disabled:** If you are disabled in any way and need accommodation to participate in the meeting, please call the Board Clerk at least 48 hours in advance at 707/875-3700 for assistance so the necessary arrangements can be made.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL: Directors Tony Anello \_\_\_\_, Cathy Beck \_\_\_\_, Maggie Briare \_\_\_\_, John Doolittle \_\_\_\_, Barbara McElhiney \_\_\_\_.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (additions and/or deletions)
4. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION
5. CITIZENS PUBLIC APPEARANCE: *Any citizen wishing to speak to the Board on any item not listed on the agenda may do so under public appearance. All presentations made under public appearance are normally restricted to three (3) minutes in length per meeting unless the Board President specifically authorizes additional time.*
6. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
  - A) Increase in existing fee schedule (Ordinance 10/11-1)
7. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING
8. ORDINANCE 10/11-1
9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT
10. STAFF FORUM
11. BODEGA BAY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION REPORT
12. CONSENT CALENDAR
  - Correspondence
  - October 12, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - October Accounts Payables
  - Monthly Staff Reports
13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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<b>Operations:</b>	<b>(707) 875-3001</b>	<b>Fax:</b>	<b>(707) 875-2285</b>

14. FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

15. RESOLUTION #10/11-16, ALLOWING FEDERAL & STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY REPORTS

16. RESERVE FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

17. CLOSED SESSION

A) *California Government Code 54957.....* "may hold closed sessions during a regular meeting to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee."

1. Performance Review: Fire Chief

18. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Report any action(s) taken

19. WINDSOR JPA REVIEW

20. SONOMA COUNTY FIRE/LAFCO STUDY

21. TIDINGS NOTICE

- A. Bucket Brigade Blood Drive 12/9/10 3:00-6:00 pm here at the Station
- B. Other Items

22. STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

23. PUBLIC COMMENT

24. BOARD COMMENT

25. ADJOURNMENT

Note: The next Regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

At the discretion of the Board, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the Board. Any writings or documents regarding any item on this agenda provided to a majority of the directors of the Bodega Bay Fire Protection District after the posting of this agenda will be made available for public review during normal business hours at the Bodega Bay Fire Protection District administrative office, 510 Highway 1, Bodega Bay, California. If any supplemental materials are made available to the Board at the meeting, a copy will be available for public review at the Board meeting.

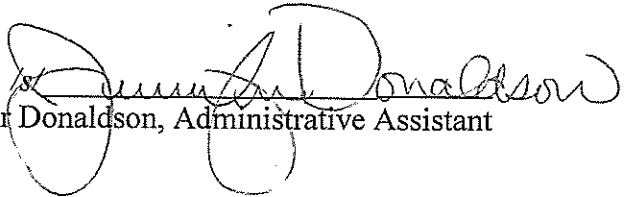
/s/   
Sean Grinnell, Fire Chief, Board Clerk

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**Certification of Posting**

I certify that on Friday, November 5, 2010, I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda near the regular meeting place of the Board of Directors of the Bodega Bay Fire Protection District, said time being at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting of the Board of Directors (Government Code Section 54954.2).

Executed in Bodega Bay, California on Friday, November 5, 2010.

  
Jennifer Donaldson, Administrative Assistant



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Sean Grinnell, Fire Chief  
DATE: 11-5-10  
SUBJECT: Fee Ordinance  
Cc: File

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Grinnell", is written over the "FROM:" line of the memorandum.

Attached are the various sources used to create our new rates. It is anticipated that we will not have to raise the rates for two years.

They are a little high, but not the highest.

Residents do not have to pay for more than what insurance covers. Property owners are not yet included, but could be. (*Referenced ca. gov. code. 13917*)

I have asked Wittman, LLC, if they are aware if this policy would violate any Medicare rules. It appears that no rules are violated. Attached is an opinion from the Office of the Inspector General.

One caveat though, tax-paying person, so one should assume that the person be in good standing with regard to annual tax payments.

**BODEGA BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
 AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES  
 ATTACHMENT 'A'**

	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
Emergency Response Non Transport (BLS, ALS)	\$222	\$650, \$850
Emergency Response	\$117	\$150
Out of County Response	\$109	\$130
Emergency Transport to ALS Unit	\$247	N/A
Emergency Medical Tech. (BLS) Base Rate****	\$521	\$1300
Paramedic Service (ALS) Base Rate****	\$859	\$1700
Additional ALS Patient	\$745	\$1700
Additional BLS Patient	\$468	\$1300
Non-Resident Charge	\$500	\$524
Mileage (per mile)*	\$ 18	\$27
Oxygen	\$104	\$120
Semi-Auto Defibrillator	\$248	N/A
Mechanical CPR (Thumper)	\$156	N/A
Cervical Spinal Protection	\$ 80	Gone
Extra Attendant Transport (Actual Labor Cost)per hour		Same
Standby-	SEE ATTACHMENT "C"	Same
Non-Resident Rescue***	\$285	N/A
Night Fee (7:00pm - 7:00am)	\$ 65	\$100

\*Mileage rate is proportional between patients if more than one patient.

\*\*Standby per hour or fraction thereof

\*\*\*Rescue is defined as the deployment and/or use of special equipment

\*\*\*\*See Attachment "F" Medications Used

**COAST LIFE SUPPORT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**ADOPTION OF AMBULANCE RATES FOR DISTRICT RESIDENTS AND  
NON-RESIDENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009**

WHEREAS, the Coast Life Support District last adjusted the rates at which Ambulance Services are billed in May of 2007, and

WHEREAS, the rates are intended to reflect the actual operating costs of the ALS Ambulance and are subject to the medical inflation according to the Consumer Price Index, and

WHEREAS, with the passage of AB 2091 Berg, as of January 1, 2007, the District may charge Residents and Taxpayers of the District a Fee for Service Rate less than that of Non-Residents and Non-Taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the disparity between what a Resident/Taxpayer actually pays for services versus what a Non-Resident/Non-Taxpayer pays, vis-à-vis their parcel tax contribution, and

WHEREAS, as Resident/Taxpayer is defined as either having a mailing address within the District or owning property within the District or both,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the rate schedule adopted, for the Fiscal Year 2009, effective July 1, 2008, be as follows:

BASIC CHARGES:	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
BLS Non-Emergency -	\$700	\$878
BLS Emergency -	\$1029	\$1235
BLS Emergency/Night	\$1113	\$1336
ALS I Non-Emergency	\$1787	\$2144
ALS I Emergency	\$2111	\$2533
ALS I Emergency/Night	\$2221	\$2665
ALS I Emergency/EKG	\$2247	\$2696
ALS I Emergency/EKG/Night	\$2377	\$2853
ALS II Emergency	\$2472	\$2966
ALS II Emergency/Night	\$2615	\$3138
Mileage per mile	\$23	\$28
Oxygen	\$105	\$125
EKG	\$146	\$176
BLS Treat and Release	\$131	\$157
ALS Treat and Release	\$324	\$389

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these charges be reviewed annually and changes included in the Budget for the following year.

RUSSIAN RIVER  
ATTACHMENT 'A'

AMBULANCE SERVICE BILLING RATES\*

EMERGENCY RESPONSE NON-TRANSPORT, BLS	\$ 200.00****
EMERGENCY RESPONSE NON-TRANSPORT, ALS	\$ 400.00****
BLS BASE RATE	\$ 1,297.00****
ALS BASE RATE	\$ 1,607.00****
ADDITIONAL PATIENT, BLS	\$ 1,297.00****
ADDITIONAL PATIENT, ALS	\$ 1,607.00****
MILEAGE, PER TRANSPORT MILE	\$ 24.50**
NIGHT CHARGE (7:00PM – 7:00AM)	\$ 95.00
EMERGENCY CHARGE	\$ 125.00
OXYGEN	\$ 120.00
DEFIBRILLATOR/MONITOR	\$ 160.00
HAZMAT DISPOSAL FEE	\$ 17.50
STANDBY	ALS or BLS RATE PLUS LABOR***
EXTRA ATTENDANT TRANSPORT	PER HOUR, SEE ATTACHMENT 'C'
MEDICATIONS AND DISPOSABLE CARE ITEMS	ACTUAL COST MULTIPLIED BY THE FACTOR 2.545 OR SEE ATTACHMENT 'E'
COLLECTION COSTS	INVOICE AMOUNT PLUS COLLECTION AGENCY CHARGES

\* Supported by the attached formula for medication and disposables and the attached formula for base rate calculation.

\*\* Mileage rate is proportional between patients if more than one patient.

\*\*\* Standby per hour or fraction thereof.

\*\*\*\* Plus applicable charges for medications and disposables.

## Medications Used In Rendering Care

### ATTACHMENT 'E'

Medications are considered disposable supplies and will be billed at cost plus 20% to offset ordering, restocking and inventory maintenance costs. These prices will be subject to change without further public notice. No fee shall be charged for items restocked by the hospital.

CVEMSA REGIONAL AMBULANCE RATES 08-09													
	Non Emergency		Emergency		ALS Base		ALS Inclusive		Mileage	Night	Emergency	Oxygen	Subscription
MENDOCINO COUNTY PROVIDERS	BLS BASE RATE		ALS BASE RATE		OTHER CHARGES								
Anderson Valley Ambulance	\$500.00	\$560.00	n/a	\$800.00	\$20.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
CalStar 4 Air Ambulance	n/a	\$7,445.00	\$12,565.00	n/a	\$185.00	\$726.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Covelo Ambulance	n/a	\$420.00	n/a	n/a	\$13.00	n/a	n/a	\$74.00	n/a				
Elk Ambulance	\$120.00	\$525.00	n/a	n/a	\$17.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$90.00	n/a				
Laytonville Ambulance	n/a	\$1,100.00	n/a	\$1,600.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
Mendocino Coast District Hospital Ambulance	\$430.00	\$677.00	\$1,082.00	\$1,289.00	\$29.00	\$99.00	\$203.00	\$98.00	n/a				
Ukiah Ambulance	\$725.00	\$800.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,675.00	\$23.00	\$175.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	n/a				
City of Ukiah Fire Department Ambulance	\$448.00	n/a	\$989.00	n/a	\$14.00	n/a	n/a	\$83.00	n/a				
Garberville Ambulance	n/a	\$600.00	\$900.00	n/a	\$15.00	\$75.00	n/a	\$74.00	n/a				
<b>NAPA COUNTY PROVIDERS</b>													
Angwin Ambulance	n/a	\$520.00	\$736.00	n/a	\$20.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$60.00	n/a				
Piners Ambulance	\$520.59	\$641.43	\$896.31	\$1,200.00	\$18.90	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
<b>SONOMA COUNTY PROVIDERS</b>													
AMR / Sonoma Life Support	n/a	n/a	\$1,245.62	n/a	\$26.57	n/a	n/a	\$123.81	n/a				
Bells Ambulance	\$485.00	\$585.00	\$870.00	\$970.00	\$18.50	\$70.00	\$100.00	\$80.00	n/a				
Bodega Bay Fire Department Ambulance	n/a	\$521.00	\$859.00	n/a	\$18.00	\$65.00	n/a	\$104.00	n/a				
Cloverdale Ambulance	\$645.00	\$645.00	n/a	\$1,100.00	\$17.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
Coast Life Support District Ambulance	\$800.00	\$1,140.00	\$2,330.00	n/a	\$25.00	\$105.00	n/a	\$115.00	n/a				
Russian River Ambulance	\$603.75	\$723.75	\$914.25	\$1,138.50	\$22.00	\$86.25	\$120.00	\$103.50	n/a				
City of Petaluma Fire Department Ambulance	n/a	\$695.00	\$895.00	\$1,055.00	\$14.50	n/a	n/a	\$95.00	n/a				
REACH Air Ambulance	n/a	n/a	\$10,868.00	n/a	\$135.00	n/a	n/a	\$120.00	n/a				
County of Sonoma Sheriffs ALS Rescue Helicopter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	n/a				
Sonoma Fire Med Ambulance	n/a	\$595.00	\$895.00	n/a	\$19.00	n/a	n/a	\$95.00	n/a				
veriHealth Ambulance	\$595.00	\$710.00	\$1,360.00	n/a	\$28.00	\$60.00	n/a	\$85.00	n/a				

For specific information on the rates above or those not listed contact the individual EMS providers



*[We redact certain identifying information and certain potentially privileged, confidential, or proprietary information associated with the individual or entity, unless otherwise approved by the requestor.]*

**Issued: June 4, 2004**

**Posted: June 14, 2004**

[name and address redacted]

**Re: OIG Advisory Opinion No. 04-06**

Dear [name redacted]:

We are writing in response to your request for an advisory opinion regarding a municipal corporation that is proposing to reduce its fees for ambulance services for residents by an amount consistent with their cost-sharing obligations (the "Proposed Arrangement"). Specifically, you have inquired whether the Proposed Arrangement would constitute grounds for the imposition of sanctions under the exclusion authority at section 1128(b)(7) of the Social Security Act (the "Act") or the civil monetary penalty provision at section 1128A(a)(7) of the Act, as those sections relate to the commission of acts described in section 1128B(b) of the Act, or under the civil monetary penalties provision for illegal remuneration to beneficiaries, section 1128A(a)(5) of the Act.

You have certified that all of the information provided in your request, including all supplementary letters, is true and correct and constitutes a complete description of the relevant facts and agreements among the parties.

In issuing this opinion, we have relied solely on the facts and information presented to us. We have not undertaken an independent investigation of such information. This opinion is limited to the facts presented. If material facts have not been disclosed or have been misrepresented, this opinion is without force and effect.

Based on the facts certified in your request for an advisory opinion and supplemental submissions, we conclude that the Proposed Arrangement would not generate prohibited remuneration under the anti-kickback statute. Accordingly, the Office of Inspector General ("OIG") would not impose administrative sanctions on [name redacted] (the "Requestor" or "Fire District") under sections 1128(b)(7) or 1128A(a)(7) of the Act (as

those sections relate to the commission of acts described in section 1128B(b) of the Act) in connection with the Proposed Arrangement. In addition, the OIG would not impose administrative sanctions on [name redacted] under section 1128A(a)(5) of the Act in connection with the Proposed Arrangement. This opinion is limited to the Proposed Arrangement and, therefore, we express no opinion about any ancillary agreements or arrangements disclosed or referenced in your request letter.

This opinion may not be relied on by any persons other than [name redacted], the requestor of this opinion, and is further qualified as set out in Part IV below and in 42 C.F.R. Part 1008.

## **1. FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

The Fire District is an [state redacted] municipal corporation that serves certain areas of [counties redacted]. Pursuant to state law, the Fire District provides emergency ambulance services and fire protection and prevention services. To fulfill its legal obligations, the Fire District uses the [name redacted], a nonprofit corporation (the “Fire Department”), that operates ambulances and provides ambulance personnel.<sup>1</sup> However, the Fire District remains the supplier of, and accordingly bills for, the services, including Medicare Part B services.

The Fire District currently funds its ambulance operations primarily through real estate taxes levied annually to its residents and other miscellaneous income. In addition, the Fire District bills non-residents of the Fire District (“Non-residents”) for its services; Fire District residents (“Residents”) are not billed.

In response to significant increases in costs, the Fire District has passed an ordinance (the “Ordinance”) establishing a fee schedule for emergency medical services that includes a base transport rate. Residents receive a reduction in the base transport rate in

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<sup>1</sup>The Fire District and the Fire Department are closely-related municipal entities serving the same community. The Fire Department has been treated by the [state redacted] Courts as a quasi-municipal entity and been afforded the immunities provided under State law for municipal entities. No opinion has been sought, and we express no opinion, regarding the arrangement between the Fire District and the Fire Department. In addition, the Fire District contracts with a specialty billing company to collect monies for services rendered by the Fire District under the Ordinance. No opinion has been sought, and we express no opinion, regarding the contract for billing and collection services.

consideration of the taxes the Residents pay to support these services. The Fire District has certified that the reduction will be consistent with applicable cost-sharing amounts otherwise due from the Residents. Thus, the Ordinance only requires Residents to pay for ambulance services to the extent of their insurance coverage (i.e., “insurance only” billing), and treats the operating revenues received from local taxes as payment of any otherwise applicable cost-sharing amounts due from the Residents. The Fire District has suspended imposition of the Ordinance pending receipt of a favorable OIG advisory opinion.

## II. LEGAL ANALYSIS

### A. Law

The anti-kickback statute makes it a criminal offense knowingly and willfully to offer, pay, solicit, or receive any remuneration to induce or reward referrals of items or services reimbursable by a Federal health care program. See section 1128B(b) of the Act. Where remuneration is paid purposefully to induce or reward referrals of items or services payable by a Federal health care program, the anti-kickback statute is violated. By its terms, the statute ascribes criminal liability to parties on both sides of an impermissible “kickback” transaction. For purposes of the anti-kickback statute, “remuneration” includes the transfer of anything of value, directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind. The statute has been interpreted to cover any arrangement where one purpose of the remuneration was to obtain money for the referral of services or to induce further referrals. United States v. Kats, 871 F.2d 105 (9th Cir. 1989); United States v. Greber, 760 F.2d 68 (3d Cir.), cert. denied, 474 U.S. 988 (1985). Violation of the statute constitutes a felony punishable by a maximum fine of \$25,000, imprisonment up to five years, or both. Conviction will also lead to automatic exclusion from Federal health care programs, including Medicare and Medicaid. Where a party commits an act described in section 1128B(b) of the Act, the OIG may initiate administrative proceedings to impose civil monetary penalties on such party under section 1128A(a)(7) of the Act. The OIG may also initiate administrative proceedings to exclude such party from the Federal health care programs under section 1128(b)(7) of the Act.

### B. Analysis

The “insurance only” billing under the Proposed Arrangement may implicate the anti-kickback statute to the extent that it constitutes a limited waiver of Medicare or other Federal health care program cost-sharing amounts. Our concern about potentially abusive waivers of Medicare cost-sharing amounts under the anti-kickback statute is longstanding. For example, we have previously stated that providers who routinely waive Medicare copayments or deductibles for reasons unrelated to individualized, good faith assessments of financial hardship may be held liable under the anti-kickback statute. See,

e.g., Special Fraud Alert, 59 Fed. Reg. 65374 (Dec. 19, 1994). Such waivers may constitute prohibited remuneration to induce referrals under the anti-kickback statute, as well as a violation of the civil monetary penalty prohibition on inducements to beneficiaries, section 1128A(a)(5) of the Act.

However, there is a special rule for providers and suppliers that are a state or a political subdivision of a state, such as a municipality or fire district. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (“BPM”) Chap. 16, section 50.3 provides that:

a [state or local government] facility which reduces or waives its charges for patients unable to pay, or charges patients only to the extent of their Medicare and other health insurance coverage, is not viewed as furnishing free services and may therefore receive program payment.

BPM Chap. 16, section 50.3 (formerly Medicare Carrier Manual section 2309.4 and Medicare Intermediary Manual section 3153.3A). Notwithstanding the use of the term “facility”, CMS has confirmed that this provision would apply to a State or municipal ambulance supplier that is a Medicare Part B supplier where, as here, it fulfills its functions through an arrangement with another closely-related municipal entity.

Accordingly, since the Medicare Program does not require the Fire District (a municipal company that is a Medicare Part B supplier) to collect cost-sharing amounts from residents, we would not impose sanctions under the anti-kickback statute or section 1128A(a)(5) of the Act where the waiver is implemented by the Fire District categorically for *bona fide* residents of the Fire District. Nothing in this advisory opinion would apply to cost-sharing waivers based on criteria other than residency.

We note that this provision of the CMS manual applies only to situations in which the governmental unit is the ambulance supplier; it does not apply to contracts with outside ambulance suppliers that will bill for the services. For example, a municipality cannot require a contracted ambulance supplier to waive out-of-pocket coinsurance amounts unless the municipality pays the coinsurance owed or otherwise makes provisions for the payment of such coinsurance. See e.g. OIG Advisory Opinion 01-12 (July 20, 2001).

### **III. CONCLUSION**

Based on the facts certified in your request for an advisory opinion and supplemental submissions, we conclude that the Proposed Arrangement would not generate prohibited remuneration under the anti-kickback statute. Accordingly, the OIG would not impose administrative sanctions on [name redacted] under sections 1128(b)(7) or 1128A(a)(7) of the Act (as those sections relate to the commission of acts described in section 1128B(b) of the Act) in connection with the Proposed Arrangement. In addition, the OIG would not impose administrative sanctions on [name redacted] under section 1128A(a)(5) of the Act in connection with the Proposed Arrangement. This opinion is limited to the Proposed Arrangement and, therefore, we express no opinion about any ancillary agreements or arrangements disclosed or referenced in your request letter or supplemental submissions.

### **IV. LIMITATIONS**

The limitations applicable to this opinion include the following:

- This advisory opinion is issued only to [name redacted], the requestor of this opinion. This advisory opinion has no application to, and cannot be relied upon by, any other individual or entity.
- This advisory opinion may not be introduced into evidence in any matter involving an entity or individual that is not a requestor of this opinion.
- This advisory opinion is applicable only to the statutory provisions specifically noted above. No opinion is expressed or implied herein with respect to the application of any other Federal, state, or local statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other law that may be applicable to the Proposed Arrangement, including, without limitation, the physician self-referral law, section 1877 of the Act.
- This advisory opinion will not bind or obligate any agency other than the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- This advisory opinion is limited in scope to the specific arrangement described in this letter and has no applicability to other arrangements, even those which appear similar in nature or scope.
- No opinion is expressed herein regarding the liability of any party under the False Claims Act or other legal authorities for any improper billing, claims submission, cost reporting, or related conduct.

This opinion is also subject to any additional limitations set forth at 42 C.F.R. Part 1008.

The OIG will not proceed against [name redacted] with respect to any action that is part of the Proposed Arrangement taken in good faith reliance upon this advisory opinion, as long as all of the material facts have been fully, completely, and accurately presented, and the Proposed Arrangement in practice comports with the information provided. The OIG reserves the right to reconsider the questions and issues raised in this advisory opinion and, where the public interest requires, to rescind, modify, or terminate this opinion. In the event that this advisory opinion is modified or terminated, the OIG will not proceed against [name redacted] with respect to any action taken in good faith reliance upon this advisory opinion, where all of the relevant facts were fully, completely, and accurately presented and where such action was promptly discontinued upon notification of the modification or termination of this advisory opinion. An advisory opinion may be rescinded only if the relevant and material facts have not been fully, completely, and accurately disclosed to the OIG.

Sincerely,

/s/

Lewis Morris  
Chief Counsel to the Inspector

# Sonoma County Fire Districts' Association

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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Place: Stormy's Restaurant – Old Town Bloomfield  
6650 Bloomfield Road  
(near Bodega-Valley Ford Highway)  
Petaluma, CA

When: Thursday, November 18, 2010  
NOTE: This is one week earlier than normal  
No Host Bar 6pm  
Dinner/Meeting 7pm

Program: REDCOM

Meal: Soup (Cramer's Clam Chowder), salad, vegetable,  
potato, french bread, entrée choice of:  
1) Prime Rib  
2) New York Scaloppini (sauté dish)  
3) Chicken sauté  
4) Prawn sauté  
5) White fish (house special)

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Payable to: Please make checks payable to the Sonoma County  
Fire Districts Association (SCFDA)

Hosted by: Sonoma County Fire & EMS Department

RSVP: Please RSVP to Charlene @ 539-1801 or  
[cvirt@rvfire.org](mailto:cvirt@rvfire.org) by Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>

# Sonoma County Fire Districts' Association

## MEETING AGENDA

November 18, 2010

1. CALL MEETING to ORDER
  - Welcome by Hosting Agency
  - Self Introductions / Pass the Roster
2. APPROVAL of MINUTES
  - Approval of July 22, 2010 meeting minutes: **Action Item**
3. TREASURER'S REPORT
  - Approval of Treasurer's Report: **Action Item**
4. CORRESPONDENCE
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - FDAC & FDAC EBA: Jim Hill
  - LAFCO: Ray Brunton
  - POLITICAL ACTION: Ron Collier
  - FAIRA: Dan Northern
  - FASIS: Sean Grinnell
6. PROGRAM: REDCOM – Dick Luttrell/Director  
(video presentation, REDCOM JPA governance and cost structure)
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - Hosting FDAC Certificate of Achievement program – Jim Hill: **Action Item**
  - Election of 2011 Officers – Nominating Committee: **Action Item**
  - 2011 ethics & harassment training
8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - Discussion of possible SCFDA programs for 2011
9. GOOD of the ORDER:
10. NEXT MEETING: January 27, 2011  
Gold Ridge FPD
11. MOTION to ADJOURN MEETING

Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector  
 FY 2010-11 Fire District Accounting Charges based on 50% Reimbursement  
 Future Charges based on 100% Reimbursement\*

Index	Description	FY 09-10 Actual Charges	FY 10-11 Charges (50% Reimb)	Change	%	Future Charges (100%)*
711010	Bennett Valley Fire	12,245	12,020	(225)	-2%	24,040
712018	Rancho Adobe Fire	18,420	17,936	(484)	-3%	35,872
713016	Forestville Fire	20,478	23,370	2,892	14%	46,740
714014	Glen Ellen Fire	17,356	19,917	2,561	15%	39,834
715011	Graton Fire	10,703	11,350	647	6%	22,700
716019	Russian River Fire	15,405	14,161	(1,244)	-8%	28,322
718015	Kenwood Fire	11,547	14,429	2,882	25%	28,858
719013	Monte Rio Fire	9,086	9,343	257	3%	18,686
721019	Rincon Valley Fire	15,318	12,903	(2,415)	-16%	25,806
722017	Roseland Fire	1,624	1,686	62	4%	3,372
723015	Schell-Vista Fire	11,229	11,350	121	1%	22,700
724013	Gold Ridge Fire	19,220	18,391	(829)	-4%	36,782
726018	Bodega Bay Fire	14,997	15,071	74	0%	30,142
727016	Windsor Fire	20,501	17,293	(3,208)	-16%	34,586
729012	Geyserville Fire	15,446	15,687	241	2%	31,374
732016	Timber Cove Fire	3,503	4,524	1,021	29%	9,048
739011	Cloverdale Fire	14,934	17,561	2,627	18%	35,122
765107	Occidental CSD-Fire	4,730	6,746	2,016	43%	13,492
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>		<b>236,742</b>	<b>243,738</b>	<b>6,996</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>487,476</b>

\*Future charges at 100% assumes no changes in current ACTTC costs or services provided.

# SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

*Minutes*

*September 23, 2010*

*Hosted by the Windsor Fire Protection District*

## **ATTENDANCE:**

*Bennett Valley:* None

*Bodega Bay:* Barbara McElhiney

*Cal Fire:* Ed Poe, George Poe

*Cazadero:* None

*Cloverdale:* Carol Giovanatto

*Forestville:* None

*Geyserville:* Michael Pigoni

*Glen Ellen:* ,Bob Norrbom, Ray Fredricks

*Gold Ridge:* None

*Kenwood:* Jim Kempers, Dennis McIntosh,

Bob Uboldi

*Monte Rio:* None

*Rancho Adobe:* None

*REDCOM:* Ken & Jackie Reese

*Rincon Valley:* Mick Prickett, Don Wilson,  
Doug Williams, (Guests: Jim & Gloria  
Bouler, Jodie Williams, Barbara Wilson,  
John & Laurie Lantz)

*Roseland:* Jack Piccinini

*Russian River:* Kevin O'Shea

*Schell-Vista:* None

*Sonoma County Fire:* None

*Timber Cove:* None

*Valley of the Moon:* Bill Norton, Phil  
Garcia

*Windsor:* Pat McDowell, John Nelson

(Guests: Diane McDowell, Sue Nelson, Matt  
Gustafson, Ginger Hamilton, Jim Magnus)

## **OPEN MEETING:**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Windsor Board Chair Pat McDowell welcomed the group to Windsor Station #2.
- SCFDA members introduced themselves and their guests. The roster was passed.

## **MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT:**

M/S/C – Valley of the Moon/Kenwood to approve the minutes of 7/22/10 meeting & treasurer's Report

Political Action:	\$ 500.00
Education Fund:	\$2,132.73
General Fund:	<u>\$2,907.51</u>
Total:	\$5,540.24

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*No reports this month*

**PROGRAM:** Designing, building & operating a green firehouse  
Mary McGrath, Beverly Prior Architects  
Kevin Lundborg, Town of Windsor  
Matt Gustafson, Windsor FPD

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Hosting FDAC Certificate of Achievement program:** Dates for this event have been postponed until early 2011. This item will be brought before the Association at a later date for a vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- FDAC Conference Sponsorship – SCFDA President McDowell brought before the Association the possibility of sponsoring two board members who have never attended the conference for a maximum cost to the Association of \$600. Board members interested in sponsorship would submit application to the Association for review. **M/S/C Rincon Valley/Cloverdale to sponsor two board members to the 2011 FDAC Conference.**
- County Accounting Fees – The Board of Supervisors has directed the Sonoma County Auditor’s Office to increase future accounting charges to 100% within the next couple of years. See attached fire district future charges list.
- The two year ethics training requirement is coming up in early 2011. SCFDA is looking for a hosting agency.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Nominating committee for 2011 SCFDA officers will be meeting. Anyone interested should contact Barbara McElhiney or Ron Collier.

**NEXT MEETING:**

November 18; 2010 – Hosted by Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, Valley of the Moon made a motion, seconded by Glen Ellen to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

There's a newly-revised Fourth Edition of the Senate Local Government Committee's citizen's guide called ***What's So Special About Special Districts?***

*"Celebrated as the best example of democracy, cursed as the worst form of fragmented government, and generally misunderstood even by the experts, special districts are California's unique contribution to local government. This new edition of the Committee's guide introduces and explains the special district form of government. It's a helpful primer for voters, reporters, and public officials."*

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Best wishes.           - Peter

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