

**Prop E Citizens Oversight Committee 2023 Annual Report
San Miguel Consolidated Fire District**

1. *The Prop E Citizens Oversight Committee hereby present this annual analysis on the use of Proposition E funds by the San Miguel Consolidated Fire District. Included in this report is the (2.) Full text of the proposition (3.) Activities of the committee (4.) Analysis of the District's use of Prop E Funds (5.) Committee's further comments/concerns on the appropriation of the funds. (6.) Certification of District Expenditures*

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***FULL TEXT OF SPECIAL TAX PROPOSITION E
EAST COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PARCEL TAX FOR
FIRE SUPPRESSION, PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE
SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF CREST AND BOSTONIA***

The East County Fire Protection District is responsible for fire protection and emergency medical response services in the Bostonia and Crest areas. Last year, the District responded to over 2,000 emergencies in the Bostonia and Crest communities. In order to keep the East County Fire Protection District's two existing fire stations open, keep property insurance rates manageable, employ professional firefighters and to provide year-round fire protection and medical emergency response services, the District proposes to levy a special tax on each taxable parcel of land within the District at the following annual rates:

- *Single Family Residential: \$250 per parcel*
- *Other Residential: \$250 per dwelling unit*
- *Commercial / Industrial: \$250 per one-tenth acre*
- *Agricultural / Vacant: \$125 per parcel*
- *Institutional / Miscellaneous: \$250 per parcel*

Taxable parcels are those parcels that appear on the annual secured San Diego County property tax roll. Assessor's Use Codes established by the San Diego County Assessor's Office are used to identify and categorize property.

The purpose of this parcel tax will be to ensure continued local fire suppression, protection and emergency response services for all residents, employees and guests in the District. The revenues raised by this special tax will only be used to defray operating expenses, capital improvement expenditures and debt repayment to accomplish the foregoing purposes.

In order to help ensure that the revenues from the special tax grow in line with the inflation adjusted cost of providing local fire protection and medical emergency response services, the tax rate may increase in future years by an annual amount not to exceed 3% per year.

If the special tax is approved by two-thirds of the voters voting on the measure, the District's appropriations limit will be increased by the amount of this voter-approved tax.

The special tax revenues shall be deposited into a separate account held by the San Diego County Treasurer for exclusive use by the East County Fire Protection District, in accordance with Government Code Section 50075.1, and shall be expended by the District according to a plan developed annually by the District staff and approved and adopted by the District's Board of Directors. A citizens' oversight committee appointed by the Board will review and report on the expenditure of tax revenues.

The District will cause to be filed an annual report with its Board of Directors, which report shall include the amount of special tax revenues collected and expended, and which shall otherwise comply with the accountability measures established in Government Code Sections 50075.1 et seq.

3. Prop E Citizens Oversight Committee: The Prop E Citizens Oversight Committee (Committee) has met five times from April 2022 to February 2023, including a site visit to the Crest and Bostonia stations. The committee is comprised of four members: Kandhy Franklin, Kyle Hermann, Bennett McDonald, and Joyce Petersen.
4. Analysis of the District's use of the funds: The Committee finds that the District has allocated the Prop E funds in accordance with the intent of the original proposition.
5. One of the stated goals of the proposition is to "keep property insurance rates manageable." The committee heard a presentation on insurance rates from the District and has determined that the District has diligently maintained the 3/3x Insurance Services Office (ISO) score, which is lower than the 4/4x score Crest had before the Consolidation of the District in 2007. The committee believes this fulfills the intent of the proposition to keep rates manageable.