



RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Covington, Hill, Couzens

Directors Absent: Davidson

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (00:56)

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (02:00)

None.

4. BOARD VACANCY (02:18)

Board discussion regarding the options available to fill the vacancy. Changes made to draft application. Direction to staff given to post vacancy and schedule a special meeting to review applicants.

Board vacancy ad hoc committee created with Directors Covington and Couzens serving as members.

Public Comment:

Paul Freese

5. PUBLIC OUTREACH (37:10)

Direction to staff to set up meeting with Clifford Moss and ad hoc committee regarding scope of work.

Public Comment:

Vince Wells

Annie Ziff

Chris Tallerico

Paul Freese

6. RECEIVE FIRE CHIEF'S ANNUAL MEASURE O REPORT FOR FY 2019-20 (1:19:32)

Public Comment:

Paul Freese

Motion by Director Covington to accept the Fire Chief's Measure O Report, seconded by Director Couzens.

Roll Call Vote:

Covington: yes

Couzens: yes

Hill: yes

Davidson: absent

Motion passed 3-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 4:29 p.m.

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Board Vice Chair



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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Covington, Hill, Couzens, Davidson

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA (00:44)

Chief Craig requested an addition to the item for budget appropriations for construction.

Motion by Director Couzens to add budget appropriations to the agenda; seconded by Director Covington.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Covington: yes

Couzens: yes

Davidson: yes

Hill: yes

Motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Andrew Gabriel

Dan Romero

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Director Covington to approve meeting minutes of February 10, 2021 regular meeting; seconded by Director Couzens.

Roll Call Vote:

Covington: yes

Couzens: yes
Davidson: yes
Hill: yes

Motion passed 4-0.

8. UPDATE TO BOARD AND BOARD DISCUSSION ON DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AND DISTRICT PROJECTS

Update provided, no action taken.

Public Comment:

Dan Romero
Jerry Short

9. MEASURE O OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Motion by Director Covington to accept the Measure O Oversight Committee Report, seconded by Director Davidson.

Roll Call Vote:

Covington: yes
Couzens: yes
Davidson: yes
Hill: yes

Motion passed 4-0.

Paul Freese read a letter into the record regarding the consolidation study. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Public Comment:

Dan Romero
Jerry Short

10. BUDGET APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Motion by Director Davidson to appropriate \$21,000.00 for the installation of a retaining wall at Station 76; seconded by Director Couzens.

Public Comment:

“Fire Tablet”

Roll Call Vote:

Covington: yes
Couzens: yes
Davidson: yes
Hill: yes

Motion passed 4-0.

11. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

No action taken.

12. STAFF REPORTS

None.

13. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A. LAFCO-none.

14. AD HOC BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Feasibility Study ad hoc committee-Director Covington reported out update on process; draft letter to public read aloud
- b. Budget ad hoc committee-meeting upcoming
- c. Board Vacancy ad hoc committee-no applications received yet

Public Comment

Annie Ziff

Maureen Brennan

Paul Freese

15. LOCAL 1230 CORRESPONDENCE

Jerry Short

16. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

17. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION/CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

No reportable action, direction to staff was given, and a future closed session will be scheduled.

18. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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Board Vice Chair

From: Measure O Oversight Committee
To: Rodeo Hercules Fire District (RHFD) Board of Directors
Date: March 9, 2021
Subject: RHFD Potential Consolidation with Contra Costa County Fire District (ConFire)

Due to the anticipated large impact to funds provided by voter approved local Measure O (a \$216 district parcel tax passed in 2016), and to be fully transparent to the citizens of both Hercules and Rodeo, the Measure O Oversight Committee has specific questions and concerns that must be addressed in any feasibility study, discussions, and negotiations regarding the potential consolidation of RHFD with ConFire. Our request is for complete open communication and transparency for all the citizens of Hercules and Rodeo, their governing agencies (e.g., Hercules City Council) and other interested bodies (e.g., Rodeo MAC, Voices of Rodeo). We want what is best for the citizens of Hercules and Rodeo, especially as the local area continues to develop and the need for improved and extended fire protection services grow.

Questions and Concerns from the Measure O Oversight Committee

Definition of Terms

The terms “consolidation, annexation and merger” seem to be used interchangeably in discussion and correspondence regarding this subject. What is the legal definition of the process being proposed? Any continued discussions and negotiations need to have the terms clearly defined. For purposes of this letter, we’ll only use the term “consolidation”.

Board of Directors

Will there still be a Board of Directors for RHFD? Or will the County Board of Supervisors, acting under County Ordinance 24-2.402 control the newly consolidated district like they do now with ConFire? If an RHFD “Board” is retained, will it have actual authority over Measure O funds (revenue & expenses) or simply be an “advisory” body? If retained, would an RHFD Board be elected or appointed (and by whom) since the RHFD District would be dissolved?

Vote of the People

Since Measure O was approved under the protections of Prop 218, with a Board resolution and ballot language indicating the funds to be used locally in the RHFD, wouldn’t approval for a consolidation with another district where Measure O funds are used jointly also require a vote by the citizens of Hercules and Rodeo? Any consolidation negotiated solely on the vote of the RHFD Board of Directors could be construed as “taxation without representation” and illegal. **We are requesting that the RHFD Board of Directors bring this item to a vote before the residents of the City of Hercules and Rodeo.**

What Happens to Measure O?

Legally, what happens to voter approved special taxes (e.g., Measure O) when a smaller district is consolidated into a larger district? If there is no RHFD in which to manage and apply Measure O funds, will Measure O be terminated? If Measure O funds are not included in the process will ConFire still pursue a consolidation with RHFD? What realistically happens to Measure O oversight? What **legal bases** apply here? (**Important note to the RHFD General Counsel:** Please cite code sections and/or other legal authority for your position rather than just opine).

Since Measure O has been consistently used for paying UAAL, how will the pension system be affected for both retirees and existing employees? How will the OPEB debt be addressed? The RHFD Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget on page 7 shows that RHFD is currently not paying the “Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability” (UAAL) portion of the OPEB program (CalPERS CERBT), which is currently around \$3.8 million.

As Measure O represents approximately one third (1/3) of the funding for the RHFD, where will the other two-thirds (2/3) of the funding come from? Thus, the entire funding of the RHFD comes into question. Will the consolidation guarantee that there will not be a need for additional funds from the citizens of Rodeo and Hercules? **This is the problem with loss of local control.**

Recusal for Conflict of Interest

All appointees to the RHFD Board of Directors are required to comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code 54950, which applies to all California city and county government agencies, boards, and councils. RHF Board Chair Steve Hill, the Public Information Officer for ConFire, should recuse himself from any negotiations or votes in regard to consolidation due to primary and secondary conflicts of interest. Chairman Hill holds three positions that have direct affect in the proposed annexation. In addition to Chairmanship, in which he has full unfettered control of all discussions, he is a member of the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee and the board's LAFCO representative. His continuance in any/all of these positions are a clear "conflict of interest" since he works for ConFire specifically as their Public Information Officer. Director Hill is a valuable member of the RHF Board but in any positions that involve consolidation considerations he should recuse himself. Even the "appearance of impropriety" supports a recusal. The RHF Board is obligated to look into this matter.

What a Future District Looks Like

What assurances are there that current RHF Board stations will continue to fully operate? Please be clear as to the use of the Rodeo station as a full-service firehouse or is it to be used only as a training facility or other function, as has been discussed in the past? Or will it be closed a few years after the consolidation? What happens as Hercules continues to develop with waterfront expansion, transit station, multi-story buildings, hotel and more commercial and residential? There will be a definite need for another station and upgraded equipment to meet the growing and changing fire service requirements. What happens to the Pinole Fire Department? Are they part of this consolidation? Who decides in a large, consolidated district how resources are expended and where? Can and will this consolidation guarantee to the residents of Rodeo and Hercules that the existing stations will remain open and services will expand as needed?

Due to recent development by the City of Hercules on the San Pablo Avenue and I-80 corridor, traffic gridlock is now routine and will only continue due to the approved and future development projects in this area. One third of the City's population will live within a mile of this corridor, making it impossible for the RHF Board to meet the current service levels. The residents of Rodeo will need Station 75 to meet their service needs. We cannot sacrifice our community or lives due to an ill planned consolidation. Given the diversity of the typography together with the various service needs of the RHF Board, a third fire station is called for at the Hercules Waterfront. Loss of local control takes away from meeting the needs of Rodeo and Hercules citizens due to the over competing needs of an entity such as of ConFire. **This is the problem with loss of local control.**

Feasibility Study/Clifford Moss Proposal – Why the Rush?

What is the current status of the "Triton" feasibility study, which was not in the packet nor made available to the public, at the most recent RHF Board Special Board meeting? One agenda item at the Special Board Meeting states, "Discuss proposal from Clifford Moss regarding public outreach for Annexation study (**Action Item**)". Who invited Clifford Moss to provide a proposal? And why were they the only firm selected to give a proposal? Clearly, there was an attempt to push the consolidation along. In public comment, Vince Wells, an Officer of the IAFF Local 1230 said, "Let's get on with this annexation, get married". With that being said, the Clifford Moss proposal seems to be premature. Based on information from their website and in their proposal to RHF Board, Clifford Moss is a consultancy whose mission is to persuade citizens (and voters) to take specific positions on their client's issues. Who are their clients? What is their relationship with ConFire? How are they involved in the East County Fire negotiations?

Why weren't there other public relations firms considered? Why was this consultancy agreement sole sourced? RHFD should review procurement laws to ensure that this agreement was not entered into illegally. During the RHFD meeting of February 26, Chairman Steven Hill used the term "feasibility study" attempting to discount the terms "consolidation, annexation or merger". It appears Chairman Hill is attempting to soften the study's purpose as only a MAYBE as the term feasibility suggests vs. the stronger terms (consolidation, annexation, merger) that are used throughout discussions and in written documents. The use of these terms lead to the conclusion it's a **"DONE DEAL"**.

What's the big rush to consolidate? With assimilation into ConFire, the Rodeo Hercules Fire District will cease to exist. No district=No board. No district=No Measure O committee. This is all very short term and doesn't consider the long-term needs of the Rodeo and Hercules community. A consolidation might be worthwhile; but there are too many unanswered questions, all options have not been explored and concerns need to be addressed. **Citizens of Rodeo and Hercules have a right to vote on an issue as important as this one.**

We know we have provided the RHFD Board of Directors with a lot to think about regarding a potential consolidation of the district with ConFire. We respectfully request that by the next regular RHFD Board meeting in April, that the Board respond to the questions and concerns we pose here. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Measure O Oversight Committee

RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, RODEO HERCULES FIRE DISTRICT

FROM: Bryan Craig, FIRE CHIEF

DATE: April 14, 2021

RE: Promotional Exam and Reclassification of Employee

BACKGROUND:

To maintain Staffing Quotas as specified to Bulletin 3A, the District conducted a promotional Captains exam on March 25, 2021. This exam procedure was performed as specified in Bulletin 4B-4 a-e and D1-5 of the RHFPD. Policy and Procedure Manual. The District enlisted an external consultant, Jack Clancy Associates, to assist in developing and administering the exam.

EXTERNAL INFORMATION: Components of the exam consisted of:

- Application and Resume to assure qualifications.
- Written exam.
- Practical fire problem scenario.
- Oral examination of qualifications.
- Chief Interview

These exams resulted in a cumulative score for each candidate. A candidate must have achieved a score of 70% or better to be on the promotional list.

RECOMMENDATION:

As per Bulletin B3 Reclassification and Promotions, after his successful completion of all components of the examination process, it is recommended of staff that Derek Cochnauer, be promoted to the rank of Captain in the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District effective April 15, 2021. This is an action item.

RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 14, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Bryan Craig, Fire Chief

Subject: Resolution 2021-03, Adoption of the Annual Increase in the Measure O Parcel Tax

QUESTION:

Should the Board of Directors of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District approve a resolution declaring the intention to continue the levy of a Special Tax Funding Measure and provide notice of a public hearing on April 14, 2021, for the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District, and Emergency Response Services Assessment? Furthermore, should the Board of Directors adjust the current Special Tax by the 2020 Consumer Price Index?

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, after gaining ballot support, the Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Special Tax Funding Measure was established to finance fire protection and emergency services in the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District.

- General Election Conducted November of 2016.
- Ballot Results: Measure passed with 78% of the weighted returned ballots in favor of the proposed Tax Measure.
- The Fiscal Year 2017-18 Approved Rate: \$216.00 per non-exempt parcel, and the inclusion of a Senior Exemption.
- The Fiscal Year 2018-19 Approved Rate: \$216.00 per non-exempt parcel, and the inclusion of a Senior Exemption.
- The Fiscal Year 2019-20 Approved Rate: \$222.00 per non-exempt parcel, and the inclusion of a Senior Exemption.
- The Fiscal Year 2020-21 Approved Rate: \$228.00 per non-exempt parcel, and the inclusion of a Senior Exemption.
- Adjustment to Rate: Annually, if approved by the District Board of Directors, the maximum assessed increase is calculated using the February, San Francisco Area Consumer Pricing Index. The annual percentage increase for Measure O cannot exceed 3%. The current CPI change for 2020 is 1.6%.

SENIOR EXEMPTIONS:

The Measure O Ordinance allows exemptions to be filed by qualified individuals.

Exemption requirements are:

- Age 65 or older by June 30th of the calendar year the exemption is being filed.
- Own and occupy the property the exemption is requested for.
- Submit an exemption form with required documents on or before the January 31 deadline.
- Submit a completed exemption claim form to the Parcel Tax Administrator with all required documentation attached.

SENIOR EXEMPTIONS RECEIVED			
Fiscal Year	# of Exemptions Received	Per Parcel Charge	Total
17/18	231	\$216.00	\$49,896
18/19	345	\$216.00	\$74,520
19/20	326	\$222.00	\$72,372
20/21	497	\$228.00	\$110,334
21/22	568	\$228.00	\$129,504
		\$231.00	\$131,208

OTHER ANTICIPATED OFFSETS:

The Fire District is anticipating a 6% increase to our current costs for Contra Costa County Employees Retirement Association, Athens—the Fire District’s Workers Compensation Insurance Carrier, and CalPers Medical. These anticipated increases will most likely be equal to or exceed the increase in revenue.

RESULT OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Rodeo-Hercules Fire District Board of Directors will declare its intention to continue to levy the parcel tax for the fiscal year 2021-22 and adjust the amount by the maximum allowable CPI of 1.6%. Through this action, the Board will instruct District Staff to report their passing of Resolution 2021-03 to the Contra Costa County Tax Collector’s office for the fiscal year 2021-22.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed rate change for the Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Special Tax for the fiscal year 2021-22 will be \$231.00 per parcel. The total amount of projected revenue generated by the assessments in the fiscal year 2021-22 is approximately \$2,519,748. If the parcel tax remains at \$228.00 per parcel, the total amount of projected revenue generated is \$2,487,024. This amount does not reflect the deduction for senior exemptions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Due to anticipated increases in County Retirement Rates, medical premiums, and worker's compensation insurance costs, Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve the Resolution declaring the continuance of the Special Tax funding replacement measure for Fiscal Year 2021-22, and adjust said funding measure by the allowable annual CPI of 1.6%, providing for Notice of Public Hearing, on April 14, 2021, for the Rodeo Hercules Fire Protection District.

ATTACHED:

1. Resolution 2021-03
2. Consumer Price Index, February 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03

RESOLUTION OF THE RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING THE ANNUAL INCREASE IN THE MEASURE O PARCEL TAX RECITALS

WHEREAS, at the November 8, 2016 general election, the voters of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District adopted Ordinance No. 2016-1 ("Measure O"), authorizing the levy of a special tax measure to finance fire protection and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the tax imposed by Measure O for the 2020-21 fiscal year was two hundred twenty-eight (\$228) per parcel of real property within the District (the "Tax"); and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Measure O provide that the amount of the Tax shall increase each fiscal year by the lesser of three percent (3%) or the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for All Consumers for the San-Francisco - Oakland - San Jose area published by the United States Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Measure O, the District is proposing a one and six-tenths percent (1.6%) increase in the Tax for the 2021-22 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors considered the proposed annual increase in the Tax at a duly noticed public hearing, at which time all interested persons had the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to increase the amount of the Tax by one and six-tenths percent (1.6%), to two hundred thirty-one dollars (\$231) per parcel.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Rodeo Hercules Fire Protection District does hereby RESOLVE as follows:

1. The amount of the special tax levied by the District pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-1, also known as Measure O, shall be two hundred-thirty-one dollars (\$231) per parcel for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.
2. In accordance with the requirements of Measure O, this special tax shall be collected in the same manner, on the same dates, and shall be subject to the same penalties and interest as other changes and taxes fixed and collected by the County of Contra Costa on behalf of the Rodeo Hercules Fire Protection District.

3. The Fire Chief is authorized and directed to take such action as is necessary to carry out this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th day of April 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENSIONS:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RODEO HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: _____
Chairman of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection
District

Attest:

Clerk of the Board of the
Rodeo Hercules Fire Protection District



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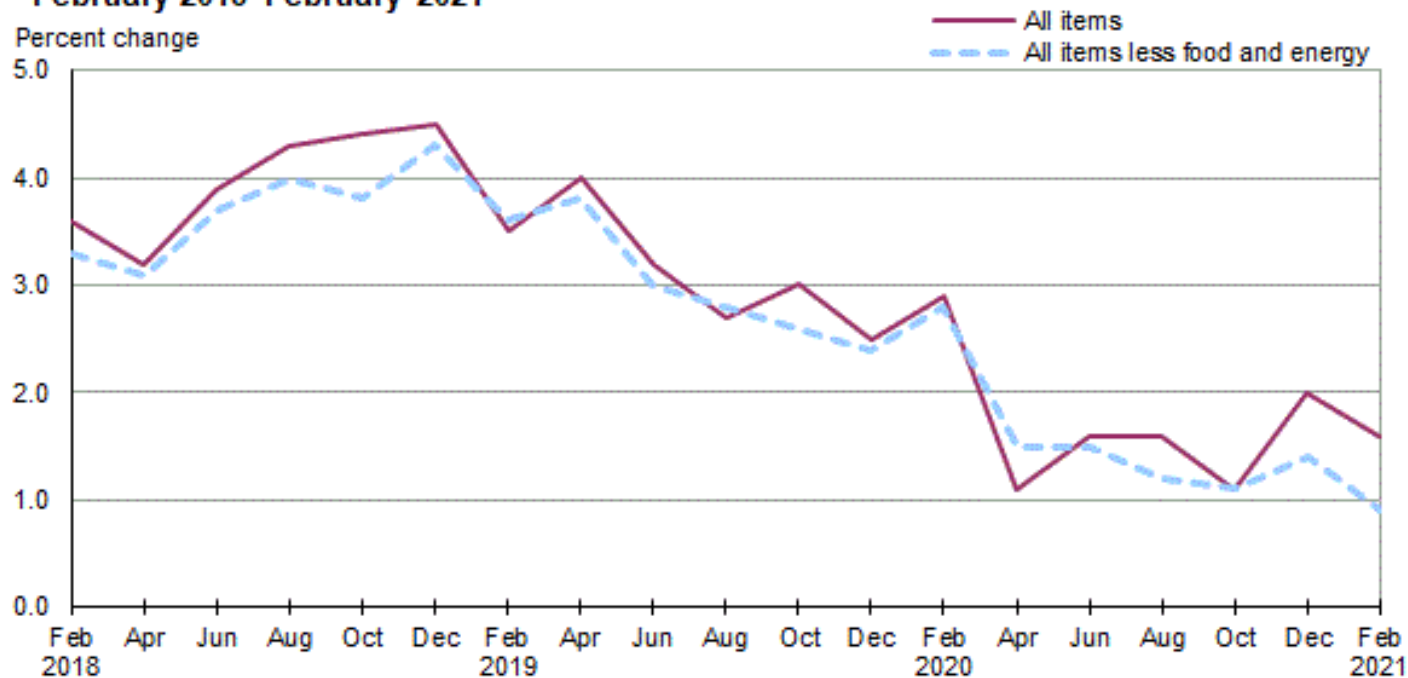
Consumer Price Index, San Francisco Area — February 2021

Area prices were up 0.5 percent over the past two months, up 1.6 percent from a year ago

Prices in the San Francisco area, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), advanced 0.5 percent for the two months ending in February 2021, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (See [table A](#).) Assistant Commissioner for Regional Operations Richard Holden noted that the February increase was influenced by higher prices for shelter and gasoline. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect seasonal influences.)

Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U rose 1.6 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A](#).) Food prices rose 5.0 percent. Energy prices increased 3.8 percent, largely the result of an increase in the price of electricity. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.9 percent over the year. (See [table 1](#).)

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA, February 2018–February 2021



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Food

Food prices decreased 0.4 percent for the two months ending in February. (See [table 1.](#)) Prices for food at home decreased 1.4 percent influenced by lower prices for dairy and related products (-4.9 percent) and fruits and vegetables (-2.5 percent). Prices for food away from home increased 0.7 percent for the same period.

Over the year, food prices rose 5.0 percent. Prices for food at home rose 6.7 percent since a year ago, largely due to a price rise in meat, poultry, fish and eggs (16.2 percent) and fruits and vegetables (10.0 percent). Prices for food away from home advanced 3.3 percent.

Energy

The energy index rose 4.4 percent for the two months ending in February. The increase was mainly due to higher prices for gasoline (6.8 percent). Prices for electricity advanced 2.4 percent, and prices for natural gas service increased 1.0 percent for the same period.

Energy prices increased 3.8 percent over the year, largely due to higher prices for electricity (5.6 percent). Prices paid for natural gas service jumped 11.4 percent, and prices for gasoline advanced 1.0 percent during the past year.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.4 percent in the latest two-month period. Higher prices for apparel (5.9 percent), medical care (1.8 percent), and shelter (0.3 percent) were partially offset by lower prices for alcoholic beverages (-6.0 percent), new and used vehicles (-1.3 percent), and education and communication (-0.1 percent).

Over the year, the index for all items less food and energy rose 0.9 percent. Components contributing to the increase included household furnishings and operations (7.1 percent) and shelter (0.9 percent). Partly offsetting the increases were price decreases in apparel (-10.9 percent) and motor vehicle insurance (-2.8 percent).

Table A. San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA, CPI-U 2-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted

Month	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month
February	0.8	3.4	1.4	3.6	0.5	3.5	0.9	2.9	0.5	1.6
April	1.1	3.8	0.8	3.2	1.2	4.0	-0.5	1.1		
June	0.3	3.5	0.9	3.9	0.2	3.2	0.7	1.6		
August	0.2	3.0	0.6	4.3	0.1	2.7	0.0	1.6		
October	0.6	2.7	0.7	4.4	1.0	3.0	0.5	1.1		
December	-0.1	2.9	0.1	4.5	-0.5	2.5	0.4	2.0		

The April 2021 Consumer Price Index for the San Francisco area is scheduled to be released on May 12, 2021.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Impact on February 2021 Consumer Price Index Data

Data collection by personal visit for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) program has been suspended since March 16, 2020. When possible, data normally collected by personal visit were collected either online or by phone. Additionally, data collection in February was affected by the temporary closing or limited operations of certain types of establishments. These factors resulted in an increase in the number of prices considered temporarily unavailable and imputed.

While the CPI program attempted to collect as much data as possible, many indexes are based on smaller amounts of collected prices than usual, and a small number of indexes that are normally published were not published this month. Additional information is available at <https://www.bls.gov/covid19/effects-of-covid-19-pandemic-on-consumer-price-index.htm>.

Technical Note

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 93 percent of the total U.S. population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers approximately 29 percent of the total U.S. population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Each month, prices are collected in 75 urban areas across the country from about 6,000 housing units and approximately 22,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index.

The index measures price changes from a designated reference date; for most of the CPI-U the reference base is 1982-84 equals 100. An increase of 7 percent from the reference base, for example, is shown as 107.000. Alternatively, that relationship can also be expressed as the price of a base period market basket of goods and services rising from \$100 to \$107. For further details see the CPI home page on the internet at www.bls.gov/cpi and the CPI section of the BLS Handbook of Methods available on the internet at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/cpi/.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Because the sample size of a local area is smaller, the local area index is subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. In addition, local indexes are not adjusted for seasonal influences. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. **NOTE: Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.**

The San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA. metropolitan area covered in this release is comprised of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo Counties in the State of California.

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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Dec. 2020	Jan. 2021	Feb. 2021	Feb. 2020	Dec. 2020	Jan. 2021
Expenditure category						
All items.....	302.948	-	304.387	1.6	0.5	-
All items (1967=100).....	931.345	-	935.771	-	-	-
Food and beverages.....	311.289	-	308.572	4.6	-0.9	-
Food.....	309.903	-	308.589	5.0	-0.4	-
Food at home.....	276.632	273.803	272.623	6.7	-1.4	-0.4
Cereals and bakery products.....	274.104	-	271.126	4.0	-1.1	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	302.923	-	301.538	16.2	-0.5	-
Dairy and related products.....	292.860	-	278.438	0.5	-4.9	-
Fruits and vegetables.....	380.780	-	371.388	10.0	-2.5	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1).....	200.308	-	203.766	-0.8	1.7	-
Other food at home.....	224.729	-	220.791	2.2	-1.8	-
Food away from home.....	347.655	-	349.922	3.3	0.7	-
Alcoholic beverages.....	331.788	-	311.778	0.3	-6.0	-
Housing.....	360.604	-	361.955	1.7	0.4	-
Shelter.....	408.547	408.446	409.850	0.9	0.3	0.3
Rent of primary residence(2).....	468.851	467.942	468.807	-0.1	0.0	0.2
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2)(3).....	439.175	438.277	439.058	0.8	0.0	0.2
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(1)(2).....	439.175	438.277	439.058	0.8	0.0	0.2
Fuels and utilities.....	448.817	-	455.265	6.3	1.4	-
Household energy.....	387.643	394.707	395.975	6.7	2.1	0.3
Energy services(2).....	389.079	396.216	397.337	6.7	2.1	0.3
Electricity(2).....	418.345	427.767	428.380	5.6	2.4	0.1
Utility (piped) gas service(2).....	316.601	316.897	319.675	11.4	1.0	0.9
Household furnishings and operations.....	154.036	-	154.126	7.1	0.1	-
Apparel.....	99.570	-	105.422	-10.9	5.9	-
Transportation.....	201.420	-	204.673	-1.4	1.6	-
Private transportation.....	201.613	-	203.631	2.0	1.0	-
New and used motor vehicles(4).....	99.226	-	97.889	3.5	-1.3	-
New vehicles(1).....	164.646	-	161.204	1.5	-2.1	-
Used cars and trucks(1).....	270.081	-	269.617	8.8	-0.2	-
Motor fuel.....	237.489	246.145	253.600	1.0	6.8	3.0
Gasoline (all types).....	236.514	245.221	252.663	1.0	6.8	3.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular(4).....	235.524	244.642	251.951	1.1	7.0	3.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(4)(5).....	225.011	231.076	237.199	0.5	5.4	2.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium(4).....	227.645	234.479	242.198	1.0	6.4	3.3
Motor vehicle insurance(1).....	521.248	-	528.598	-2.8	1.4	-
Medical care.....	545.016	-	555.065	1.7	1.8	-
Recreation(6).....	125.834	-	126.052	5.5	0.2	-
Education and communication(6).....	151.046	-	150.882	0.0	-0.1	-
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1) ..	1,815.374	-	1,815.339	-0.9	0.0	-
Other goods and services.....	523.161	-	524.717	3.5	0.3	-
Commodity and service group						
All items.....	302.948	-	304.387	1.6	0.5	-
Commodities.....	198.670	-	199.185	2.4	0.3	-
Commodities less food & beverages.....	139.370	-	141.375	0.2	1.4	-
Nondurables less food & beverages.....	178.743	-	184.904	-0.8	3.4	-
Durables.....	100.055	-	98.949	1.4	-1.1	-
Services.....	389.878	-	392.055	1.3	0.6	-

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) - Continued

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Dec. 2020	Jan. 2021	Feb. 2021	Feb. 2020	Dec. 2020	Jan. 2021
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	292.990	-	294.117	1.6	0.4	-
All items less shelter.....	259.377	-	260.943	2.2	0.6	-
Commodities less food	147.395	-	148.669	0.2	0.9	-
Nondurables	246.720	-	248.289	2.6	0.6	-
Nondurables less food.....	190.577	-	194.803	-0.6	2.2	-
Services less rent of shelter(3).....	383.574	-	387.224	1.9	1.0	-
Services less medical care services.....	379.118	-	380.732	1.1	0.4	-
Energy	298.710	306.783	311.817	3.8	4.4	1.6
All items less energy	306.814	-	307.721	1.5	0.3	-
All items less food and energy	307.173	-	308.432	0.9	0.4	-

Footnotes

(1) Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.

(2) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

(3) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

(4) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

(5) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

(6) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

RODEO HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 14, 2021
To: Board of Directors
From: Bryan Craig, Fire Chief *BAC*
Subject: Budget Appropriation of Funds Request

BACKGROUND:

Over the next several months, it will become imperative that we communicate information to our residents as it relates to the annexation feasibility analysis. To assure complete transparency throughout this process, staff recommends employing outside consultants to assist the district in public outreach and communication.

ANTICIPATED CONSULTANTS:

- Social Media
 - Twitter
 - FaceBook
 - Instagram

- Printing
 - Mailers
 - Handouts
 - Posters

- Public Communication
 - Develop Messaging
 - Public Survey

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Staff is asking for Board approval of up to but not exceeding \$25,000.00.

CONCLUSION:

Overall, revenue and expenditures are as planned and budgeted. In addition, the District is continuously looking to secure other financial resources and continues to remain financially prudent and good stewards of public funding.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending the Board of Directors appropriate \$25,000.00 in funding for public outreach and communication regarding all aspects of the annexation feasibility analysis and consolidation with Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. This is an action item.

**Rodeo Hercules Fire Protection
District**

MEMORANDUM

To: BOARD of DIRECTORS, Rodeo Hercules Fire District

From: Bryan Craig, Fire Chief *BC*

Subject: FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Date: April 14, 2021

CCCERA

Contra Costa County Employees Retirement Association- No additional information to report.

Reporting: Chief Craig

Labor Relations – Personnel –

All COVID-19 safety precautions continue to remain in place. Crew safety and protection remain our most significant concerns. Crews are strictly following CDC, County Health, and the Medical Directors' guidelines on personal protective equipment, EMS responses, and decontamination. Personnel currently monitor their health before, when arriving and during their duty shift. Personnel protective equipment supplies and burn rates are monitored and tracked by the department's medical program manager. The District is currently following recommended CDC guidelines in response to employee illness and or exposure to COVID-19.

The Fire District currently at full staffing as all employees have returned from worker's compensation leave.

Personnel have completed receiving their COVID-19 vaccination. A staffing plan was developed and implemented for any person that suffered ill effects from the vaccine.

The public vaccine distribution clinic at Valley Bible Church in Hercules is now completed. Over 9000 vaccine injections were given to the public during the clinics.

The District held and completed the examination process for the rank of Captain.

The District has now entered into contract negotiations with the represented employees' labor group. The current Memorandum of Understanding expires on June 30, 2021.

Reporting: Chief Craig

Fire Stations/Training Facility– The new digital training simulator and remote learning device installation have now been completed in the classroom. This new equipment has proved its usefulness in delivering several classes and the remote orientation of the Captain candidates.

Multi-company training has resumed with CDC guidelines in place.

Probationary employees are continuing their training and Task Book signoffs.

Reporting: Chief Craig

Facilities – Painting of the interior of Station 75 has been completed and will now be followed by Station 76. The construction of the retaining at Station 76 has begun and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the month. Painting of the interiors of the stations is the second phase of a multistage remodeling project taking place at both stations. This project began in 2019 with the painting of the exterior of both Fire Stations. Other phases of the project will be focused on changing the environment of the interior surfaces with a focus on ease of decontamination.

Reporting: Chief Craig

Grants/Reimbursements – The Fire District along with other agencies have received guidance and authorization from FEMA to begin the process for submitting federal reimbursements for personnel cost associated with the vaccination clinics. Contra Costa County’s CAO office is the collection point for all agencies seeking reimbursements from FEMA. The Fire District is required to submit detailed documented payroll information to the CAO’s office once a month to be eligible for reimbursements.

Reporting: Chief Craig

Incident Activity – Emergency response frequency is remaining high, with the type, magnitude, and impact of those responses, putting a strain on our resources. The number and severity of opioid overdose responses have increased over the last month and Contra Costa County Sheriff is investigating. See the attached fire response report for March.

Reporting: Chief Craig

Community Risk Reduction – Company conducted business inspections are currently on hold, with a plan to resume in June in conjunction with the reopening of the State. The District's website and new Facebook page will continue to be updated with relevant information about the Fire District and current events. A new tab will be added to the website for the public to access information related to the annexation study.

Reporting: Chief Craig

Community /Wildfire Prevention – New guidance has been issued to all residents within the District regarding wildfire prevention and property mitigation. Staff is scheduled to meet with CalFire for an update on the Fire Districts State Response Areas and Mutual threat zones.

Reporting: Chief Craig

Fleet Management – Both new pieces of apparatus deliveries are delayed until April/May due to COVID outbreaks at both manufacturing facilities

Reporting: Chief Craig

Fiscal Stabilization – Staff continues to monitor the current Fiscal Year budget. District staff has scheduled meetings with the Board's Budget Ad-Hoc committee and is in the development process of the fiscal year 21/22 budget.

Reporting: Chief Craig

Fire District Annexation Study – Fire District Staff has completed and supplied the required information and data for AP Triton that provide them with in-depth data related to all Fire District, functions, personnel, facilities, fleet, and finances. This information is needed to complete a thorough analysis of the Fire District as it relates to annexation. All three district fire chiefs involved in the annexation meet weekly to discuss the next steps and provide updates. Using input from AP Triton, we have developed a tentative best-case scenario timeline for annexation with the understanding these are target dates only that will need to be adjusted as the Fire Districts move through the process. (This timeline was provided in the February Fire Chief’s report and is provided here as a reference) This information has now been updated based on new current information and will continue to be updated as the district moves through this process.

Timeline (in a perfect world**):**

- **Phase I (CON & CCE) 8/2020-12/2020- COMPLETED**

- **Phase II entire process: 12/2020- 7/2021**

- **Phase II Draft Findings- June 2021**

- **Phase II Conclusion (resolutions of intent to annex into CON or CON to annex RDO & CCE) 7/2021**
- **Phase III LAFCO (entire process) 7/2021-1/2022**
- **Phase IV RDO / CCE Boards dissolved sometime between 2/2022-7/2022 after all authority, and real property transfers are complete**

Community Activities –Attended Phillips 66 Community Advisory Panel, Rodeo Municipal Advisory Panel, and Hercules Rotary meetings by Zoom. Each organization was provided an update in regards to consolidation.

Reporting: Chief Craig

Commendations/Awards/Notables – During a luncheon held in his honor by the Rodeo-Hercules Firefighter Association, retiring Captain Greg Fernando was presented a Proclamation and Plaque on behalf of the Fire District commemorating his fire service career

Reporting: Chief Craig

New Development – The Board received a specialized Staff report focused on new development during the March meeting. Significant updates for the subsequent meeting will be included in the fire chief's report.

Reporting: Chief Craig

Incident Type Count Report

Date Range: From 3/1/2021 To 3/31/2021

Selected Station(s): All

Incident

<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Count</u>	
Station:			
Incident Type is blanks		50	18.52%
Total - incident type left blank		50	100.00%
Total for Station		50	18.52%
Station: 75			
111 - Building fire		1	0.37%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container		1	0.37%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained		1	0.37%
Total - Fires		3	2.94%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury		60	22.22%
322 - Vehicle accident with injuries		5	1.85%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)		1	0.37%
Total - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents		66	64.71%
510 - Person in distress, other		1	0.37%
5410 - Snake problem		1	0.37%
550 - Public service assistance, other		2	0.74%
553 - Public service		2	0.74%
554 - Assist invalid		2	0.74%
Total - Service Call		8	7.84%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route		22	8.15%
Total - Good Intent Call		22	21.57%
700 - False alarm or false call, other		2	0.74%
745 - Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional		1	0.37%
Total - Fals Alarm & False Call		3	2.94%
Total for Station		102	37.78%
Station: 76			
111 - Building fire		2	0.74%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained		3	1.11%
Total - Fires		5	4.24%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury		62	22.96%
322 - Vehicle accident with injuries		6	2.22%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries		4	1.48%
Total - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents		72	61.02%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)		1	0.37%
Total - Hazardous Conditions (No fire)		1	0.85%
511 - Lock-out		1	0.37%
550 - Public service assistance, other		1	0.37%
554 - Assist invalid		11	4.07%
Total - Service Call		13	11.02%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route		16	5.93%

Incident

<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Count</u>	
Station: 76 - (Continued)			
	661 - EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency	1	0.37%
	6610 - EMS call cancelled	1	0.37%
	Total - Good Intent Call	18	15.25%
	700 - False alarm or false call, other	2	0.74%
	735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	0.74%
	736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	0.74%
	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	2	0.74%
	744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.37%
	Total - Fals Alarm & False Call	9	7.63%
	Total for Station	118	43.70%
		270	100.00%