

MEASURE F
Arcata Fire Protection District
Impartial Analysis

The California Constitution and Government Code provide a fire district may collect a special tax for fire protection and prevention upon approval of two-thirds of the voters of the district. If approved, Measure F authorizes the Board of Directors (“Board) of the Arcata Fire Protection District (“District”) to levy a special tax solely for the purposes of providing fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services within the District. Levied funds shall be used to maintain and improve the current level of community-based fire protection services provided by the District, including maintaining current firefighter positions and providing adequate firefighting equipment, apparatus, and capital improvements. The services to be funded are described in the Measure F Ordinance.

If approved, Measure F would supersede the special tax of \$5 per unit of benefit approved in 1997, instead levying a flat rate based on the use of each taxable parcel, effective from fiscal year 2020-21 through June 30, 2020. Funds would be collected in the same manner as other taxes collected by Humboldt County on behalf of the District and deposited in a special account from which funds may only be withdrawn for the purposes set forth in the Measure F Ordinance. The District is required to report at least annually the amount of funds collected and expended from the special tax proceeds, and the status of any project required or authorized to be funded using the proceeds.

If two-thirds of the voters of the District voting on Measure F vote yes, the District may levy the special tax for fire protection services.

A no vote on Measure F disapproves levying the special tax for fire protection services.