



West Plainfield Fire Protection District
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STANDING COMMITTEE – FUNDING & DEVELOPMENT – MEETING
February 17, 2023 at 1:00 PM

In Person
West Plainfield Fire
24901 County Road 95
Davis, CA 95616

Via Zoom
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1. Call the meeting to order (Chair Yeager)
2. Public comment
3. Discussion/Action (All)
 - a. Identify Key Stakeholders
 - b. Review / Revise Draft Survey Questions
 - c. Develop Plan of Action
 - d. Recommendations to Board, if any
4. Calendar
 - a. The next Funding and Development Committee meeting to be determined.
5. Adjourn (Chair Yeager)

RE: Survey

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Jeanette Hynson

to me ▾

 2:37 PM (30 minutes ago)



Hi Cherie,

Attached is a draft survey and informational item that would be mailed with the survey. The total combined amount, for all the parcels a property owner owns, would be printed on the survey in the first question. Let me know if you have any comments, questions or changes. If possible we'd like to get these items finalized and to the printer by Tuesday 2/21.

Thanks,

Jeanette Hynson | [SCIConsultingGroup](#) | 707.430.4300 x105



West Plainfield Fire Protection District

Information Fact Sheet

Your opinion is important to us!

You have been identified as a property owner within the West Plainfield Fire Protection District. The District is responsible for providing year-round fire protection and prevention as well as basic and advanced life-support services in the south/central area of unincorporated Yolo County between Davis and Winters. The District is seeking your opinion to help provide the highest quality fire protection and emergency response services.

Please read this information sheet and complete the enclosed questionnaire or respond online at www.inputlocal.com. Your responses will help the District make important decisions about how to maintain and improve these services in our community.

About the Fire District

The West Plainfield Fire Protection District is an independent special district formed in 1928 and governed by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors above a local, dependent, five-member Board of Fire Commissioners. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors can delegate any of its power to the Board of Fire Commissioners. The Fire District covers approximately 33 square miles and serves an approximate population of 900. The Fire District is primarily staffed with full-time firefighters and part-time career firefighters supplemented with volunteer firefighters. It responds to more than 200 service calls each year.

The Fire District serves a diverse community of single-family homes, agriculture, open space, and small and large commercial businesses. Since the time of its inception, the District has been independent and has never been funded by the State or County. As a result, the District has been operating on a tight budget for many years. However the District cannot continue to provide the same level of fire protection service without additional funding.

Services Provided by the District

Every year the West Plainfield Fire Protection District responds to an increasing number of service calls, including:

- Structure and vehicle fires
- Emergency services
- Brush fire suppression
- Traffic collisions (fires and entrapments)
- Hazardous material responses

In addition to these services, the Fire District provides fire prevention services and public education to the community.



Funding Challenges

The West Plainfield Fire Protection District is not funded by the County or the State. It is funded through a small portion of local property taxes and miscellaneous fees.

The costs of fire protection and emergency response services continue to rise each year due to more emergency calls, increased firefighter training requirements, and growing wildfire risk to the community. The Fire District has reduced costs to stay within budget including reducing administrative costs and continuing to use equipment past the time it would normally be replaced. The District needs additional funding to continue to provide the appropriate level of service to local residents and business owners.



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Information Fact Sheet, Continued

Proposed Funding Solution

In order to continue providing a high level of fire protection and emergency response services, the District is considering a “Fire Protection and Emergency Services Assessment” that could be adjusted annually with the cost of living. This proposed assessment would allow the District to provide an increased level of service, improved response time to emergencies, and train and retain highly skilled firefighters. The proposed annual assessment for your property is listed on the enclosed questionnaire.

Reasons for Funding

Despite working on a limited budget, the Fire District’s current revenue is not adequate to continue providing services at a level that is safe for the community, and costs will still continue to increase over time.

Currently the fire station is only partially staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Unfortunately the number of volunteers that are available to respond to calls has decreased over the years due to increased training demands and a growing call volume. In addition social and economic changes in recent years are leading to two income families and more commuters not working in the District to respond to calls during typical work hours.

With a new funding source, the Fire District would hire up to three full-time positions to provide adequate coverage to the community. This would also allow the Fire District to respond more quickly to calls, and could lower your Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating which could lower insurance rates.

What about Proposition 172 Funding

The Fire District has not received any funds from Proposition 172 revenues (*a sales tax for public safety approved by California voters in 1993*). The proposed assessment would provide a dedicated ongoing funding source that could not be taken away by the State or the County and could only be used for fire protection and emergency services within the West Plainfield Fire Protection District.



The Fire District has identified the following critical areas that require additional funding to maintain and improve services:

Hire full time firefighters

With additional funding the District would hire additional full time firefighters, to respond to all emergencies. The District would maintain a 2 person engine, 24/7, 365 days a year responding to emergencies at time of dispatch.

Improve emergency response times

This measure will help the District to improve emergency response times to fire and other emergencies, which are vital to saving lives and property, especially during concurrent emergencies.

Provide updated firefighting equipment for our firefighters

Funds from the new assessment will be used to assist with the replacement of old and outdated fire apparatus and equipment that is not up to current standards.

Protect your property from the increasing threat of wildfires

Our community’s greatest threat is wildfire. The Fire District needs to increase prevention initiatives to better prepare and protect our community and property.



OFFICIAL SURVEY

West Plainfield Fire Protection District

This survey has been mailed to property owners within the West Plainfield Fire Protection District to gather information and opinions. This information will help the Fire District make decisions about funding for current and future services. After completing the survey, simply mail it back in the postage-prepaid return envelope provided.

Survey Instructions:

- 1) Read each question listed below.
- 2) Fill in the circle for your response. Please use a pen and completely fill in the circle.
- 3) Detach the bottom portion of this sheet containing your answers.
- 4) Place the bottom portion of this sheet in the return envelope and mail (no postage needed).

WPPFPD.1

To complete this survey online please visit www.inputlocal.com.

To log in, enter your SURVEY NAME: "WESTPPFD", and your SURVEY CODE: _____.

Detach Here

Fill Below Portion, Detach at this Line, and Mail Back in Return Envelope

Detach Here

Property Owners in your area may be asked to vote on a Fire Protection and Emergency Services assessment

In order to:

- Hire and retain additional firefighters as full-time employees;
- Improve response times for fire protection and emergency services;
- Provide maintenance, repair, and replacement of firefighting apparatus, vehicles, and equipment.



WPPFPD.1

Would you support a proposed assessment of _____ for the West Plainfield Fire Protection District on your property(s)*?

Definitely YES

Probably YES

Probably NO

Definitely NO

*** If you own multiple properties, the amount listed is the proposed total combined annual amount for all the properties you own.**

Now, please read the following statements regarding the proposed assessment.

For each one, please indicate whether they make you more or less likely to support the measure:

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	Much More Likely	Somewhat More Likely	No Impact	Somewhat Less Likely	Much Less Likely
2. This proposed assessment would help to maintain and improve response times for fire protection and emergency services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. This proposed assessment would prevent the District from having to make cuts to fire protection and emergency services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. This proposed assessment would allow the District to hire and train additional firefighters as full-time employees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Revenue from this proposed assessment would allow the District to expand firefighter training, enhancing the District's ability to respond to technical and special emergencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. The District's apparatus/equipment is getting older, more costly to operate, repair, and maintain. They will need to be replaced soon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. The District currently provides strong fiscal safeguards, including increased government transparency, annual financial audits and reporting, and annual budgets presented at public meetings. Revenues from this proposed assessment would be subject to these same standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. The funds from this proposed assessment will always benefit the area served by the West Plainfield Fire Protection District and cannot be taken by the State or County	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. The proposed assessment would have an annual rate adjustment mechanism to ensure the revenues keep up with cost increases, not to exceed 5% per year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. We are already paying property taxes, Yolo County should contribute annual ongoing funding to the District to reduce the District's funding needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please use the space below to write any other reasons why you would support or oppose this proposed measure, and to describe which issues are most important to you.
