

**MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW FOR
WEST COUNTY
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE AGENCIES**

Appendix 1

Fire and Community Service District Profiles

Sonoma LAFCO staff maintain agency profiles that catalog general information regarding local government agencies in the county, providing at-a-glance profiles for use both internally and for interested parties including the public.

Profiles for all of the subject agencies studied in this report have been reviewed for accuracy and updated as needed.

Bodega Bay Fire Protection District

Date of District Formation	1984
District Area	The District provides service to an area of 37 square miles in western Sonoma County, bordering on the Monte Rio Fire Protection District and parts of CSA 40. Its ambulance zone extends to approximately 200 square miles.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire protection services. 2. Rescue services. 3. Emergency medical services. 4. Hazardous material emergency response services. 5. Ambulance services
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, prevention and suppression, emergency medical and paramedic services, and ambulance services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates one fire station at 510 Highway 1, Bodega Bay
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0390 ranging from 0.0344 to 0.0417 (10 TRAs)

Special Taxes or Assessments	The District levies a special tax of \$130 per unit of risk.
District Staffing and Employees	As of 2019, the District is staffed with a full-time fire chief, a part-time administrative assistant, three captains, and paramedic/firefighters, firefighter/EMTs, firefighter/interns, reserve firefighters and volunteers.
Board Composition	The five-member Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within District boundaries, to 4-year staggered terms.
Meeting Schedule/Location	The Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 510 Highway 1, Bodega Bay, CA.
Office Location	The District offices are located at 510 Highway 1, Bodega Bay, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: PO Box 6, Bodega Bay, CA 94923 Phone Number: Administration (707) 875-3700 Operations (707) 875-3001
Web Site	www.bodegabayfire.com

Cazadero Community Services District

Date of District Formation	1963
District Area	The District territory encompasses approximately 17.6 square miles.
Enabling Legislation	Community Service District pursuant to Government Code Sections 61000 et seq. Community Services Districts can provide water services, sewage disposal, solid waste disposal, fire protection, recreation and park services, street lighting and landscaping, vector control, police protection, library services, road maintenance, emergency medical services, airport management, flood control, weed and rubbish abatement, hydroelectric facility operation, snow removal, animal control, cemetery operations, and other services as defined in the law.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide fire protection, street lighting and to support recreational and cultural services in the Cazadero area.
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, street lighting, and recreational/park services in the Cazadero area.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Cazadero provides mutual aid support to neighboring districts, including Monte Rio FPD and Fort Ross VFC.
Properties and Facilities	The District maintains two fire stations, fire equipment, tennis courts and a playground. The fire stations are located at: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5985 Cazadero Highway, Cazadero, CA 2. Austin Creek Road, Cazadero, CA
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1383 ranging from 0.0357 to 0.1673 (eight TRAs)

Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	Staff includes volunteer firefighters, including an unpaid chief, as well as a paid manager and custodian.
Board Composition	The five-member Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within District boundaries, to 4-year staggered terms.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held at 8:00 P.M. on the second Monday of each month.
Meeting Location	Cazadero Community Services District Firehouse, Station #1, located at 5985 Cazadero Highway, Cazadero, California.
Office Location	Cazadero Community Services District Firehouse, Station #1, located at 5985 Cazadero Highway, Cazadero, California.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 5980 Cazadero Hwy, Cazadero, CA 95421 Phone Number: (707) 632-5390
Web Site	https://cazadero-csd.org/

Forestville Fire Protection District

Date of District Formation	1948
District Area	The District, located in the unincorporated area of western Sonoma County along the lower Russian River, encompasses territory of approximately 25 square miles. It borders on several fire protection agencies including CSA 40 and the Monte Rio, Russian River, Windsor, Rincon Valley, and Graton Fire Protection Districts.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire protection services. 2. Rescue services. 3. Emergency medical services. 4. Hazardous material emergency response services. 5. Ambulance services
Current Services	The District provides fire protection and prevention as well as rescue and medical services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Forestville provides mutual aid coverage to neighboring agencies.
Properties and Facilities	The District maintains one fire station at 6554 Mirabel Road, Forestville, CA.
District Funding Sources	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from two special taxes, the first is \$10 per unit of risk, the second a flat rate of \$75 per improved parcel, and various grants, donations and miscellaneous income.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1189 ranging from 0.0333 to 0.1273.

Special Taxes or Assessments	The District receives about a quarter of its revenue from two special taxes approved by a two- thirds vote of the District's voters in 1982 and 2010. The purpose of these special taxes is to obtain, furnish, operate and maintain fire suppression equipment and apparatus, and to fund other necessary fire protection and prevention expenses of the District.
District Staffing and Employees	The District staff consists of a fire chief, paid firefighters and volunteer firefighters.
Board Composition	The five-member Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within District boundaries to 4-year staggered terms.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6554 Mirabel Road, Forestville, CA.
Office Location	6554 Mirabel Road, Forestville, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: PO Box 427 Forestville, CA 95436 Phone Number: (707) 887-2212
Web Site	www.forestvillefire.org/

Gold Ridge Fire Protection District

Date of District Formation	1993
District Area	The District territory encompasses approximately 75 square miles in the unincorporated western Sonoma County.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	<p>The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire protection services. 2. Rescue services. 3. Emergency medical services. 4. Hazardous material emergency response services. 5. Ambulance services.
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, emergency medical response and rescue, fire prevention, public education, and hazardous materials emergency response.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Gold Ridge provides mutual aid coverage to neighboring agencies.
Properties and Facilities	<p>The District has three stations:</p> <p>Station 1: 4500 Hessel Road (Headquarters)</p> <p>Station 2: 1690 Watertrough Road (Twin Hills Station)</p> <p>Station 3: 456 Bohemian Hwy in Freestone (Unstaffed)</p>
Board Composition	The seven-member Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District to 4-year staggered terms.

District Funding Sources	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from rental income and permit fees.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0489 with a range of 0.0378 to 0.1969 (thirty-six TRAs)
Special Taxes or Assessments	The District levies a \$5.00 per unit of risks special tax.
District Staffing and Employees	The District staff includes a chief, captains, full- and part-time paid firefighters, volunteers, administrative staff and unpaid interns.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the first Wednesday of each month on a rotating schedule between the Hessel and Twin Hills stations.
Office Location	The administrative offices are located at 4500 Hessel Road, Sebastopol, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 4500 Hessel Road Sebastopol, CA 95472 Phone Number: (707) 823-1084
Web Site	www.goldridgefire.org

Graton Fire Protection District

Date of District Formation	1958
District Area	The District territory encompasses approximately 26 square miles immediately northwest of the City of Sebastopol.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire protection services. 2. Rescue services. 3. Emergency medical services. 4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, rescue, emergency medical care, and hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Graton provides mutual aid coverage to neighboring agencies.
Properties and Facilities	The District owns one station at 3750 Highway 116 North, Sebastopol, CA.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from earned interest, state funds, intergovernmental revenues, and donations.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0639 with a range of 0.0631 to 0.0647 (twenty-one TRAs)

Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The District has an all-volunteer staff.
Board Composition	The five-member Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District to 4-year staggered terms.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 3750 Highway 116 North, Sebastopol.
Office Location	The administrative offices are located at the Graton Fire Station, 3750 Highway 116 North, Sebastopol
Contact Information	Mailing Address: PO Box A, Graton, CA 95444 Phone Number: (707) 823-8400.
Web Site	www.gratonfire.com/

Monte Rio Fire Protection District

Date of District Formation	1920
District Area	The District territory encompasses approximately 45 square miles of western Sonoma County.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire protection services. 2. Rescue services. 3. Emergency medical services. 4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, rescue, emergency medical care, and hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Bodega Bay FPD, Cazadero CSD, County Fire/Camp Meeker, Forestville FPD, Russian River FPD, and Timber Cove FPD
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates three fire stations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Headquarters: 9870 Main Street, Monte Rio, CA 2. Station 2: 24900 Highway 116, Duncans Mills, CA (Unstaffed) 3. Station 3: 10432 Highway 1, Jenner, CA (Unstaffed)
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1256 with a range of 0.0360 to 0.1491 (forty-two TRAs)

Special Taxes or Assessments	Voters authorized a parcel tax in 2018, using a “units of risk” model with a yearly escalation for inflation. A typical residential structure is assessed \$200 per year.
District Staffing and Employees	District staff consists of volunteers and a part-time administrative assistant. The District is preparing to add paid staff.
Board Composition	The five-member Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries to 4-year staggered terms.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9870 Main Street, in Monte Rio, CA.
Office Location	9870 Main Street, Monte Rio, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: PO Box 279, Monte Rio, CA 95462 Phone Number: 865-2067
Web Site	http://www.monteriofire.org/

Occidental Community Services District

Date of District Formation	1960
District Area	The District territory encompasses approximately 25 square miles in and around the unincorporated community of Occidental, west of Sebastopol.
Enabling Legislation	Community Service District pursuant to Government Code Sections 61000 et seq. Community Service Districts can provide water services, sewage disposal, solid waste disposal, fire protection, recreation and park services, street lighting and landscaping, vector control, police protection, library services, road maintenance, emergency medical services, airport management, flood control, weed and rubbish abatement, hydroelectric facility operation, snow removal, animal control, cemetery operations, and other services as defined in the law.
Authorized Services	The Occidental Community Services District is authorized to provide water, fire protection, and street lighting and landscaping services.
Current Services	The District provides water, fire protection, landscaping, and lighting services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District maintains one fire station located at 3800 Bohemian Highway, Occidental
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from services fees and donations.
Property Tax Allocation	The District obtains property taxes for fire services. The District receives a median property tax share of 0.0365 in seventeen TRAs ranging from 0.0321 to 0.0379.
Special Taxes or Assessments	None

District Staffing and Employees	Staff includes volunteer firefighters, an unpaid chief and an administrative clerk. The District contracts with Russian River Utilities for operation of its water system.
Board Composition	The five-member Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District to 4-year staggered terms.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Occidental Firehouse, 3800 Bohemian Highway, Occidental, CA.
Office Location	3800 Bohemian Hwy, Occidental
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 3800 Bohemian Hwy, Occidental, CA 95465 Phone Number:
Web Site	None

General Notes:

The original District boundaries were expanded when the District began providing fire protection services though the boundaries of the water service area remained the same. The District provides water service to both residential and commercial customers. Of the approximately eighty-one District water customers, seven account for half of water deliveries. The District approved an assessment in 2003 to improve the level of service and dependability of the water system.

Russian River Fire Protection District

Date of District Formation	1924
District Area	The District territory encompasses approximately eighteen square miles, in western Sonoma County between the Monte Rio and Forestville FPDs. Until the late 1990s, it was known as Guerneville Fire Protection District.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire protection services. 2. Rescue services. 3. Emergency medical services. 4. Hazardous material emergency response services. 5. Ambulance services
Current Services	The District provides fire protection services, ambulance, emergency medical services, rescue services, and hazardous material response.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Russian River provides mutual aid coverage to neighboring agencies and advanced life support/ambulance coverage throughout the Russian River region.
Properties and Facilities	The District has two fire stations: <p>14100 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville</p> <p>14770 Canyon Seven Rd., Rio Nido</p>
Board Composition	The five-member Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries to four-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of funding is ambulance revenue, secondary is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1223 with a range of 0.0385 to 0.1362 (twenty-seven TRAs)

Special Taxes or Assessments	In 2010, the registered voters within the District approved a parcel tax: residential parcels pay \$140 a year for the first dwelling, \$70 for each additional dwelling; agricultural parcels pay \$175 per year; industrial/commercial properties pay \$350 per parcel.
District Staffing and Employees	The Russian River Fire Protection District is staffed by twelve full-time personnel. The District is procuring leadership and administrative services from North Bay Fire District under contract.
Meeting Schedule/Location	District board meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at the fire Station on 14100 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville
Office Location	16390 Main Street, Guerneville.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: P. O. Box 367 Guerneville, CA 95446 Phone Number: 707-869-9089
Web Site	www.russianriverfire.org

Timber Cove Fire Protection District

Date of District Formation	1996
District Area	The District territory encompasses approximately 48 square miles located along the coast in western Sonoma County
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire protection services. 2. Rescue services. 3. Emergency medical services. 4. Hazardous material emergency response services. 5. Ambulance services
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, rescue, emergency medical care, and hazardous material emergency response services.
Properties and Facilities	The District has two unstaffed fire stations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 30800 Seaview Rd, Cazadero, CA. 2. Hwy 1 at Ocean Cove
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1041 (four TRAs)
Special Taxes or Assessments	The District levies a special tax of \$15.00 per unit of risk. A single family residential unit is assigned five units of risk.
District Staffing and Employees	The District has no paid personnel, relying, instead, on volunteer firefighters. A part-time administrator is paid on an hourly basis.

Board Composition	The three-member Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within District boundaries to 4-year staggered terms.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 30800 Seaview Rd, Cazadero.
Office Location	30800 Seaview Rd, Cazadero.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 30800 Seaview Road Cazadero CA 95421 Phone Number: 707-847-3299
Web Site	www.timbercovefire.org/