

**MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW
AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE STUDY
FOR SONOMA VALLEY
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE AGENCIES
APPENDIX 1: AGENCY PROFILES**

Subject Agencies:

City Of Sonoma (Fire)

**Glen Ellen
Fire Protection District**

**Kenwood
Fire Protection District**

**Schell Vista
Fire Protection District**

**Valley of the Moon
Fire Protection District**

**County Service Area 40 – Fire Services
(Mayacamas Volunteer Fire Company)**

Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission

October 2019

The Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission compiles special district profiles for reference by staff and the public. The profiles for the subject agencies for this Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study are collected in this appendix.

City of Sonoma (Fire and Emergency Medical Services)

Date of City Incorporation	1883
City Area	Approximately two and three-quarters square miles. Neighboring agencies are the Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District (north and west), and the Schell Vista Fire Protection District (south and east).
Aid Agreements (mutual or automatic)	Aid agreements exist with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALFIRE • Schell Vista Fire Protection District • Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District
Organizational Note	The City of Sonoma contracts with Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District for all fire and emergency services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The City has one fire station at 630 2nd Street West, which is managed by the Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District operating as the Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority.
Selection of Council Members	Registered voters residing within City boundaries elect the City Council.
Number of Council Members	Five.
Council Members Terms of Office	Council members are elected to four-year staggered terms.
City Funding Sources	Property taxes, sales taxes, and other miscellaneous revenue.
Special Taxes or Assessments	The City does not levy any special taxes or fees for fire and emergency services.
Office Location	1 The Plaza Sonoma, CA 95476
Contact Information	Mailing Address: As above Phone Number: (707) 996-2102
Web Site	www.sonomacity.org

Glen Ellen Fire Protection District

Date of District Formation	1955
District Area	Approximately XX square miles centered on the village of Glen Ellen, including the Sonoma Developmental Center. On the periphery of the District territory, adjacent agencies include: Valley of the Moon FPD, Mayacamas VFD, Kenwood FPD, Sonoma County FD, and Rancho Adobe FPD.
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, which the District provides: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire protection services 2. Rescue services, including aircraft rescue 3. Emergency medical services 4. Hazardous material emergency response services
Aid Agreements (mutual or automatic)	All neighboring agencies.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District has a headquarters fire station at 13445 Arnold Drive, Glen Ellen, and a leased vehicle storage building on Sonoma Mountain Road.
Selection of Board Members	Registered voters residing within District boundaries elect the Board of Directors.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board.
Members Terms of Office	Directors are elected to four-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 receives a 0.1097 property tax allocation rate. The District also receives revenue from a special tax based on units of risk that was authorized in 2018.
Property Tax Allocation	Funds are allocated to the District through the County tax collection process. The amount is based on the property tax rate allocable to the District through the tax rate areas within the District's jurisdictional boundaries.

Special Taxes or Assessments	The District levies a parcel tax, with a flat rate for residential properties and a rate of schedule based on "units of risk". Generally, single family residences are assessed \$200 per year.
District Staffing and Employees	Glen Ellen FPD was a wholly volunteer agency, but now contracts for services with the Valley of the Moon FPD, which provides paid staffing and manages an ongoing volunteer program.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the third Tuesday of each month.
Meeting Location	13445 Arnold Drive Glen Ellen, CA 95442
Office Location	As above.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: As above Phone Number: (707) 996-9266
Web Site	Web site under development.

Kenwood Fire Protection District

Date of District Formation	1946
District Area	Approximately 40 square miles centered on the unincorporated community of Kenwood. Neighboring agencies are the City of Santa Rosa (northwest), Sonoma County Fire Protection District (west and north), Glen Ellen Fire Protection District (south and east), and the Mayacamas Volunteer Fire Company (east).
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, which the District provides: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire protection services 2. Rescue services 3. Emergency medical services 4. Hazardous material emergency response services
Aid Agreements (mutual or automatic)	All neighboring agencies.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District has one fire station at 9045 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood.
Selection of Board Members	Registered voters residing within District boundaries elect the Board of Directors.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board.
Members Terms of Office	Directors are elected to four-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 receives a median 0.0901 property tax rate allocation. The District also receives revenue from a parcel tax approved in 2002.
Property Tax Allocation	Funds are allocated to the District through the County tax collection process. The amount is based on the property tax rate allocable to the District through the tax rate areas within the District's jurisdictional boundaries.
Special Taxes or Assessments	The District levies a parcel tax of \$40 for a single-family residence.
District Staffing and Employees	Kenwood FPD is a "combined" department, with both paid and volunteer staffing.

Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the second Tuesday of each month.
Meeting Location	9045 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood
Office Location	As above
Contact Information	Mailing Address: As above Phone Number: (707) 833-2042
Web Site	www.kenwoodfire.com

Schell Vista Fire Protection District

Date of District Formation	1955
District Area	<p>The District covers an area of 65 square miles in southern Sonoma Valley, bordering on the City of Sonoma to the north, Napa County to the east, the San Pablo Bay to the south, and unincorporated areas within County Service Area 40 (Fire Services), including territory served by the Mayacamas VFD to the north and the Lakeville VFC to the west.</p> <p>Communities served by the District include Vineburg and Schellville, as well as an industrial area on 8th Street East and the Sonoma Raceway.</p>
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, which the District provides:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire protection services 2. Rescue services 3. Emergency medical services 4. Hazardous material emergency response services
Aid Agreements (mutual or automatic)	Aid agreements exist with the Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority, CALFIRE, and the Napa County Fire Department.
Properties and Facilities Managed	<p>The District has two fire stations located at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Station 1 (Headquarters) – 22950 Broadway, Sonoma (intersection of Highways 12 and 121) • Station 2 – 1215 East Napa Street, Sonoma (intersection of East Napa Street and 8th Street East) This station is suited solely for vehicle storage.
Selection of Board Members	Registered voters residing within District boundaries elect the Board of Directors.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board.
Members Terms of Office	Directors are elected to four-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 receives a median 0.0437 property tax rate allocation.

	<p>The District also has a Mello-Roos special tax designated for construction of the headquarters fire station and receives revenue from a contract with Napa County Fire for service to select areas.</p> <p>A voter-approved parcel tax was approved in 2018, with assessments for typical single-family dwellings of \$200 per year.</p>
Property Tax Allocation	Funds are allocated to the District through the County tax collection process. The amount is based on the property tax rate allocable to the District through the tax rate areas within the District's jurisdictional boundaries.
Special Taxes or Assessments	Mello-Roos special tax, and a parcel tax, as noted above.
District Staffing and Employees	The District has one fire chief (paid a monthly stipend), an assistant chief (paid a monthly stipend), three paid captains, two part-time paid administrative assistants, and firefighters and EMS professionals paid on a stipend basis.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the first Wednesday of each month.
Meeting Location	22950 Broadway, Sonoma CA 95476
Office Location	22950 Broadway, Sonoma CA 95476
Contact Information	<p>Mailing Address: 22950 Broadway, Sonoma CA 95476</p> <p>Phone Number: (707) 938-2633</p>
Web Site	www.schellvistafire.org

Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District (Operating as the Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority)

Date of District Formation	1955
District Area	<p>The District covers an area of 31.5 square miles in central Sonoma Valley, bordering on the City of Sonoma to the east, Schell Vista FPD to the east and south, the Eldridge Fire Department and Glen Ellen FPD to the north, and the Mayacamas VFD to the east.</p> <p>The District serves the communities of Agua Caliente, Boyes Hot Springs, El Verano, Diamond-A, Feters Hot Springs, Temelec, Chanterelle, and Seven Flags.</p>
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, which the District provides:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire protection services 2. Rescue services 3. Emergency medical services 4. Hazardous material emergency response services
Aid Agreements (mutual or automatic)	The District provides services under contract to the City of Sonoma and to the Glen Ellen Fire Protection District. It also relies on mutual aid support from the Schell Vista FPD, Ken wood FPD, and from the State-operated Eldridge Fire Department which serves the Sonoma Developmental Center.
Properties and Facilities Managed	<p>The District maintains its headquarters at the City of Sonoma fire station on 2nd Street West in Sonoma.</p> <p>The District has additional fire stations located in El Verano, Agua Caliente, and in the Diamond A subdivision.</p>
Selection of Board Members	Registered voters residing within District boundaries elect the Board of Directors.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board.
Members Terms of Office	Directors are elected to four-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 receives a median 0.133 property tax rate allocation.

	Valley of the Moon also has a voter-approved parcel tax which assesses typical single-family dwellings \$40 per year.
Property Tax Allocation	Funds are allocated to the District through the County tax collection process. The amount is based on the property tax rate allocable to the District through the tax rate areas within the District's jurisdictional boundaries.
Special Taxes or Assessments	Parcel tax, as noted above.
District Staffing and Employees	The District has a largely paid, career workforce, supplemented by an active volunteer program.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the first Wednesday of each month.
Meeting Location	620 2 nd Street West, Sonoma, CA 95476
Office Location	620 2 nd Street West, Sonoma, CA 95476
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 620 2 nd Street West, Sonoma, CA 95476 Phone Number: (707) 996-2102
Web Site	www.svfra.org

County Service Area 40 – Fire Services - Mayacamas VFD

Date of CSA Formation	1993
Date of VFD Formation	1980
CSA Territory	<p>County Service Area 40 – Fire Services covers all territory in Sonoma County that is not served by cities or fire protection districts. Within that 600 square mile area, nine volunteer fire companies serve distinct territories and are provided administrative and financial support from the CSA.</p> <p>The Mayacamas Volunteer Fire Department serves a portion of County Service Area 40, encompassing almost thirteen square miles, with the Kenwood FPD to the north, Napa County to the east, Schell Vista FPD to the south, and the Valley of the Moon/Glen Ellen FPDs to the west.</p> <p>The Department serves 237 parcels of land with an estimated 390 residents (based on the 2010 census).</p>
Enabling Legislation	<p>Mayacamas VFD is a 501 (c) (3) organization providing fire protection services to the County of Sonoma as a contractor. The County of Sonoma has authority to provide fire protection services under state code (but is not obligated to do so).</p>
Aid Agreements (mutual or automatic), for Mayacamas VFD	<p>The Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District (operating as Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority) is the primary mutual aid partner for the VFD.</p>
Properties and Facilities Managed	<p>The VFD has two fire stations; Station 1 is located at the intersection of Cavedale and Trinity Roads, and Station 2 is two miles south on Cavedale Road. The stations are suitable for vehicle storage only.</p>
Department Funding Sources	<p>The department is primarily funded by a non-profit association, with additional financial and administrative support from CSA 40.</p>
Department Staffing and Employees	<p>Mayacamas VFD is an all-volunteer department. (Volunteer fire organizations in Sonoma County are typically called “Companies”, but Mayacamas has historically been called a “Department.”</p>
Contact Information: County Administration Office	<p>Mailing Address: 575 Administration Drive, Room 100A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403</p>
Contact Information: Mayacamas Volunteer Fire Department	<p>Mailing Address: PO Box 225, Glen Ellen, CA 95442</p>
Web Sites	<p>www.sonomacounty.ca.gov</p>
	<p>www.mayacamasvfd.org</p>