

Minutes May 14  
Measure O Oversight Committee

1. Call to order: (18:05) Present: Angie, Noble, Frank Grimsley, Elizabeth Genai, Tara Shaia, Maureen Brennan. Absent: None

2. Pledge of Allegiance: (18:05)

3. Confirmation of Agenda: (18:06)

4. Approval of prior minutes: (18:07)

A motion was made by Frank G. to approve prior amendments with the suggested amendments . Second by Tara S.

Ayes: 5

No: 0

5. Public Communications: (18:07) No Public Comment

6. Future of Measure O; pending possible annexation:

Counsel Pio Roda stated that should annexation occur, Measure O will continue to be collected by the ConFire District, but will be 100% spent in Rodeo and Hercules. Committee Chair Brennan asked, how will the accounting show that? Brennan has been told, we will not receive additional staff, additional equipment, and no additional fire station.

Mr. Pio Roda said to ask Chief Broussard at the next Board meeting. Chair Brennan went on to say that Confire will be getting our staff, our equipment, our fire station, and \$7.2 million in our reserves account. And then we, the local community, still have to pay \$2.5 million per year on top of that?

Member Shaia asked if the Measure O Committee would continue to do oversight? Mr. Pio Roda believed that it would continue, but there would be new members appointed by the CCCo Board of Supervisors. Member Shaia went on to say, the people of Rodeo and Hercules are paying for Measure O, they voted to have it, and they should have an opportunity to say yes or no, by means of a vote

Chair Brennan then said, no other entities that have annexed to ConFire pay a Measure O tax. In fact, the East County fire district voted against such a tax three times. It seems unfair to continue to a tax that no one else pays. Mr. Pio Roda said that was a good question to ask Chief Broussard at the next Board meeting. An addendum: At the next Board meeting Chair Brennan asked that question, and the response came from Chief DesPain, a consultant. He said if there is no Measure O tax, he stated we would have to close a fire station [Rodeo].

Member Grimsley stated he is hearing a lot of speculation about what will happen with the Measure O money, but hasn't seen anything in writing. He doesn't see a \$2.5 million uptick in services for Rodeo and Hercules, nor any restrictions put on Confire as to how to use the money. He would like to more controls, in writing, for using the Measure O tax money. He says he is not a fan of ConFire, and he thinks the current service of our firefighters is good, and the \$2.5 million dollars [Measure O] is helping. He requests to see some hard numbers, and asks to see it in writing." He also stated that 2 of 3 people he has talked to prefer to keep the fire service

in Hercules, and not change to Confire. He would like to see more details in writing, especially regarding controls and accountability.

Chief Ramirez stated that once annexation occurs, there is no turning back. Mr. Pio Roda concurred. The Chief also referred the committee to the presentation of the East County captain, that presented a snapshot of the “before and after” of annexation. Chief Ramirez also concurred, that if Measure O money was removed, we would have to close one station.

Member Shaia noted that a requirement for annexation is that services remain the same, or improve. This is in conflict with what we are hearing. After further discussion, Chief Ramirez confirmed that we all share a passion for the district, and let’s talk about it at tomorrow night’s Board meeting.

Member Genai asked if there is still a possibility of opening a 3rd station in Hercules? Chief Ramirez said that currently our call volume does not warrant it.

Member Noble noted that her “constituency” is the firefighters. Not necessarily our neighbors. And that in asking the firefighters, they support annexation. They say it will allow for promotions, and greater education in their careers. So, she supports them in annexation. Member Shaia sees it differently. Her constituency is those being served, the taxpayers, not those who do the serving.

Public comment: (18:56)

Captain Derek

Captain Bischoff?

7. Consideration for 2024/2025 fiscal year for Measure O money:

See attachment. FY 2024/2025 Recommended Expenditures

Next meeting June 11, 6 pm at Station76.

8. Adjournment: (19:20) 7:38pm

## Measure O

The Fire Chief met with the Measure O Oversight Committee and Legal Counsel to better understand the legal parameters by which the Measure O funds can be utilized and worked collaboratively with the Board and the Measure O Oversight Committee to stay within the scope of those parameters. Allocations for Measure O funds as listed are reflective of the changes.

### RODEO HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET-MEASURE O

DESCRIPTION	GL CODE	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2021-22	AUDITED ACTUAL FY 2021-22	ADOPTED BUDGET FY2022-23	AUDITED ACTUAL FY2022-23	ADOPTED FY2023-24	PROPOSED FY2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance:		834,148		844,129		968,084	904,349
REVENUE		2,519,748	2,513,864	2,519,748	2,584,327	2,645,510	2,646,544
<b>TOTAL MEASURE "O" REVENUE</b>		<b>2,519,748</b>	<b>2,513,864</b>	<b>2,519,748</b>	<b>2,584,327</b>	<b>2,645,510</b>	<b>2,646,544</b>
Permanent Salaries	1011	-	-	468,184	-	1,574,451	1,574,451
CCCERA-UAAL Payment	1044	1,684,896	1,684,896	327,424	1,684,896		
Group Insurance-Active	1060	468,184	491,869	92,635	429,230	119,573	119,573
OPEB Matching Funds	1060	92,635	31,129	1,684,896	-		
Group Insurance-Retiree	1061	327,424	285,934	10,000	336,709	83,500	83,500
CCCFPD Dispatch Services	2110					164,715	175,000
Apparatus Lease Payment	2250					100,000	100,000
Fire Prevention	2310					99,000	99,000
Alerting System for Stations 75-76	2474					220,000	-
EMS Training for Personnel	2477					42,000	42,000
Kitchen Remodels (Both Stations)	2281						165,000
Community Education & Engagement	2477						20,000
County Collection Fee	3530	10,000	10,005		9,537	10,000	10,000
Total Expenditures		2,583,139	2,503,833	2,583,139	2,460,372	2,413,239	2,388,524
<b>NET Change in Measure 'O' Funds</b>		<b>(63,391)</b>	<b>10,031</b>	<b>(63,391)</b>	<b>123,955</b>	<b>232,271</b>	<b>258,020</b>