



# Hughson Fire Protection District

## MEASURE W



### INFORMATION REGARDING A PROPOSED FIRE SPECIAL TAX

The Hughson Fire Protection District is a primarily (94%) volunteer fire department with limited resources to fund the level of fire protection service desired by the community. The Fire District has carefully managed its resources in order to adequately protect its citizens, but is facing challenges in its ability to continue to provide this level of fire protection without enhanced revenues. The level of fire and emergency services needs to remain balanced with revenues to maintain fiscal stability. The Board of Directors of the Hughson Fire District is looking to the community to support providing additional funding through a Special Tax. This Special Tax would be effective for 12 years and used only for the department needs outlined in this document.

The revenue from Measure W would go towards the following needs and improvements;

- **MODERN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FIRE STATION**
- **EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**
- **LIFE AND PROPERTY SAVING FIRE EQUIPMENT**
- **RESPONSE VEHICLES**

### How was the Special Tax determined?

The annual cost for the services to be funded from the Special Tax, in excess of normal property tax revenues, was allocated to each property based on the average responses to the type of property.

### How much is the proposed Special Tax for Measure W?

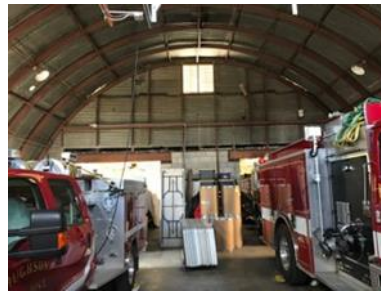
The proposed Special Tax for each property for fiscal year 2021-2022 will be printed on the election materials to be mailed to registered voters prior to the November election. For single-family homes, the annual Special Tax is proposed to be \$39.75/year, or \$3.32 per month.

<b>Hughson Fire Protection District Special Tax Formula</b>		
<b>Property Category</b>	<b>Tax Rate Proposed</b>	<b>Unit of Measurement</b>
Single Family Residential/Mobile Home	\$39.75	Unit
Multi-Family Residential <10 units	\$120	Parcel
Multi-Family Residential >10 units	\$240	Parcel
Duplex/Triplex Residential	\$75	Parcel
Senior Independent, Assisted or Skilled Nursing Facility	\$39	Unit/Room
Commercial	\$.01	Square Foot
Light Industrial	\$.02	Square Foot
Heavy Industrial	\$.03	Square Foot
Public		Tax Exempt
<b>Estimated Annual Measure W Revenue</b>	<b>\$167,000</b>	

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### Why is Measure W needed?

Fire District operations are funded from local property taxes, awarded grants, donations and fund raising efforts by the volunteers. The current funding for fire protection and emergency response services has not kept pace with the increases in demand for these services, as well as higher and more costly standards of care, maintenance costs and training requirements. This Special Tax would provide funding for modernization of the fire station, lifesaving equipment and emergency vehicles.



### Apparatus Bays

The current fire station apparatus bays are used for all the fire apparatus, firefighter medical and safety equipment, decontamination, and the firefighter's personal protective equipment. The apparatus bays are comprised of 3 buildings joined by common walls. **These buildings were constructed in 1946, 1950 &**

**1972.** Due to the growth of our community, required apparatus and firefighting equipment needed today, these buildings are undersized and are significantly showing their age. They also do not meet current health, ventilation, safety, and natural disaster requirements.

### Emergency Medical & Life/Property Saving Equipment

Revenue for these services will be used to update aged medical equipment and to add additional new life saving equipment technology. It will also be used to update our fire suppression and auto extrication equipment.

### Emergency Response Vehicles

Measure W revenue will also be used to assure the HFPD maintains an appropriate level and reliable emergency response vehicles for front line, back up and reserve status to not only serve our community, but to also provide mutual aid to our neighboring departments as they do for us.

### What is the Hughson Fire Protection District?

The Hughson Fire Protection District is made up of a 5 member Board of Directors, 20 to 30 volunteers and 2 paid staff, all of whom are dedicated, and proud of what they do for the residents of the HFPD and neighboring communities. The HFPD has one station that serves approximately 11,000 residents within 35 square miles.

