

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

June 9, 2026

**FROM**

**DAN MUNSEY, Fire Chief/Fire Warden, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District**

**SUBJECT**

2026-27 Budget for San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Acting as the governing body of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District:

1. Conduct a public hearing on San Bernardino County Fire Protection District's 2026-27 Recommended Budget.
2. Adopt **Resolution No. 2026-72** to approve and adopt:
  - a. San Bernardino County Fire Protection District's 2026-27 Budget, including appropriation, operating transfers out, contributions to reserves, available reserves, budgeted staffing, and authorization for final fund balance adjustments as described in Attachment A.
  - b. Any changes to the Recommended Budget that the Board of Directors may direct.
    - i. In the event that the Board of Directors makes any additions or deletions to the Budget after the public hearing, and the items were not proposed in writing and filed with the Secretary of the Board of Directors before close of the public hearing, a four-fifths vote of the Board of Directors is required.
3. Approve the classification actions detailed in Attachment B.
4. Approve **Amendment No. 2** to Memorandum of Understanding **No. 22-399**, with San Bernardino County, for fire protection and emergency medical services, updating contract language to include the San Bernardino County Fire Hazard Abatement Program, increasing the annual contract amount for 2026-27 by \$384,108, increasing the total contract amount from \$55,700,000 to \$56,084,108, with no change to the term of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2027. (**Note:** Please see related BAI #126 on June 9, 2026)

(Presenter: Dan Munsey, Fire Chief/Fire Warden, 387-5779)

**COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.**

**Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). San Bernardino County Fire Protection District's (SBCFPD) 2026-27 Recommended Budget, as presented in the Recommended Budget Book, includes total Requirements of \$475.7 million and Budgeted Staffing of 1,270 positions for operations. Additionally, the 2026-27 Recommended Budget also includes \$54.4 million in Requirements associated with reserve usage to fund appropriations in SBCFPD's operating and capital funds.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

SBCFPD is a community-based, all hazard emergency services organization that covers approximately 19,200 square miles and serves more than 60 communities/cities within four Regional Service Zones (Mountain, North Desert, South Desert, and Valley). SBCFPD provides emergency mitigation and management for fire suppression, emergency medical services, ambulance services, hazardous materials responses and household hazardous waste disposal, community safety services including fire prevention and review of building construction plans/permits, arson investigation (including a canine program), flooding and mudslide cleanup, winter rescue operations, hazard abatement, and providing advanced awareness and response to terrorism/weapons of mass destruction.

As presented in the Recommended Budget Book, the following table displays the 2026-27 Recommended Budget for SBCFPD Operations (Requirements and Budgeted Staffing), which includes the base amount and any new items for 2026-27:

<b>Budget Unit</b>	<b>2025-26 Modified</b>	<b>2026-27 Recommended</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Requirements</b>			
Fire Administration	\$63,284,294	\$70,162,746	\$6,878,452
Mountain Regional Service Zone	\$33,679,521	\$32,826,092	(\$853,429)
North Desert Regional Service Zone	\$69,701,449	\$71,252,049	\$1,550,600
South Desert Regional Service Zone	\$41,068,758	\$42,480,136	\$1,411,378
Valley Regional Service Zone	\$198,403,678	\$211,395,671	\$12,991,993
Emergency Medical Services	\$26,104,826	\$29,221,381	\$3,116,555
Hazardous Materials	\$13,614,260	\$13,077,801	(\$536,459)
Household Hazardous Waste	\$4,236,402	\$5,261,112	\$1,024,710
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>\$450,093,188</b>	<b>\$475,676,988</b>	<b>\$25,583,800</b>
<b>Budgeted Staffing</b>			
Fire Administration	372	406	34
Mountain Regional Service Zone	72	70	(2)
North Desert Regional Service Zone	140	140	0
South Desert Regional Service Zone	63	63	0
Valley Regional Service Zone	371	371	0
Emergency Medical Services	141	141	0
Hazardous Materials	54	54	0
Household Hazardous Waste	25	25	0
<b>Total Budgeted Staffing</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>32</b>

Note: Not reflected in the 2026-27 Requirements shown above are \$54.4 million in Reserves Requirements that are used to fund appropriation in the budget units shown in the table above. There is no budgetary contribution to reserves.

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Total budgeted Requirements of \$475.7 million for 2026-27 reflect an increase of \$25.6 million from the prior fiscal year. This increase, which is primarily for the costs to maintain service, includes the following significant changes:

- \$20.5 million increase in Staffing Expenses, including 13 new positions and deletion of two positions, resulting in a net increase of 11 positions for 2026-27. Also included in Budgeted Staffing are 21 Firefighter Paramedic positions added off-cycle during fiscal year 2025-26 as approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 21, 2025 (Item No. 61).
- \$5.7 million increase in Operating Expenses.
- \$1.1 million increase in Capital Expenditures.
- \$27,520 decrease in Operating Transfers Out.
- \$1.7 million increase in Reimbursements.

The total Budgeted Staffing of 1,270 positions for 2026-27 includes the addition of 10 new positions to support the Fire Hazard Abatement Program, 3 positions to support the administrative functions and operations of SBCFPD, and the deletion of two positions as there are sufficient position numbers and maximum head counts of each classification to provide for staffing of the Paid Call Firefighter stations.

Attachment B reflects changes to classifications, which includes the establishment of new classifications and reallocations for the transition of the Fire Hazard Abatement Program to SBCFPD oversight and management.

Recommendation No. 1 calls for the public hearing for the 2026-27 Recommended Budget, as required by Health and Safety Code sections 13890 through 13895 and Government Code sections 29080 and 29081. Prior to adopting SBCFPD's 2026-27 budget, a notice was published at least two weeks before the date of the public hearing in at least one newspaper of general circulation within SBCFPD, setting the date of the public hearing for the purpose of making a determination regarding this Recommended Budget. The Recommended Budget documents were made available in the Secretary of the Board of Directors' (Board) office on May 26, 2026, for the public, and the public hearing is occurring at least 10 days after the documents were made available. The notice further sets forth that any member of the public may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding any item in the Recommended Budget or for inclusion of additional items. All proposals should be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board before the close of the public hearing.

The public hearing is designed to discuss and implement any direction or changes to the Recommended Budget. Any request for increases, decreases or omissions of any item in the budget or inclusion of any additional items shall not be made after the public hearing, unless the items were proposed in writing and filed with the Secretary of the Board before the close of the public hearing or unless approved by the Board by a four-fifths vote.

Recommendation No. 2 is for approval and adoption of SBCFPD's 2026-27 Recommended Budget. Attachment A lists the 2026-27 Recommended Budget for appropriation, operating transfers out, contributions to reserves, available reserves, and budgeted staffing.

Recommendation No. 3 is for approval of certain classification actions as listed in Attachment B, which lists additional classifications and reallocation actions for 2026-27.

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The Recommended Budget, including Attachments A and B, satisfies the requirements set forth in Health and Safety Code sections 13890 et seq. and Government Code section 29089.

On June 14, 2022 (Item No. 110), the Board of Supervisors of the County and the Board of Directors of SBCFPD (Boards) approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) No. 22-399 for fire protection and emergency medical services in the amount of \$12,900,000 in 2022-23 with an annual reduction of \$1,000,000 per year from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027.

On October 22, 2024 (Item No. 67), the Boards approved Amendment No. 1 to MOU No. 22-399, updating language and increasing the annual contract amounts for 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 by \$400,000, increasing the total contract amount by \$1,200,000 from \$54,500,000 to \$55,700,000, for additional firefighting services, with no change to the term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027.

Recommendation No. 4 is for approval of Amendment No. 2 to MOU No. 22-399, with San Bernardino County, for fire protection and emergency medical services, updating contract language to include the San Bernardino County Fire Hazard Abatement Program, increasing the annual contract amount for 2026-27 by \$384,108, with no change to the term of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2027. The additional funding supports the continued administration and enforcement of fire hazard abatement activities designed to reduce wildfire risk, enhance public safety, and maintain compliance with applicable fire prevention requirements in unincorporated communities throughout the County.

**PROCUREMENT**

Not applicable.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by Human Resources (Gina King, Assistant Director, 387-5571) on May 13, 2026; County Counsel (Aaron Gest, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 14, 2026; Finance (Jessica Trillo, Principal Administrative Analyst, 387-4222) on May 18, 2026; and County Finance and Administration (Valerie Clay, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423 and Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-4883) on May 26, 2026. This item has also been coordinated with the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (Mima Ugbo, Chief Deputy Controller, 382-3195) on May 26, 2026.

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Record of Action of the Board of Directors  
San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

Hearing Opened  
Public Comment: None  
Hearing Closed

**APPROVED**

Moved: Curt Hagman   Seconded: Joe Baca, Jr.  
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, SECRETARY

BY  \_\_\_\_\_  
DATED: June 9, 2026



cc:   SBCFPD - Munsey w/ agree  
      Contractor c/o SBCFPD w/ agree  
      File w/ agree  
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