

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Auditor-Controller

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-1(b)

AGENDA DATE: October 25, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval to Modify the Salida Fire Protection District Reporting Requirement to a Biennial Audit.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2016-527

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No. DF-10-B-8

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGENDA ITEM**

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CEO CONCURRENCE: 

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

Unanimous Vote Required

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve by unanimous vote to modify the audit period for the Salida Fire Protection District required financial audit report to a biennial audit period.

DISCUSSION:

As prescribed by Government Code, the County Auditor is required to ensure that an annual audit of every special district that resides within the County is performed. Government Code contains provisions that allow special districts to alter the audit period from an annual period to a two-year period, provided that the change is approved unanimously by both the governing board of the special district and the County Board of Supervisors.

The Auditor-Controller's Office has received correspondence from Salida Fire Protection District to formally request approval of a biennial audit (Attachment A). On August 30, 2016, the Board of Directors for the Salida Fire Protection District unanimously agreed to submit a formal request to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for approval to convert from an annual audit to a biennial audit. The District identifies that the conversion will result in a cost savings without a loss of accountability.

POLICY ISSUE:

Government Code Section 26909 provides that Special Districts may, by unanimous request from the governing board of the District, with unanimous approval of the Board of Supervisors, replace the annual audit required by this section, performed in accordance with professional standards, with a biennial audit covering a two-year period.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the County of Stanislaus to grant this request. The Salida Fire Protection District anticipates a cost savings by replacing its annual audit period with a biennial audit covering a two-year period.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

Approval of this agenda item is consistent with the Board of Supervisors' priorities of Effective Partnerships and promoting Efficient Delivery of Public Services by effectively managing public resources.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this agenda item.

CONTACT PERSON:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Salida Fire Protection District Letter

Attachment A



SALIDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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August 30, 2016

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The Salida Fire Protection District Board of Directors would like to request that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors consider the Districts desire to implement a biennial audit schedule.

On August 30, 2016, the Board of Directors for the Salida Fire Protection District unanimously agreed to submit a formal request to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for their approval to allow the District to change from an annual audit to a biennial audit. The approval to perform an audit every other year will result in a cost savings to the District, without a loss in accountability.

If the request is approved by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, the Salida Fire Protection District will adopt the biennial audit schedule as policy.

The Board of Directors appreciates your time in considering this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Brubaker".

Mark Brubaker, President
Board of Directors
Salida Fire Protection District