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FPD FUNDING PERFORMANCE REPORT

Funding Purpose:

Summarize the objective and purpose of the funding:

This funding was provided by Yolo County to financially assist struggling Fire Protection Districts. The passage of the Williamson Act in 1965 and Proposition 13 in 1978 both reduced the annual growth of property tax income – our primary source of funding. Unlike County government which can diversify revenue streams through additional taxation, Fire Protection Districts (FPD's) stagnated through years of inflation with very little increase in annual revenue. Partially due to this adversity and partially due to rural ingenuity and a culture of thriftiness, FPD's managed to stay afloat by leveraging volunteer labor and a combination of community support and cash donations. This is true in the Capay Valley as it is throughout Yolo County. By 2023 when this funding became available, and following the supply chain disruptions and rampant inflation caused by the COVID pandemic, FPD's around Yolo were raising red flags about having reached their limit to provide effective services to their residents under these current models. Many districts reported a general decline in volunteerism and an increase in call volume. These, among other socio-economic factors, had led to dangerously low staffing levels, volunteer burnout, and an increasing reliance on paid staffing.

Progress Report:

What benefits were gained from the financial assistance?

Yolo County Sustainability Funding is an important component in Capay Valley FPD's income stack comprising about 17% of our recorded income for the last fiscal year. These funds have been used to combat rising costs of living and to address level of service issues identified during the benefit assessment process with SCI Consulting. In Fiscal Year 25-26, Capay Valley Fire focused on maintaining our improved level of service through the purchase and equipping of a new BME Type 3 wildland engine to replace an ageing 1995 Type 2 which had been found deficient during annual testing. We improved operational capabilities through investment in technologies such as Starlink and Tablet Command, providing us with increased communication in the Rumsey Canyon, and improved situational awareness for our entire roster with Tablet Command mobile which allows view-only access to CAD reporting via personal mobile phones. We expended significant effort on maintaining facilities, spending over \$9,000 to address deferred maintenance at Station 22, and were able to offset costs by using paid staff and volunteers to complete much of the work rather than hiring contractors. We have allocated funds to send firefighters to outside trainings with other agencies providing them with professional certifications in incident management and aircraft operations, as well as some incident-specific awareness training related to Lithium-Ion battery fires which are of growing concern to

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emergency service workers. We continue to update administrative policies, and pursue grant funding aggressively, and our staff are visible and active in the community spending time assisting local non-profits in youth activities and food bank distributions.

Did you encounter any challenges?

Funding and rising costs continue to present challenges, and we had 2 capital improvements for which we could not secure grant funding. Thankfully, with our improved financial position, we were able to purchase our Type 3 engine out-of-pocket at a cost of \$500,000 and though our grant request for the replacement of Station 21 was declined, we have budgeted \$300,000 for FY 26-27 to pursue the project ourselves. We are still concerned about the portion of County funding which is linked to call volume, as our prevention and education efforts require funding but are intended to reduce call volume by increasing community awareness. Capay Valley Emergency Response Auxiliary (CVERA) continues to manage our Firewise certification and our local Fire Safe Council, and our partnership with the Yolo County Resource Conservation District has led to significant fuel reduction in strategic areas of the Capay Valley and increased awareness of risks, hazards, and best practices throughout the community. It would be a shame were our prevention efforts to result in decreased funding due to lower call volume.

Did any changes occur during the year, such as the number of paid staff or volunteers, key personnel changes (e.g., leadership positions like Chief, Assistant Chief, or Board members), or mailing address?

Our volunteer roster has not changed significantly this year. We have 2 paid staff and 20 volunteers for a total of 22 firefighting personnel, and 20-25 civilian volunteers on the CVERA roster. Recruitment and retention are always of concern, but we continue to see excellent participation levels from our staff with 5-6 people on average responding to fires, vehicle accidents, and medical aids.

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Yolo County Sustainability Funds - CVFPD

Expense Account	FY 2025-26 Actual Expense	Sustainability Funds	Sustainability Funds
Equipment	\$507,890	\$43,790	8.6%
Salaries & Benefits	\$229,704	\$30,000	13.1%
Minor Equipment	\$27,053	\$25,000	92.4%
Maintenance – Equipment	\$27,106	\$10,000	36.9%
Clothing & Personal Supplies	\$13,473	\$5,318	39.5%
Communications	\$5,940	\$2,500	42.1%
Information Technology Services	\$7,483	\$2,500	33.4%
Insurance – Fire & Extended	\$7,134	\$2,134	29.9%
Insurance – Public Liability	\$6,133	\$1,133	18.5%

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