

**RIVER DELTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MEASURE S**

S To provide public safety and to ensure that fire protection and emergency medical response is continued, shall the River Delta Fire Protection District levy an annual special tax in perpetuity, including \$85 per residential unit, raising approximately \$102,000 per year, to fund firefighter training, maintain emergency vehicles and equipment and improve fire and emergency services with all money to stay local, subject to independent annual audits?

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE S
River Delta Fire Protection District Special Tax
Prepared by County Counsel**

Measure S, if approved by the voters, would impose a special tax within the boundaries of the River Delta Fire Protection District in the amount of \$85 per year on each residential unit and varying amounts on other facilities and parcels. The tax would be in effect in perpetuity. The tax rate could, at the discretion of the District Board, be increased in an amount not to exceed 2% per year commencing the 2019-20 tax year.

The proceeds of the special tax are intended to be used to fund firefighter training, maintain emergency vehicles and equipment and improve fire and emergency services, as set forth in the full text of the Measure printed in the County Voter Information Guide.

The special tax will be collected by the Sacramento County Tax Collector at the same time as, and along with, the *ad valorem* property tax, and will be subject to the same penalties and interest that apply to *ad valorem* property taxes if not paid when due.

The River Delta Fire Protection District is required by law to provide additional accountability measures for the proceeds. These measures include: (1) depositing the proceeds into a fund that is separate and apart from other District funds and shall be applied only as set forth in the Measure; and (2) providing an annual written report to the Board stating the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any project authorized to be funded from the tax proceeds.

Passage of Measure S requires approval by two-thirds of the voters voting thereon.

A "YES" vote on Measure S means you wish to enact the special tax.

A "NO" vote on Measure S means you do not wish to enact the special tax.

*****YOU CAN FIND THE MEASURE ARGUMENTS FOLLOWING THE FULL TEXT OF THIS MEASURE*****

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE S

**RIVER DELTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX TO FUND
FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES**

To continue to provide public safety and to ensure that fire protection and emergency medical response is continued in the community, the River Delta Fire Protection District proposes to levy an annual special tax on each taxable parcel of land within the District at the following rates:

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<u>Character of Property</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Residential Structures	\$85.00 per dwelling unit
Undeveloped Land	\$65.00 per parcel
Land with Miscellaneous (Non-Residential, Commercial or Industrial) Structures	\$80.00 per parcel
Small Marina, Campground or Mobile Home Park with 25 or Fewer Slips/Spaces/Dwelling Units	\$250 per facility
Medium Marina, Campground or Mobile Home Park with 26-100 Slips/Spaces/Dwelling Units	\$350 per facility
Large Marina, Campground or Mobile Home Park with More than 100 Slips/Spaces/Dwelling Units	\$450 per facility
Industrial Structures (Storage, Packing, Wineries, etc.)	\$450 per facility
Commercial Structures	\$350 per facility
Producing Gas Wells	\$450 per parcel
Hunting Club	\$250 per facility
Parcels of Land of More Than 1 Acre with Row Crops	\$1.50 per acre
Parcels of Land of More Than 1 Acre with Permanent Crops	\$3.00 per acre
Public	Tax exempt

The estimated \$102,000 of annual revenue from this special tax will be used to provide funding for the District to use in performing necessary fire protection and prevention services and emergency services, including acquiring, operating and maintaining fire suppression equipment, payment of personnel costs and training, and funding capital improvements. Pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.1 the proceeds of the special tax shall be used only for the purposes stated above.

The rate of the special tax may, at the discretion of the Board, be increased in an amount not to exceed two percent per year commencing the 2019-20 tax year.

The District's appropriation's limit will be increased by the amount of this voter-approved tax.

The District will prepare an annual report, to be filed with its Board of Directors, which shall include the amount of special tax revenues collected and expended each year, and which shall otherwise comply with the accountability measures established in Government Code Sections 59975.1 *et seq.*

If approved by the voters, the special tax shall be effective for the Districts 2018-19 fiscal year and will be levied annually from and after the date of this election unless changed by the voters at a subsequent election.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE S

The River Delta Fire Protection District provides fire protection and emergency medical services to the community. District operations are funded primarily from property taxes. But, revenues simply have not kept pace with the increasing cost of operations. It has been a priority for the District to minimize costs as much as possible ensuring that available funds are sufficient to cover all operations.

The District uses **ALL VOLUNTEER** staff, but must pay for training, fire protection and emergency medical equipment, emergency vehicles maintenance, utilities, insurance and other costs to continue to serve our community. The rising cost of these operational budget items combined with the limited financial resources available to the District has resulted in significant challenges while still delivering adequate emergency response within our district. When dealing with matters of public safety and life or death, this is a big concern. As such, the District is requesting support from the local community to sustain operations and continue to provide fire protection and emergency medical services.

Measure S will provide ongoing funding for fire district operations and ensure that it maintains the fire protection and emergency medical response our community deserves and expects. A "yes" vote will: preserve local control of our fire protection and emergency medical response services; fund ongoing operations of the fire department, including firefighter training, fire protection, emergency medical equipment, vehicle maintenance and other operational expenses; and keep our community safe.

A "yes" vote on Measure S will help the River Delta Fire Protection District continue to adequately serve the community and keep us all safe. Please join us in supporting our local community by voting "yes" on Measure S.

s/Lamonte Evert
Resident of Long Island

s/Joe Deak
Owner of B & W Resort

s/Les Wolfson
Owner Delta Brokers Real Estate

s/Larry Gardiner
5th Generation Resident, 50 yr volunteer firefighter

s/George Treadway
Resident of Oxbow Marina

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE S WAS FILED