
Rio Dell Fire Protection District
Press Release

Results of Proposed Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment

Weighted Ballot Results:

Total Number of Valid Ballots Cast:	371
Total Assessment Amount of Valid Ballots:	\$39,400
Total Number of Ballots Cast in Favor	197
Total Assessment Amount of "Yes" Votes:	\$20,550
Total Percentage of "Yes" Ballots, Weighted by Assessment:	52.2%
Total Number of Ballots Cast Against	174
Total Assessment Amount of "No" Votes:	\$18,850
Total Percentage of "No" Ballots, Weighted by Assessment:	47.8%

The Rio Dell Fire District Board of Commissioners announced the passing of a benefit assessment for fire protection and emergency response services.

The assessment will bring approximately \$142,000 of critically needed revenue to the Fire District. As with other Fire Districts in the county, Rio Dell Fire has struggled to stay inside budget limits due to an increased demand for service coupled with increased operating costs.

With the successful passage of the ballot measure, the Fire District will be able to replace aging equipment and apparatus, upgrade the existing station facility to address ADA standards, construct an additional apparatus bay to house all apparatus in a temperature-controlled area, and fund a modest pay-per-call program to help reimburse volunteer firefighter's expenses.

"The additional revenues will ensure our volunteers are adequately equipped and trained to best serve our community," says Shane Wilson.

The election results will be certified at the next meeting on November 13, 2014 at the Rio Dell Fire Station at 5:30 p.m.

Questions regarding the assessment can be answered by contacting:
Chief Shane Wilson - 707-764-3329.