

**NOTICE OF OFFICIAL RECOUNT**  
**Crescent Fire Protection District**

**Proposed Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Benefit Assessment**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an official recount requested by the Board of Directors of the Crescent Fire Protection District (CFPD) will be conducted by the Del Norte County Election's Office and be held on **Monday, June 28, 2021, at 9:00am**, at the Board of Supervisors Chamber, 981 H Street, Crescent City. Members of the public are able to view the official recount both in person and live via zoom.

On June 14, 2021, the Crescent FPD Board held a public hearing which marked the end of the voting period for the Proposed Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Benefit Assessment which would fund the services and improvements included in Crescent City Fire and Rescue's 10-year Financial Master Plan adopted in November 2019. The 10-Year Financial Master Plan identifies priority actions and funding needed to create a sustainable fire department, including expanding volunteer staffing programs, apparatus and equipment replacement, volunteer recruitment training, and increased administrative capacity with the goal of aligning its core programs and services with the needs of the community so as not to over-serve, and most importantly, not under-serve those needs. In absence of additional funding, it is estimated that the Crescent Fire Protection District (CFPD) would exhaust its limited reserve funds within a 2-3 year period while trying to maintain the current level of service that residents have come to expect.

The assessment requires majority approval by property owners, with ballots weighted based on the relative special benefit to a property in relation to a single-family home, the type of property, and its size. Ballots were mailed 45 days in advance of the June 14, 2021 public hearing to property owners within the district boundaries that would be subject to this assessment, based on the most recent County records. Property owners that would not be assessed, including undeveloped parcels, were not mailed ballots. Each ballot included the total assessment proposed for the owner's particular parcel and a summary of the procedures applicable to the completion, return and location of the public hearing. Individuals who own more than one property within CFPD that would be assessed were mailed one ballot for each property. Each ballot is weighted by the monetary amount of the assessment it represents.

Tabulation of the returned ballots was conducted after the close of the public hearing by the Del Norte County Election's Office on June 15, 2021, beginning at 10:00AM in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, 981 H Street, Crescent City. Members of the public were able to view the tabulation both in person and live via zoom. Only official ballots signed and marked with the property owner's support or opposition are able to be counted to determine if majority protest exists. A majority protest exists if, upon the conclusion of the public hearing, ballots submitted in opposition to the assessment exceed ballots submitted in favor of the assessment. In tabulating the ballots, **each ballot is weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of the affected property**. If majority protest exists, CFPD shall not impose the

assessment. If there is no majority protest, the assessment may be imposed beginning in Fiscal Year 2021-22.

You are invited to attend, but not required to attend, the official recount. The official recount date, time, and location will be posted on the District website [cfpd.crescentcity.org](http://cfpd.crescentcity.org) at least 10 days before the scheduled start time of the official recount. The official recount of the returned ballots will commence after the ten-day notice period, by the Del Norte County Elections Office.

The Board of Directors will formally accept and certify the balloting results at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 12th at 5:00PM. At this meeting, the Board shall hear and determine any and all controversies concerning the regularity of the balloting. The determination of the governing body shall be final. If a majority of weighted ballots returned are in support, the Board will conduct a second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-001 on July 12th.

For additional information concerning Crescent Fire Protection District services or the proposed benefit assessment, please contact Fire Chief Bill Gillespie at (707) 464-2421 or visit [cfpd.crescentcity.org](http://cfpd.crescentcity.org).