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TO: Emergency Services Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 6 – 03/22/2022 ESAC Special Meeting**
Discussion Financial and Service Level Trends for South Bay Fire

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Receive report and provide comments and direction to staff.

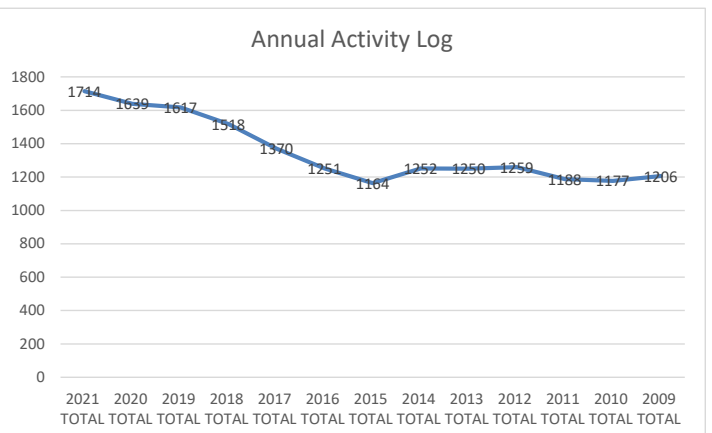
Discussion

The information in this report is a continuation of the committee’s discussion on the future needs for the community’s emergency services. Past discussions have included the upward trends in service needs, an evaluation of Station 15, both structurally and mechanically, and the future financial resilience of the Fund 301 and its’ funding sources.

Service Level Trends

Since the Committee has been discussing service level trends, staff thought it would be helpful to see the data dating back to 2009. The following table and chart show the trends since 2009.

Year	Service Calls
2021	1714
2020	1639
2019	1617
2018	1518
2017	1370
2016	1251
2015	1164
2014	1252
2013	1250
2012	1259
2011	1188
2010	1177
2009	1206



Between 2009 and 2016 the number of calls remained relatively level averaging 1,218 per year. Starting in 2017, call demand started steadily increasing with the highest volume last year at 1,714 calls. The average between 2017 and 2021 was 1,572 calls.

There is additional information that staff and the committee will need to understand the impacts of this trend on the ability for Station 15 to sustain increases in calls in the future. Additional information could include:

- The number of back-to-back calls
- Number of times when Company 15 is called to cover the station or respond to emergencies
- The number of calls to CSA 9-I
- The number of calls to Montana de Oro State Park
- The number of out-of-District calls
- The number of mutual aid calls

Staff will work with Battalion Chief Provence to gather additional information to better inform our discussion at our next meeting.

Financial Trends

Another discussion point that the committee has had, is the revenue versus expenditures over time. Staff has compiled the information going back Fiscal Year 2012-13.

Revenues

The table below shows the two main revenue sources for Fund 301. Zone B revenues are based on property tax value and increase accordingly. As you can see, during this time period, Zone B revenue has increased by about \$1.1 million. The Special Fire tax revenue increases by a calculated rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which means it hasn't increased as fast percentage wise as the Zone B revenue.

Fund 301 Revenue				
FY Year	Zone B	Special Taxes	Total	% Increase Previous Yr.
2012-13	\$1,518,765	\$487,467	\$2,006,232	
2013-14	\$1,625,572	\$498,910	\$2,124,482	5.9%
2014-15	\$1,682,965	\$506,710	\$2,189,675	3.1%
2015-16	\$1,850,510	\$508,329	\$2,358,839	7.7%
2016-17	\$1,903,022	\$529,402	\$2,432,424	3.1%
2017-18	\$2,198,774	\$543,882	\$2,742,656	12.8%
2018-19	\$2,227,120	\$561,557	\$2,788,677	1.7%
2019-20	\$2,259,602	\$583,128	\$2,842,730	1.9%
2020-21	\$2,413,260	\$626,324	\$3,039,584	6.9%
2021-22	\$2,473,073	\$636,743	\$3,109,816	2.3%
Ave % Increase	5.05%			
Overall Rev. Increase	\$1,103,584			

Expenditures

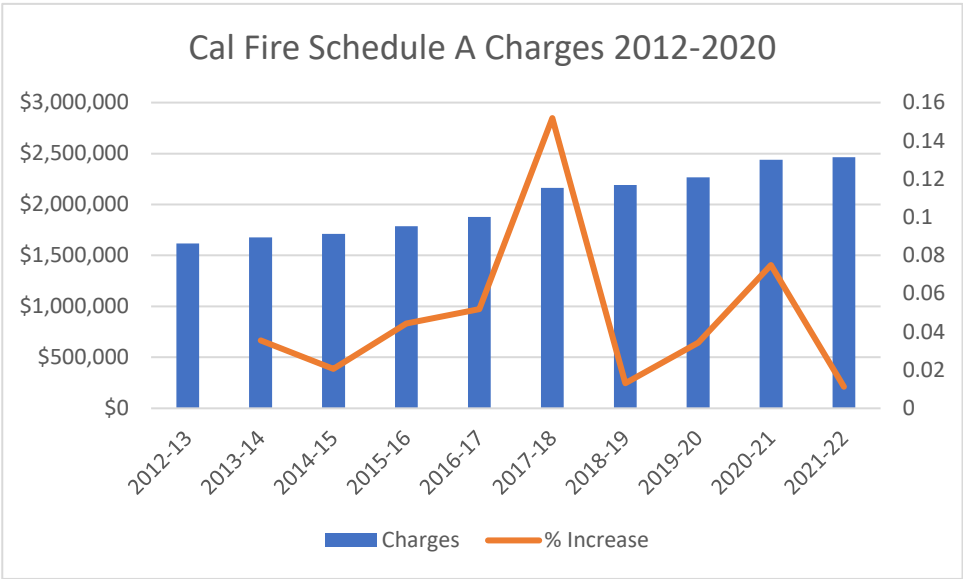
Expenditures have been broken down into two categories. The first are the Cal Fire Schedule A charges which cover the labor and associated services paid to Cal Fire. The second are the expenditures paid for by the District to operate Station 15 which are part of the Fund 301 budget.

Cal Fire – Schedule A

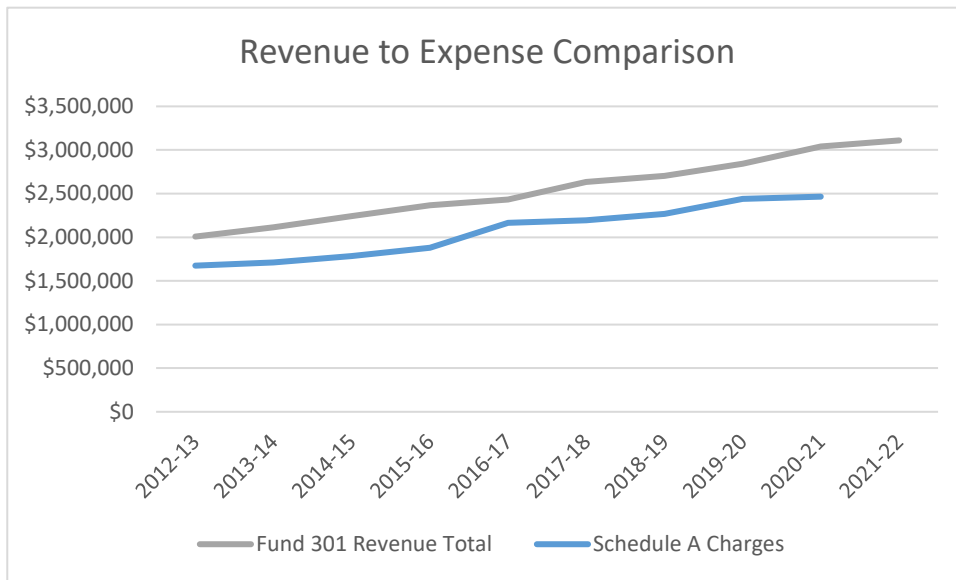
As mentioned, the Schedule A expenditures are what the District pays to Cal Fire to manage and maintain Station 15. Per the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement that the District entered into with Cal Fire in 2004, Schedule A is updated annually to reflect any increased cost that Cal Fire incurs and passes along to the District. The table below summarizes the costs along with the percent increase since Fiscal Year 2012-13.

Cal Fire Schedule A Charges 2012 to 2022		
FY Year	Charges	% Increase
2012-13	\$1,618,212	
2013-14	\$1,675,539	3.5%
2014-15	\$1,709,966	2.1%
2015-16	\$1,785,924	4.4%
2016-17	\$1,878,653	5.2%
2017-18	\$2,164,108	15.2%
2018-19	\$2,192,419	1.3%
2019-20	\$2,267,703	3.4%
2020-21	\$2,437,726	7.5%
2021-22	\$2,465,234	1.1%
Ave % Increase	4.9%	
Overall Cost Increase	\$847,022	

The following chart summarizes the Schedule A and the percent increase over time.



The following chart correlates the revenues in the previous table to the Schedule A charges.



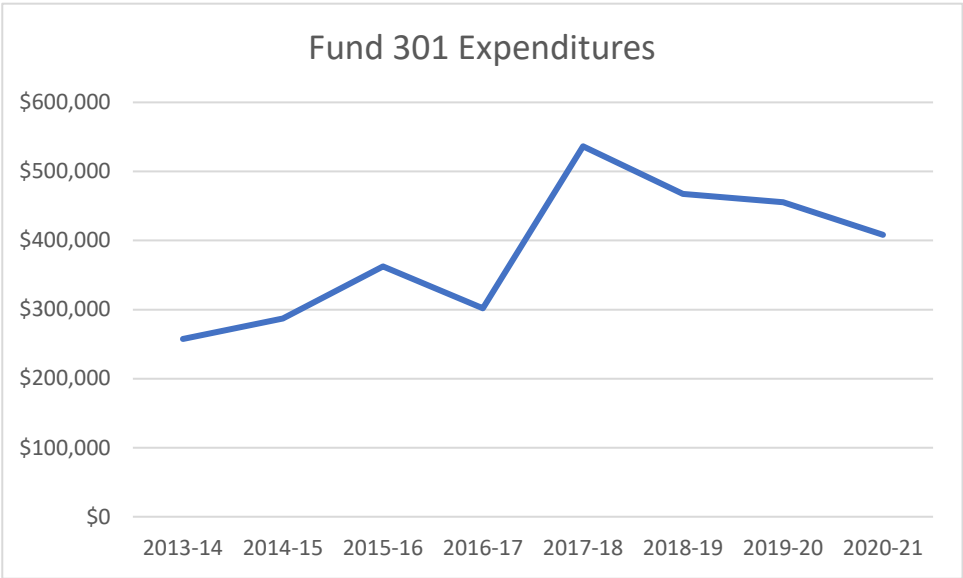
As indicated, the rise in revenue and expenses having been tracking fairly even at this period of time.

Station 15 Expenditures

The Station 15 expenditures reflect the station operating budget minus the Schedule A charges. It includes maintenance of the station, housekeeping supplies, capital projects, contributions to reserves and other associated costs. The following table summarizes the budget expenditures and percent change since Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Station 15 Expenditures		
FY Year	Expenditures	% Increase
2012-13		
2013-14	\$257,685	
2014-15	\$286,869	11.3%
2015-16	\$362,590	26.4%
2016-17	\$302,024	-16.7%
2017-18	\$536,291	77.6%
2018-19	\$467,353	-12.9%
2019-20	\$455,474	-2.5%
2020-21	\$408,195	-10.4%

As shown, the last three fiscal years the expenditures have been relatively level. The following chart summarizes the expenditure information over the time period.



Summary

The purpose of providing this information is to bring the committee up to speed on the trends we are seeing on calls and the financial condition of Fund 301. Staff is requesting feedback on this information and if there are any questions that need to be answered or if there is additional data that would be helpful in formulating a strategy for our emergency services moving forward.