

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



Rodeo-Hercules Measure O Funds

On December 11, 2024, the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) unanimously approved the annexation of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District by Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Contra Costa Fire).

When will the annexation take place?

The annexation will take place on July 1, 2025.

Contra Costa Fire will absorb all of Rodeo-Hercules' firefighters, support staff, facilities, debt, liabilities, apparatus and equipment.

What is Measure O?

Measure O is a parcel tax specific to the geographic footprint of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District.

Passed on the November 2016 ballot with 78% of the weighted returned ballots in favor of the tax measure. The parcel tax is used to fund the operation and staffing of two fire stations, one in Rodeo and one in Hercules.

After the annexation, will Rodeo and Hercules residents still have to pay the Measure O tax?

Yes.

The Measure O Senior Citizen Exemption will still be available to those who qualify and apply every year, all others will be required to pay the tax as they do today.

<p>What will Contra Costa Fire do with Measure O funds?</p>	<p>Contra Costa Fire will use Measure O funds to continue staffing the fire station in Rodeo and the fire station in Hercules.</p> <p>Contra Costa Fire can only use the Measure O funds to support fire and emergency services in the geographic footprint of the former Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District.</p>
<p>Can Contra Costa Fire use the Measure O funding for other projects in the Fire District?</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Measure O funding can only be used to support fire and emergency services in the geographic footprint of the former Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District.</p>
<p>Will the Measure O oversight committee remain after the annexation?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>A committee will remain to provide oversight to inform the public and advise the board concerning the expenditure of Measure O revenues.</p>
<p>Staffing both fire stations requires ALL current revenues to remain intact after annexation. What happens if Measure O funds are not available?</p>	<p>The Measure O tax raises approximately \$2.7M annually and supports the staffing and operation of two fire stations.</p> <p>Without the Measure O tax, these funds will not be available to support the operation and staffing of two fire stations serving Rodeo and Hercules. There will be insufficient revenues to operate both fire stations.</p>
<p>If Measure O is repealed, will the annexation still happen?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>If Measure O is repealed prior to 7/1/2025, the annexation will still occur, but Measure O will not be available to fund the two fire stations.</p>
<p>What will happen with the remaining Rodeo-Hercules Fire fund balance?</p>	<p>The fund balance will be used to pay down the approximately \$12 million dollar pension liability of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District.</p> <p>Contra Costa Fire will be responsible for paying the remaining pension liability that the fund balance does not cover.</p>