

## Measure O Minutes Special Meeting April 23, 2024

1. **Call to Order/ Roll Call** (6:07) Frank Grimsley, Tara Shaia, Elizabeth Genai, Maureen Brennan present. Angie Noble absent.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** (00:20)
3. **Confirmation of Agenda** (00:50)
4. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** (1:25) Motion by Maureen Brennan, second by Elizabeth Genai.  
  
Ayes: Frank Grimsley, Elizabeth Genai, Tara Shaia, Maureen Brennan  
No: 0  
Absent: Angie Noble
5. **Public Comment** (4:42) None
6. **Measure O Oversight Committee Annual Report** (5:05)

### **Annual report to the RHFD Board of Directors:**

from the Measure O Oversight Committee

Read by Chair Brennan:

In March 2024, we have reviewed the Audit report for 2022/2023. It does not reflect the budget changes that we had hoped for initially. However, the September budget from 23-24 does reflect important changes that are aligned with Measure O intent. We await a forecast review, to assess these changes.

According to the audit we currently have a 7.2 million reserve, which speaks to the good health of the District. .

There have been three topics of discussion, in the new Strategic Plan, regarding the future of the district. Status quo, Fee for Service, or annexation to the ConFire organization.

Also of note in our meetings, is that members of this committee voted unanimously to pursue termination of Measure O taxation, should annexation occur.

Sincerely,

Maureen Brennan

President, Measure O Oversight Committee

Report to be presented to RHFD Board May 8 2024.

Vote to submit document to RHFD Board:

Ayes: M. Brennan, E. Genai, F. Grimsley, T. Shaia

No: 0

Absent: 1

The Measure O Committee also suggested that the local communities of Rodeo/Hercules should have a vote in the decision to annex, as it is a significant decision impacting the community's money. They also deliberated on the potential need for legal review, regarding the implications of annexation, and the management of Measure O funds. Member Grimsley

reminded us that the Board is in the process of “investigating” annexation, but we’re not there yet. Member Shaia also asked, If the Board is looking at all avenues of annexation, and should a public vote be part of that? The existence or non-existence of Measure O tax should be considered. Chief Ramirez deferred that discussion point as a Board consideration. Without Measure O, could Measure X money be coming to Confirm post-annexation.? Chief Ramirez again deferred this as a Board decision

#### **7. Year to date Measure O Expenditures (54:19)**

The Committee had asked Chief Ramirez for a “forecast” of the first 8 months of the 2023-2024 budget. Chief Ramirez reported on the budget status, highlighting that out of an expected spending of \$2,515,000, approximately \$1,912,308 has been allocated so far. Spending has been allocated to various areas such as salaries, group insurance, dispatch services, bathroom remodels, fire prevention, and EMS training. The alerting system and US training personnel are ongoing expenditures. RHFD also noted that \$9,716. has been spent on the county collection fee. The remaining budget for the year will be allocated to ongoing projects, with some rollover expected for the next fiscal year.

#### **8. Considerations for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Measure O Expenditures (1:13:42 )**

Kim Corcoran, the Administrative Services officer, explained the categorization of each fund and their respective revenues. Committee members further inquired about specific accounts like the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIN) and the Measure X funds account, which Kim clarified. The conversation ended with RHFD appreciating the growth projections for the next five years. Kim also explained that the Measure O balance is historically used to pay for Calpers medical premiums and other personnel salaries. Measure O money comes to the District in early October, so they emphasized the need for a working capital between July and October to cover any unexpected expenses.

#### **9. Community Outreach (1:23:50)**

The Chief discussed the need for increased personnel to maintain two stations, the potential use of measure funds for community outreach and training, as well as the possibility of utilizing the alert warning system for public education. They also considered using their open house as a community outreach event and committed to investigating these potential solutions further. The ongoing efforts to update the website with necessary information and resources for the community were also mentioned. Lastly, the issue of tax allocation for the annexed Philip 66 and the need for clarification on their share of the tax revenue was brought up.

#### **Public Comment:**

Chair Doss-RHFD

Board memberr Marie Bowman

Board members Charles Davidson

#### **9. Adjournment (1:39:31)**

Next meeting May 14, 2024, at Station 76 Training Center, 6PM.