Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 2:27 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FP-5 Expansion

Dear Ms. Ary,

Our records to indicate your property is within the FP-expansion territory.

PARCEL_NBR	[redacted]
SITUS_ADDRESS1	[redacted]
SITUS_ADDRESS2	YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284
TRA	0023019
TAX_STATUS	1
ASSESSOR_TAX_STATUS_DEFINITION	ASSESSED BY COUNTY
REGIONAL_SERVICE_ZONE	SOUTH DESERT
CURRENT_SERVICE_AREA	
PROPOSED_SERVICE_AREA	FP-5

I hope this information was helpful in addressing your concern. For additional information regarding the FP-5 expansion process including the Fire Chiefs presentation explaining the need for the expansion. Please visit www.sbcfire.org.

Respectfully,
Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 2:21 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FP-expansion

Dear Ms. Wells,

Our records indicate neither of your properties ([redacted] and [redacted]) are within the expansion territory.

Respectfully,

Steve Tracy-Public Information Officer
All Risk Incident Management Team
San Bernardino County Team-1
2824 E. W Street Bldg-302
San Bernardino, CA 92408
Cell-(909) 665-0763
Stracy@sbcfire.org

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Don Slater
Subject: RE: question

Dear Mr. Slater,

Thank you for your interest is the FP-Expansion process. Each owner of a property has the option to fill out a protest form. The forms should be filled out exactly as stated on the instruction letter mailed out to each parcel owner. Each protest form should be placed in its own envelope with the proper information as stated in the written protest instructions. If both you and your wife are on title of the property than both of your protest count. I hope this information was helpful in addressing your concern. For additional information regarding the FP-5 expansion process including the Fire Chiefs presentation explaining the need for the expansion. Please visit www.sbcfire.org.

Respectfully,
Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

From: Don Slater [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 4:11 PM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: question

We received many notice's in the mail addressed to either my wife or myself. There is only one signature space on your form. So by the fact that each of us received our own information and a request for only one signature on your form we are asking if we are ok in filling these out separately. We each get our own vote in the poles. As well as the wording in the proposal supports this interpretation.
Please advise.

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 2:13 PM
To: Mark L
Subject: RE: address question

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your interest in the FP-Expansion. Please put on the protest form your name the address your tax bill is delivered to and the APN numbers of your parcels. Please don't forget to sign the protest form. I hope this information was helpful in addressing your concern. For additional information regarding the FP-5 expansion process including the Fire Chiefs presentation explaining the need for the expansion. Please visit www.sbcfire.org.

Respectfully,
Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

From: Mark L [mailto[redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 10:33 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: address question

What address should be used on the protest form,the mailing address (not the same as the property address) or the property address, we own 2 parcels and one is unimproved and has no address

Thank You

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 2:08 PM
To: Marie Marquardt
Subject: RE: Protest form

Dear Ms. Marquardt,

Thank you for your interest in the FP-Expansion. Each person on title of the property in question has the option to oppose the FP-5 Expansion by filling out a protest form. If you are not the parcel owner you are not qualified under the protest process to file a valid protest. For additional information on the FP-expansion and the full presentation by the Fire Chief on the need for the expansion, please visit www.sbcfire.org.

Respectfully,
Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

From: Marie Marquardt [mailto[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 9:25 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Protest form

I live in a mobile home park in Yucca Valley. While I do own my home, I only rent the lot it is on. Am I considered a qualified 'owner' who can file a protest?

Thank you.

Marie Marquardt

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Caputo, Pascal B. [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 11:27 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FP-5 Information Request

I received the FP-5 expansion notice and have a few questions.

1. Would the fee apply to a solar farm located on federal land managed by BLM? If so, would the federal government or the solar farm receive the bill?

2. Assuming that the fee applies to a solar farm on federal land, would the solar farm be able to pay a single fee if the solar farm is located on contiguous parcels owned by the federal government?

Sent from my iPhone

Opliger, Kathleen

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 9:53 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FP-5 Expansion Protest

I submitted written protests for the 3 dirt lots I own in SB county. This additional tax/fee is a heavy burden for me.

I also feel the protest procedure is very difficult and appears to be designed to unfairly discourage people to file the protest.

You need internet access, computer, printer and must mail it back ?!!

Not everyone can do that.

The protest form should be included in the letter mailed out with simple instructions.

The protest period should be re-done!

Respectfully,

Donald Olsen
[redacted]

apn[redacted]

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Chamberlin, John
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 8:52 AM
To: Eagle Desert Vista Corporation
Cc: FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: FP-5 Form Problems response: COMPLAINT about FIRE DEPARTMENT'S OBSTRUCTIVENESS TOWARDS VOTERS
Attachments: Attachment B.pdf; Attachment C.pdf; Attachment D.pdf; Attachment E.pdf

Thank you for your clarification.

Please find the attachments as requested.

Respectfully,

John Chamberlin
Deputy Fire Chief of Administration
San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 5:36 AM
To: Chamberlin, John <jchamberlin@sbcfire.org>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: FP-5 Form Problems response: COMPLAINT about FIRE DEPARTMENT'S OBSTRUCTIVENESS TOWARDS VOTERS

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am astonished that YOU find MY "*... tone with fire district staff to be very belittling, condescending and frankly out of line ...*" when the precipitating outrageousness here is in the **provoking** conduct of **YOUR** Department and **YOUR** staff, doubtless originating in and reinforced by and trickling down from the obstructionist attitudes and biased self-interest in the outcome of this ballot emanating from the top of your Department. And yet you have nothing to say, and offer no apology, for the incompetence of your staff and their provocatory actions. You are advised to note that all I am doing is **reacting** (and justifiedly so, and very moderately so far in relation to the extent of the provocation by your staff) to the affronts to my rights by staff members in your Department. So why do you find it appropriate to engage in personal disparagement of a member of the public who is seeking only to exercise his lawful rights, and yet his time is repeatedly being wasted by incompetent responses by your staff who evidently can barely function as to the level of their reading comprehension? Instead of slinging insults, stay focused on the ISSUE, which is that you need to produce ATTACHMENTS B AND C AND D AND E, without further delay or obstructionism or obfuscation, and not in what you call "the most expeditious manner possible" (whatever that may mean), but in fact immediately and now and certainly well in advance of October 16th, because you have wasted far too much time already.

I have no idea why you supposedly find any confusion in my initial request as to whether I am asking for what you call a "policy" or whether I am asking for the attachments themselves. Do you see any mention in my initial request as to a "policy", because there is nothing of that nature? The meaning of my initial request is totally clear if only you would just go actually read it, so I have copied it verbatim below. Why are you and your staff suffering this extraordinary and enduring inability to understand the plain simple meaning of written words?

My initial request stated very clearly exactly what I am requesting. There is no reference to any "policy", nor is it a request for Attachments A and F, which inexplicably is what your staff then sent, wasting even more time. My initial e-mail is a Request for Attachments B and C and D and E. What part of this do you not understand? Send them.

My email is also a request for what your Notice of Hearing calls a "PROPOSED" Resolution, yet the only Resolutions you cite in a Notice mailed in SEPTEMBER are not "PROPOSED" but in fact ADOPTED in JUNE. If there is no such thing as a "PROPOSED" Resolution, then why are you talking about one? Do not be surprised when the extremely poor drafting of your formal public NOTICE results in this confusion which YOU are causing by yet another instance of shoddy attention to detail on the part of your staff as to written communications. This whole "Notice" is a disaster, whoever wrote it should be reprimanded, because it causes multiple layers of confusion upon confusion, it fails altogether in the central purpose of a "Notice" which is to COMMUNICATE and to do so CLEARLY, and it creates far more questions than it answers. For example it does not even bother to attach the Attachment A which purports to define the project area, and countless members of the public are and remain extraordinarily confused whether their parcel is or is not included. So, if there is a "PROPOSED" Resolution (and not merely ADOPTED Resolutions), then produce this "PROPOSED" Resolution. Otherwise what are you talking about by referencing in the FORMAL NOTICE a "PROPOSED" Resolution when no such thing exists?

My e-mail of October 4th stated, quote:

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The materials re FP-5 reference certain "Attachments" to the "Proposed Resolution" re FP5, such as "Attachment A" and "Attachment F". I have seen "Attachment A" and "Attachment F" but I have not seen any other attachments, nor do they appear to be available anywhere online. Please email me full copies of:

Attachment B
Attachment C
Attachment D
Attachment E
Any other Attachments.

Please also send the "Proposed Resolution(s)" to which these Attachments attach.
Please send also copies of all Attachments (if any) which attach to Resolutions 2018-99 and 2018-100.
Please send also a copy of the "Proposed Resolution" which is proposed for adoption on October 16, 2016, along with copies of all Attachments which are proposed for being attached to that Resolution.
Thank you.

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My initial request was appropriately respectful and courteous in every respect, it was drafted in crystal-clear language which very precisely defines (for anyone who can{?] read it or bothers to read it attentively) exactly what is being requested. It was responded to with incompetence by your staff when they sent exactly what was NOT being asked for, and sent NOTHING of what WAS being asked for. (Perhaps the same person who sent that incompetent response also wrote that poorly worded Notice?) I have little patience with incompetence, and no time to waste with those who cannot be bothered to read attentively especially when they are discharging important governmental functions, so my responses throughout have been and are a **thoroughly-justified** reaction on my part to your staff's failure to do their job properly, your staff's incompetence in reading and responding to a clear request, your staff's unacceptable delays, your staff's outrageous non-responses, your staff's failure to read my letter adequately or competently enough to determine what it is that I am asking for, your staff's breach of the promise of your website to supply a 24-hour response, your staff's engaging in protracted delays which have caused statutory deadlines to expire, your staff's obstructionistic attitude, and your staff's obfuscating manner, which are **not** going to make the very reasonable request I have made for information just "go away."

Perhaps you are one of those government autocrats who would likewise consider the conduct of Rosa Parks "*... to be very belittling, condescending and frankly out of line ...*" towards other bus users and privileged despots when she too stood firm in demanding as I do here that you respect the civil rights and voting rights of those whom you and your Department are so officiously obstructing.

I therefore find YOUR "... tone (and that of your staff) ... to be very belittling, condescending and frankly out of line ..." though your attitude is so predictable on the part of a Fire District which apparently intends to do whatever it can to skew this ballot in its own favor and against those who seek to protest the unreasonableness of what you are doing. When you are in the wrong, as you are here, you should have the dignity and the decency to ADMIT it, instead of getting all high-and-mighty as to how "... very belittling, condescending and frankly out of line ..." you so officiously and unjustifiedly consider my eminently-reasonable reaction to be. So kindly stop slinging insults and attend to sending the documents forthwith.

IN ADDITION: I place on record my FURTHER COMPLAINTS as to the pervasive obstructiveness and abuse of voting rights by your staff when I, on October 9th, 2018, attempted to hand-deliver my protest vote at your office.

FIRST, I was made to wait in your front office for about twenty minutes even though I had clearly told your front desk representative that all I was seeking to do was "drop off" my written protest vote. She told me that I could not drop off my written protest vote without first "recording" my protest vote with someone in your office, and that person (only one such person because you are "so understaffed") was "too busy" to see me even after twenty minutes unless I continued to wait further, and suggested that I should "just come back another day." (By the way, I traveled a round trip of more than sixty miles to come personally to your office for the specific purpose of ensuring that my protest did not get "lost in the mail.") And this inattention was even though, during my wait, about five other staff members were ambling about, apparently-aimlessly, back and forth through the front office, giggling and chatting, and doing nothing of any consequence throughout that whole time, instead of actually assisting the several members of the public who were unnnecessarily being made to wait, and wait, and wait, with no commitment or even guess as to how long the further wait might be. Is your Department's decision to assign only one person to the "vote recording" a guise under which to obstruct protesters from voting and trample on their voting rights, or is it just a common and widespread discourtesy as to how members of the public are treated in your office?

By your unreasonable obstructiveness towards those seeking to make a protest vote, as is their RIGHT, you and your office, and your obstructionist non-cooperative policies and practices, are unreasonably interfering with the RIGHT of constituents to vote and you are making this whole process a sham of a ballot. Since when does anyone have to separately "record" his protest before making it, when the protest form itself clearly does so by virtue of already being WRITTEN and SIGNED, so what more can he himself "record" in person when the protest form itself already "records" the information all in writing?

Your Department's apparent belief that the protesting voter is required first to tell your staff verbally what information is already clearly stated on the written form so that your staff can then "record" it before you will allow the constituent to present his protest vote, has no basis in the law. This added obstacle which you are so unreasonably placing in the path of constituents seeking to exercise their right to vote is further evidence of your obstructionism and the sham nature of this whole ballot.

SECOND, if your staff need the voting member of the public to assist them in explaining what a written paper actually says, then I suggest you try hiring people who can actually read. Certainly, the staff in your Department get paid enough to require that at least minimally-competent reading comprehension is an essential criterion in their hiring. (As also earlier noted, the failure of your staff to have reading comprehension sufficient to discern that I am asking for Attachments B AND C AND D AND E, and NOT for the Attachments A AND F which I already told them that I have, is astonishing, when my request clearly states this, yet whichever bimbo responded sent everything I had not asked for, and nothing of what I did ask for.)

Even more astonishing is YOUR OWN present request for "clarification" again as to which Attachments I am actually asking for: THE ANSWER, ONCE AGAIN, HERE CAPITALIZED FOR YOUR BENEFIT SEEING THAT YOU SEEM TO HAVE MISSED THIS DURING THE SEVERAL TIMES I HAVE PREVIOUSLY SAID EXACTLY THIS, IS THAT I AM ASKING FOR AND REQUIRING YOU TO PRODUCE "**ATTACHMENTS B AND C AND D AND E**" AND REQUIRING YOU TO DO SO IN A TIMELY MANNER SO THAT I CAN ACTUALLY SEE THEM BEFORE THE DATE OF THE HEARING ON OCTOBER 16TH.) Why are you requiring me to "clarify" this again, if not again to be obstructionistic and dilatory and obfuscatory? And if you need further "clarification" about any "policy" I may be requesting, why not send these five Attachments in the meantime while we wait to resolve whatever this imagined "policy" question may be? And it is totally irrelevant whether or not these items are "typically requested": in fact, I am sure that items such as these are never requested, and never need to be requested, because every government agency but yourself who presents a Resolution with Attachments, ALSO PRODUCES the Attachments. Obviously. What are you trying to hide by producing Attachments A and F, and yet fighting so pointlessly to avoid producing Attachments B and C and D and E? Stop wasting further time, and SEND these Attachments.

THIRD, it is absurd to argue, as you do, that: "*The items you have requested ... needed to be researched and vetted through our legal counsel prior to release.*" The items requested are ATTACHMENTS TO THE RESOLUTION WHICH YOU YOURSELF ARE PRESENTING TO THE PUBLIC as the basis for the present hearing. They are **PART** OF THE RESOLUTION. No discretion is involved in whether you have to produce them. You HAVE to produce them because they are an essential PART of the Resolution itself. There is absolutely nothing for your lawyers to "research" and, once again, you are just obfuscating and delaying. YOU MENTIONED THEM, so you "opened the door", so produce them, and produce them now.

FOURTH, your obstructionism and abuse of voting rights is widespread, and not confined to me. The man who arrived in the waiting room of your office immediately before me had apparently been kept waiting so long by your "too-

busy" solitary vote "recorder," that he had actually fallen asleep in his chair in the waiting room. When I tried to ask him how long he had been waiting, I discovered to my surprise that he was actually fast asleep.

The man who arrived after me in the waiting room of your office was EVIDENTLY on a very tight timeframe, because he was anxious to return to his work. Sitting on the edge of his chair and repeatedly looking at his watch, he asked your receptionist if he could come back after five o'clock when his work-day ended, and was told by your receptionist, "no, our office closes at five o'clock." Reflecting on this as he then did, and after he had waited for about fifteen minutes with no one coming to "record" his protest vote before he could submit it, he finally just stood up and left, probably concluding as I have that trying to further explain his time pressures to the officious bean-counters in your office and their obstructionistic attitudes towards citizens attempting to exercise their constitutional voting rights, would be an exercise of guaranteed frustration and manifest futility. So probably your office has now forced him to abandon his protest, and you have achieved your apparent goal of ensuring in that case and who knows how many others, that his protest vote will not be counted.

FIFTH, some firefighter wandering around the waiting room while I was discussing with your receptionist my request to leave my vote forms with her because I had to leave and could wait no longer, decided to intrude uninvited into my conversation with the receptionist. Apparently this firefighter had nothing better to do than loiter around the reception area eavesdropping on conversations and chipping in her ten cents of unsolicited opinion on matters that were not her concern, instead of doing whatever she was supposed to be doing, which was clearly not assisting the several waiting members of the public with processing their protest votes, because your Department has determined to assign ONLY ONE person to processing process votes. Anyway, according to her, instead of me waiting further to hand in my protest vote in person, I should instead mail it in, in which case, according to her, it will "go directly to the third party contractor who counts the votes". This is because, so she said, the Fire Department cannot itself "handle" the votes, because that would taint the election process. I pointed out to her that it was a bogus assertion on her part that the mailed-in votes "go directly to the third party contractor", because in fact the mail-in address on the ballot form is the exact same address where I was standing, and moreover the votes DO get "handled" by your Department when your ONE staff member intercepts them in order to "record" them. When I again said I had to leave, she undertook herself to ensure that my votes were "recorded" and agreed that I could leave this "in her hands" (the exact words we spoke), though she did not explain, nor can she, how exactly she is going to "record" my vote in my absence without herself "handling" the voting form. In short, the whole process in your office is obstructionistic and bogus and fatally flawed, it is calculated to obstruct protesters, and "the chain of evidence" is so tainted by having the fingerprints of your Department all over the votes because you intercept EVERY vote (ostensible to "record" it, whatever that means) before the vote reaches the ballot box, with the result that this whole ballot is meaningless and whatever result it yields will mean nothing.

I am STILL awaiting ATTACHMENTS B AND C AND D AND E, so send them by immediate e-mail response instead of any further delay. And be sure to enter all of my objections and complaints in this matter in the public record of these proceedings so that others may cite these abuses in further action that will doubtless result.

In a message dated 10/9/2018 9:41:46 PM Pacific Standard Time, jchamberlin@sbcfire.org writes:

> Dear Sir or Madam,
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> This email chain was forwarded to me for review and direction after the most recent exchange between fire district staff and yourself.
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> First, let me state that there is no intent to delay or belabor the process for your requested information pursuant to the California Public Records Act. The items you have requested are not typically requested and needed to be researched and vetted through our legal counsel prior to release.
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> The attachments you are referencing are specific to the process in which we are receiving and handling the returned protests. These include log sheets that are specific to only this process. Since there are very few personnel handling protests, these forms (attachments) are not something that all of our personnel are familiar with.

I only need to clarify if you are looking for a copy of the policy or just the attachments. Once I receive that information from you, I will gather the appropriate documentation as you have requested and email it to you in the most expeditious manner possible.

In closing, I am requesting from you and directing my staff to forward any future communications with you, to come directly to me. I find your tone with fire district staff to be very belittling, condescending and frankly out of line. We are going to great lengths to insure the integrity of this process. I absolutely will place this email from you into the record as per your request with the Secretary of the Fire Board of Directors, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (909) 387-5975 or my email is attached as the sender.

Respectfully,

John R. Chamberlin
Deputy Fire Chief of Administration
San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 2:26 AM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: FP-5 Form Problems

I assume that your evasive and unacceptably-delayed response (or should I say non-response) of October **8th** to my first e-mail of October **4th** is referring to the **ten-day** response time provisions of the Public Records Act, right?

So, what you are now for the first time suggesting is that you won't do your job of giving me as a member of the the public the most basic document copies I am requesting and instead the Fire District intends to delay giving me any response to my request of October **4th**, until at least October **18th**, right?

As you are aware, public comments in this matter **close** on October **16th**, and the public hearing takes place on that same day, which is only eight days (i.e., less than ten days) from the date of your present response.

How do you expect me to comment of your "Attachments" if I cannot see them, despite my repeated requests? Your position is eminently unreasonable, and actionable as a matter of law.

You will note that my initial e-mail (which you did not read properly and which you responded to, or should I say non-responded to, with the completely wrong information which I had specifically told you I already had and did not need, without sending me any of the information that I didask for) was dated October **4th**, which was then twelve days (i.e., more than ten days) before the close of public comments.

Had you actually read my first e-mail properly and responded at that time that you were (according to you) unable to supply the requested information instead of "non-responding" so late on October 8th that the ten-day timeframe has now already expired, I would then have had the ten days I need to make the Public Records Act Request which you now for the first time so officiously require, right?

Do not promise a "response within 24 hours" as your website does, if you are not going to live up to your promise and instead you are going to engage in overtly protracted delays which cause the statutory deadlines to expire.

In fact, do not promise a "response within 24 hours" as your website does, if you are not going to respond substantively at all, and instead all you are going to do is play some pathetic bureaucratic game of wasting time

sending the inquiring member of the public off to "another Department" because according to you it is "not your job" to answer inquiries from the public or even to read their messages with even a minimal level of competence in reading comprehension.

Well, actually, it **IS** your job to answer inquiries, so **do so** instead of just wasting time so obstructively.

Therefore I suggest that YOU get up off your chair and wander off to the filing cabinet down the corridor which stores the requested information in that "other Department" you would so ardently like me to waste another ten days going to, and YOU get the information, and YOU send it to me, and YOU do so well in advance of the deadline for public comments expiring.

Your evasive and obstructionist behavior, Mr. or Ms. "STRACY@SBFIRE.ORG, whoever you are, is an outrage of due process of law and a violation of my constitutional right to procedural due process, quite apart from being an affronting discourtesy to me and to my very reasonable and properly-directed request for information, where your unreasonable and obfuscating delays have now denied me an opportunity to receive a timely Public Records Act response.

Your unacceptable delays, your outrageous non-responses, your outright failure to even read my letter adequately or competently enough to determine what it is that I am asking for, your breach of the promise of your website to supply a 24-hour response, your engaging in protracted delays which have caused statutory deadlines to expire, your obstructionistic attitude, and your obfuscating manner, are **not** going to make the very reasonable request I have made for information just "go away."

So, **YOU** GO GET ATTACHMENTS B AND C AND D AND E NOW, and email them to me NOW. I am not going to waste further time following your instructions. YOU are going to go solve this problem which YOU created.

Believe me, I have better things to do at the 2:00 a.m. time I am first seeing and reading and having to reply to your evasive non-response of October 8th.

If you think that this is the way to present your Fire Department to the public in a good light to the public you hope will support the $26.4 million of new taxes you are proposing, or to achieve whatever nefarious goal the Fire District has in mind by obstructing and refusing an eminently reasonable request for the very "Attachments" which your Notice itself impliedly references, think again.

Send me ATTACHMENTS B AND C AND D AND E within 24 hours at the latest.

Place this e-mail into the record of public comments received in relation to the FP-5 hearing on October 16, 2018.

My formal response will arrive shortly at your offices by personal delivery.

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Martinez, Tracey - FIRE
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 4:35 AM
To: Hartwig, Mark;Trapp, Don;Chamberlin, John;FP5 Expansion;Opliger, Kathleen;Tracy, Steven;Greene, Carol
Subject: Daily Bulletin Article

Why property owners in Upland and San Antonio Heights got notices about county fire's tax zone expansion
By **SANDRA EMERSON** | semerson@scng.com | Inland Valley Daily Bulletin
PUBLISHED: October 9, 2018 at 7:58 pm | UPDATED: October 9, 2018 at 10:11 pm

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District is including Upland and San Antonio Heights in its proposal to expand a special tax zone.
In September, county fire mailed notices to 368,385 property owners outlining its plan to expand the fire protection zone, known as FP-5, across all unincorporated county areas. The expansion comes with a $157 annual parcel tax that could go up 3 percent every year.

Those notices included about 35,000 property owners in Upland and the unincorporated community of San Antonio Heights to the north, who were annexed into the zone in July 2017.

San Antonio Heights residents are suing to undo the annexation, which is why county fire decided to include them, said Tracey Martinez, public information officer for county fire.

"In an abundance of caution, County Fire included the residents of Upland and San Antonio Heights in the current proposed expansion of Service Zone FP-5, which entitles the residents an opportunity to express their protest of FP-5," Martinez said via email.

This means property owners in Upland and San Antonio Heights can officially oppose the expansion.

Ken Petschow, a San Antonio Heights resident who has been strongly opposed to the annexation, said this also means the county could get sued again.

"I believe this is their attempt to be able to reinstate the tax again should they lose this," Petschow said.

In 2016, Upland officials agreed to start the process of dissolving its fire department and annexing into county fire to save the city money.

After the city filed its application, the Local Agency Formation Commission, the agency that oversees annexations in San Bernardino County, voted to include San Antonio Heights. The heights was already receiving county fire services, but was not paying the additional fee.
The annexation was approved in July 2017, when there were not enough written protests submitted to defeat it.

In response, members of the San Antonio Heights Association sued the county, county fire, LAFCO and city of Upland challenging the annexation and imposition of the fee without a traditional vote.

A hearing is set for Dec. 18 in San Bernardino County Superior Court.

Petschow, who said he received four notices this time around, believes the county's effort to expand the zone will hurt them in court.

"I think once (the court) sees this is going on again and that they're trying to circumvent the law and the right of the people, it's going to cause the court to look unfavorably upon the county," Petschow said.

In June, the board of supervisors voted 3-2 to initiate the process to expand the zone based on a recommendation by County Fire Chief Mark Hartwig to address a $29 million budget shortfall.
Revenue from property taxes, contracts and fire protection service zones have not been enough to cover the district's rising costs and the agency increasingly has relied more on county general funds and its own reserves.

Also, the county's more populous communities, and those already paying a fee for services, are subsidizing communities that are less populated and more remote.

If approved, property owners in all communities brought into the zone would pay the $157, which fire officials say will create a steady revenue stream for the cash strapped district.

Taxpayer groups, however, say the move to include Upland and San Antonio Heights in the current expansion proposal could dilute the vote, which also must be done through a written protest process.

In order to trigger an election, 25 percent of property owners who control at least 25 percent of the assessed land value would need to file written protests by Oct. 16, when the San Bernardino County Supervisors are expected to vote on the issue.

To stop the tax, more than 50 percent would have to oppose it in writing.

"This would seem to dilute the vote and reduce the likelihood of a successful protest or triggering of an election," said Laura Murray, staff attorney with the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

"Those in Upland and San Antonio Heights could be motivated to refrain from protesting in order to increase revenue."

Property owners against the expansion must mail in their written opposition by the close of business Oct. 15, or submit a written form, in person, by the end of the public hearing Oct. 16.

The public hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. Oct. 16 at the government center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino.

The expansion, if approved as proposed, would generate an additional $26.9 million in revenue for the fire district starting in 2019.

For more information on the expansion and protest process visit county fire's website at https://www.sbcfire.org/ServiceZoneFP-5.aspx.

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Chamberlin, John
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 9:42 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FP-5 Form Problems response

Dear Sir or Madam,

This email chain was forwarded to me for review and direction after the most recent exchange between fire district staff and yourself.

First, let me state that there is no intent to delay or belabor the process for your requested information pursuant to the California Public Records Act. The items you have requested are not typically requested and needed to be researched and vetted through our legal counsel prior to release.

The attachments you are referencing are specific to the process in which we are receiving and handling the returned protests. These include log sheets that are specific to only this process. Since there are very few personnel handling protests, these forms (attachments) are not something that all of our personnel are familiar with.

I only need to clarify if you are looking for a copy of the policy or just the attachments. Once I receive that information from you, I will gather the appropriate documentation as you have requested and email it to you in the most expeditious manner possible.

In closing, I am requesting from you and directing my staff to forward any future communications with you, to come directly to me. I find your tone with fire district staff to be very belittling, condescending and frankly out of line. We are going to great lengths to insure the integrity of this process. I absolutely will place this email from you into the record as per your request with the Secretary of the Fire Board of Directors, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (909) 387-5975 or my email is attached as the sender.

Respectfully,

John R. Chamberlin
Deputy Fire Chief of Administration
San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 2:26 AM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: FP-5 Form Problems

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Astran, Tara
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 8:14 PM
To: Hauducoeur, Kyle
Cc: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Publication Costs

Publications costs for FP5 to run for 2 weeks:

La Prensa: $352.94
The Sun: $1,601.60

Tara Astran
Budget Officer
San Bernardino County Fire Protection District
tastran@sbcfire.org
Direct Line: 909-387-9605

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 6:34 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FW: Stearn To Carol Greene, Deputy SB County Counsel, 10-06-2018
Attachments: StearnToGreenCtyCnsl10-6-18.pdf

From: Greene, Carol [mailto:cgreene@cc.sbcounty.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 1:25 PM
To: Opliger, Kathleen <kopliger@sbcfire.org>; Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>; Hauducoeur, Kyle <khauducoeur@sbcfire.org>
Subject: FW: Stearn To Carol Greene, Deputy SB County Counsel, 10-06-2018

FYI

CAROL A. GREENE
Supervising Deputy County Counsel
Tel (909) 387-4178
Fax (909) 387-5462

From: Andrade, Eva
Sent: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 8:15 AM
To: Greene, Carol <cgreene@cc.sbcounty.gov>; Blakemore, Michelle <mblakemore@cc.sbcounty.gov>; Alexander-Kelley, Penny <pAlexander-Kelley@cc.sbcounty.gov>
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From: Robert L. Berkman [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, October 6, 2018 3:18 PM
To: Andrade, Eva <EAndrade@cc.sbcounty.gov>
Cc: [redacted]; SBC Sentinel [redacted]; Martinez, Samuel <smartinez@lafco.sbcounty.gov>; County of San Bernardino <sbcounty@public.govdelivery.com>; Robert Shaw [redacted]; Vickie Paulsen [redacted]; Robert L. Berkman [redacted]; [redacted]; Pat Flanagan [redacted]; Newberry Springs [redacted]; [redacted] Southwest Stories [redacted]; ken.alex@gov.ca.gov; CAO Mailbox <caomail@sbcounty.gov>; Jack Unger [redacted]; [redacted]; Supervisor Lovingood <SupervisorLovingood@sbcounty.gov>; Bill

Lembright <[redacted]>
Subject: Stearn To Carol Greene, Deputy SB County Counsel, 10-06-2018

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 6:33 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FW: Attached is my opinion of the FP-5 expansion with all 3 pages this time !!!
Attachments: FP-5 protest.pdf

From: Greene, Carol [mailto:cgreene@cc.sbcounty.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 1:23 PM
To: Opliger, Kathleen <kopliger@sbcfire.org>; Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>; Hauducoeur, Kyle <khauducoeur@sbcfire.org>
Subject: FW: Attached is my opinion of the FP-5 expansion with all 3 pages this time !!!

Letter received by our office, did not request any documents.

CAROL A. GREENE
Supervising Deputy County Counsel
Tel (909) 387-4178
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Rick Sayers
[redacted]

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Date: Sat, October 06, 2018 3:18 pm
To: Eva Andrade <EAndrade@cc.sbcounty.gov>
Cc: [redacted], SBC Sentinel <[redacted]>, "smartinez@lafco.sbcounty.gov" <smartinez@lafco.sbcounty.gov>, County of San Bernardino <sbcounty@public.govdelivery.com>, Robert Shaw <[redacted]>, Vickie Paulsen <[redacted]>, "Robert L. Berkman" <[redacted]>, Pat Flanagan <[redacted]>, Newberry Springs <[redacted]>, Southwest Stories <[redacted]>, "ken.alex@gov.ca.gov" <ken.alex@gov.ca.gov>, "caomail@sbcounty.gov" <caomail@sbcounty.gov>, Jack Unger <[redacted]>, "SupervisorLovingood@sbcounty.gov" <SupervisorLovingood@sbcounty.gov>, Bill Lembright <[redacted]>

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Jane Lemmons [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 6:06 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Fw: APN #'s

Dear Kyle,

OK, so I can only type from online 4 complete numbers. The way they were sent is this... [redacted] Is this the way they have to be returned number wise without the APN in front? Or is the way they bill them which is [redacted] the correct way?

From: Jane Lemmons [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 8:21 PM
To: FP5expansion@sbcfire.org
Subject: APN #'s

Hi Kyle,

It was nice talking with you today. I should have done it sooner. Here are the APN #'s

South vacant lot = [redacted]
North vacant lot (shown as subdivision, but undeveloped) = [redacted] thru [redacted]
Center of land (where clubhouse and mobiles are with roads) = [redacted] thru [redacted]; also includes [redacted] thru [redacted]; and [redacted] thru [redacted]

Peel the onion, and know that I am crying with you.

Thanks
Jane

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Iris Ouyang [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 3:55 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: how to fill the protest form

Hi,

Can we fill more than 1 parcel numbers on one form (attach the parcel numbers list)? Or we have to fill multiple forms?

Iris

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Opliger, Kathleen

From: desertsall [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 2:32 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: written protests

dear sbc fire
i am preparing to submit written protest for our several properties.

please advise if we are required to file a separate protest for each propety or can one protest letter suffice listing all of the properties?

claudia sall

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Lorrie LeCou[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 10:47 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FP-5 Information Request

Hello fire department,
My name is lorrie Lecou and I am a 2003 fire victim from cedar glen. I never financially recovered from that disaster . Nor has it been easy to navigate the continuous hurtles that governmental agency's have thrown my way in regards to taxes building regulations and special assessments. I ended up loosing my shirt on the blue jay house I bought to replace my cedar glen house when the real estate market crashed. Now I am facing a new tax on land that is valueless in cedar glen but has cost me since2003 3400 dollars on my property tax bill. I am to responsible and have pride not to just let it go to tax default. I still feel badly that cedar glen was neglected and " just let it burn....." I reached out prior to the fire to many people and departments to beg for help regarding all the dead trees and brush that surrounded me. At the time lake arrowhead area was being worked on..... I spend money I didn't have being responsible bringing my dead trees down myself. When the fire did happen I just prayed no fire person would get hurt and knew my home wasn't saveable at the expense of life so the decision not to go in and fight cedar glens fire was a good one however I don't have any thing to defend on my worthless money pit call vacant land now and do not feel a new tax fee is acceptable .
I do not have downloadable capacity to send in forms I don't have access to please send them to me at[redacted] where I send my mail. I also cannot go to the meeting why isn't there a posted number where I can call someone to ask why I got 3 of the same notification letter. Am I going to be charged three fees on my parcel? And what benefit is this fee to me ? I do have a house in blue jay that is defensible and is worth a fee but not my vacant cedar glen land. Please call me when you have time to explain this financial situation . Thank you lorrie

Sent from my iPhone

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Martinez, Tracey - FIRE
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 9:42 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: Message

Sorry Steve but this lady has called back 3 more times. Not sure if you have had an opportunity to call her back.

From: Martinez, Tracey - FIRE
Sent: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 7:29 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Message

Connie Bokeetis, [redacted] Is her parcel exempt?

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 8:26 AM
To: Hauducoeur, Kyle
Cc: Greene, Carol;Chamberlin, John;Opliger, Kathleen
Subject: FW: FP-5 Form Problems/PRA request

Good Morning Kyle,

Do have by chance the documents this person is asking for. I sent documents to him I thought he was referring to and his responses became more belligerent. As you can see now he likes to "DEMAND OR ELSE" in his responses. I do not have access to what they are asking for in my documents file that's why I referred him to the clerk of the board and to fill out a proper PRA form. If you have these documents please forward them over to me and I will be more than happy to forward them over to this overzealous and rude individual.

Respectfully,

Steve

From: Eagle Desert Vista Corporation [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 2:26 AM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: FP-5 Form Problems

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In a message dated 10/8/2018 9:46:04 AM Pacific Standard Time, stracy@sbcfire.org writes:

> Good Morning,
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> We apologize we were not able to meet your request. Unfortunately, the FP-expansion e-mail exchange is not equipped to give you what you specifically are requesting. Please visit www.sbcounty.gov and fill out the proper public records request form and submit the form to the Clerk of the Board. Your request will be promptly submitted to the appropriate office for processing following the state statue for PRA's.
>
> Respectfully,

Steve Tracy-Public Information Officer

All Risk Incident Management Team

San Bernardino County Team-1

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San Bernardino, CA 92408

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Stracy@sbcfire.org

From: Eagle Desert Vista Corporation [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 5:39 PM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: FP-5 Form Problems

I regret to advise that your e-mail of October 4, 2018, has sent me **NONE** of the documents I have requested.

Please re-read my earlier request, and you will note the following:

(1) I am asking for the **ATTACHMENTS** TO THE RESOLUTIONS, not the Resolutions themselves.

(2) I asked for ATTACHMENTS **B, C, D, and E** (and any others such as G, H, etc), because I ALREADY HAD ATTACHMENTS A AND F. What you sent me was ATTACHMENTS A AND F.

(3) I asked for copies of the "**PROPOSED**" Resolution(s) referenced in the Notice and elsewhere, and what you sent me are **ALREADY-ADOPTED** RESOLUTIONS.

PLEASE RESPOND AGAIN TO MY ORIGINAL REQUEST.

In a message dated 10/4/2018 8:49:04 AM Pacific Standard Time, stracy@sbcfire.org writes:

Good Morning,

The following are the documents you have requested.

Respectfully,

Public Information Office

FP-5 Expansion

From: Eagle Desert Vista Corporation [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 8:15 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Cc [redacted]
Subject: FP-5 Form Problems

The materials re FP-5 reference certain "Attachments" to the "Proposed Resolution" re FP5, such as "Attachment A" and "Attachment F". I have seen "Attachment A" and "Attachment F" but I have not seen any other attachments, nor do they appear to be available anywhere online. Please email me full copies of:

Attachment B

Attachment C
Attachment D

Attachment E

Any other Attachments.

Please also send the "Proposed Resolution(s)" to which these Attachments attach.

Please send also copies of all Attachments (if any) which attach to Resolutions 2018-99 and 2018-100.

Please send also a copy of the "Proposed Resolution" which is proposed for adoption on October 16, 2016, along with copies of all Attachments which are proposed for being attached to that Resolution.

Thank you.

Opliger, Kathleen

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Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 7:29 AM
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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Don Slater [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 4:11 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: question

We received many notice's in the mail addressed to either my wife or myself. There is only one signature space on your form. So by the fact that each of us received our own information and a request for only one signature on your form we are asking if we are ok in filling these out separately. We each get our own vote in the poles. As well as the wording in the proposal supports this interpretation.
Please advise.

Opliger, Kathleen

From: david jarvi [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 3:56 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Question on protest vote for FP5 expansion

Hello:

I purchased the property at [redacted] n July 6th 2018.

I never received a protest letter. I'm guessing that the 3rd party managing this, pulled all the records from the database back in May/June and missed many, many new homeowners like myself.

Mark Hartwig instructed residents of yucca valley in the first week of September 2018 that we should wait for this form in the mail and then return it.

Is there anyway I can confirm that my vote will be counted? (or will your "voter registration" records be based on the May/June Database pull?

--
David Jarvi
[redacted]

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 1:50 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FW: Hearing on Oct. 16

From: Daniel Stillwell [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 1:12 PM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Subject: RE: Hearing on Oct. 16

Steve,

Thanks for the information.

Daniel Stillwell

From: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Sent: Monday, October 8, 2018 9:25 AM
To: Daniel Stillwell [redacted]
Subject: RE: Hearing on Oct. 16

Yes Sir,

Visit SBCounty.gov. Navigate to Board of supervisors and look for the **tab view meetings** on October 16, 2018.

Respectfully,

Steve Tracy-Public Information Officer
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Stracy@sbcfire.org

From: Daniel Stillwell [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 9:03 AM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Subject: RE: Hearing on Oct. 16

Can you give me the address for the internet broadcast?

From: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Sent: Monday, October 8, 2018 8:50 AM
To: Daniel Stillwell <[redacted]>; FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: RE: Hearing on Oct. 16

Dear Mr. Stillwell,

There are several ways to see the results of the protest and the decision the board will make after the hearing on the October 16th. You may attend the meeting at the Government center in downtown San Bernardino starting at 10am. Additionally, the meeting will be broadcasted live via the internet and at the government centers in Hesperia and Joshua Tree. I hope this information was helpful in answering your concerns.

Respectfully,

Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

From: Daniel Stillwell [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 12:18 PM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Hearing on Oct. 16

Dear Sir:

How will I be able to see the results of the protest hearing and the Board of Directors determination?

Thank you,

Daniel Stillwell

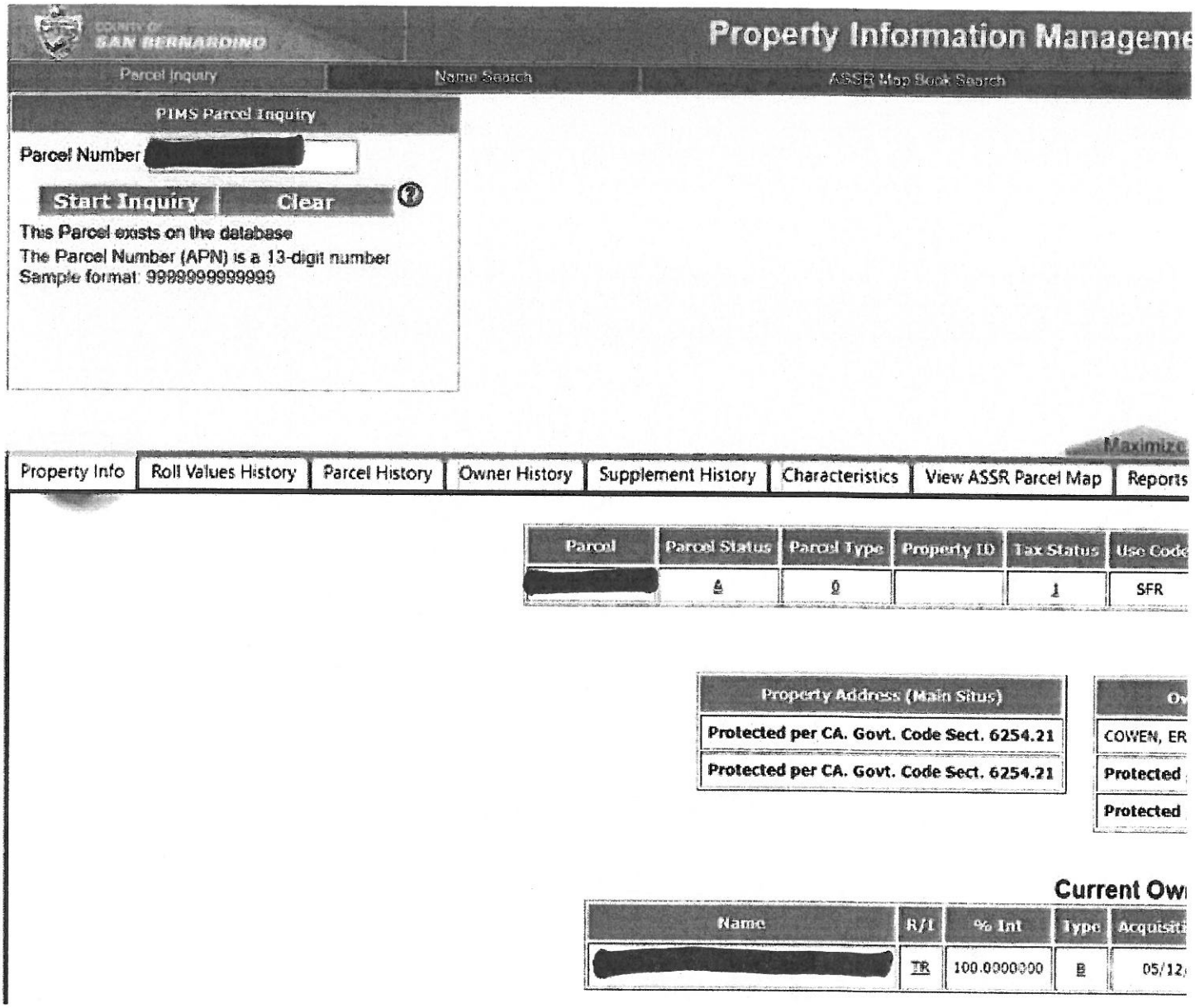
Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Eric Cowen
Subject: RE: Homes in a trust.

Mr. Cowen,

The protest form you submitted will count as is. The current tax rolls has you listed as the trustee. I hope this information was helpful in addressing your concern. For additional information regarding the FP-5 expansion process including the Fire Chiefs presentation explaining the need for the expansion. Please visit www.sbcfire.org.

Respectfully,
Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion



From: Eric Cowen [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 9:33 AM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Re: Homes in a trust.

Hi Tracy,
Thank you for your response.

Before I was made aware of this, I had already sent in my protest (without any documentation regarding my trust). I think I now need to send another protest and include a page of my trust documents indicating I am the executor of my own trust.

Thoughts:
Why weren't we informed about this requirement in the letters that were sent to us?

Does SBC intend to formally inform people of this requirement before the deadline?

Will my protest be denied if it is found that I sent more than one?

My property tax bill says '[redacted] My protest form was sent in my name "ERIC A. COWEN". It seems obvious I am the executor of my own Living Trust.

I feel like this was intentionally done (not informing the public of this requirement) by SBC in order to disqualify protests sent in. Just more underhanded politics in action.

On Thu, Oct 4, 2018, 8:32 AM Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Cowen,

Thank you for your interest is the FP-Expansion process. If your property is legal under and registered with the County Assessor's office to your living trust we will need you to include documentation that you are the current executor of your trust. Obviously, this would not be the case if your property is not legally registered with the Assessor's office under your trust. If you choose to protest the Expansion of the Service Zone FP-5 we want to ensure your protest is validated and counted. To ensure this, then all we would need is the following;

"Valid written protest by a landowner must be printed legibly or typed on the Protest Form

to include name, street address, city, state, zip code, APN (assessor's parcel

number) of the property owned by the landowner, original signature and date signed.

Protests may be made on behalf of a corporation/trust/partnership/etc. Agent of the landowner(s)

must attach required authorization to sign the protest form. Agents submitting a protest on behalf

of landowners must attach proper authorization. This may include written consent of the

landowner, majority shareholder consent of a corporation or LLC, or other suitable documentation.

Valid written protest by an agent must be printed legibly or typed; include name of the agent, street

address or designation sufficient to readily identify the property, city, state, zip code, APN(s)

(assessor's parcel number) of the property(s) owned by the landowner, original signature of the

agent and date signed".

I hope this information was helpful in addressing your concern. For additional information regarding the FP-5 expansion process including the Fire Chiefs presentation explaining the need for the expansion. Please visit www.sbcfire.org.

Respectfully,

Public Information Office

FP-5 Expansion

From: Eric Cowen [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 11:00 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Homes in a trust.

I am alive and well. My home is included in my Living Trust.

I've heard rumors that if my home is included in my Living Trust, I must send a copy of a page in my Living Trust that indicates I am a Trustee of my Living Trust.

This doesn't make any sense to me. If I'm still living, then my Living Trust is not active. Being still alive and mentally competent, I naturally have legal right to send a dispute letter representing myself.

Am I required to send a copy of a page in my Living Trust identifying me as a Trustee of my own Living Trust?

Doesn't make any sense to me.

Eric Cowen

[redacted]

[redacted]

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 11:26 AM
To: Greene, Carol
Subject: RE: PRA and Correspondence on FP-5

Yes, I have been forwarding the PSA request to you as I receive them. Mainly for the documents I cannot forward to them via e-mail. Also some request have come in where the information is on the web-site so I direct them to the FP-5 site.

Respectfully,

Steve Tracy-Public Information Officer
All Risk Incident Management Team
San Bernardino County Team-1
2824 E. W Street Bldg-302
San Bernardino, CA 92408
Cell-(909) 665-0763
Stracy@sbcfire.org

From: Greene, Carol [mailto:cgreene@cc.sbcounty.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 1:27 PM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Subject: PRA and Correspondence on FP-5

Are we keeping a running log of the PRA's and correspondence received on FP-5 and are all copies being sent to my office?

CAROL A. GREENE
Supervising Deputy County Counsel
Tel (909) 387-4178
Fax (909) 387-5462

this communication you are not authorized to use it in any manner, except to immediately destroy it and notify the sender.

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Mark L <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 10:33 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: address question

What address should be used on the protest form,the mailing address (not the same as the property address) or the property address, we own 2 parcels and one is unimproved and has no address

Thank You

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 9:46 AM
To: Eagle Desert Vista Corporation
Subject: RE: FP-5 Form Problems

Good Morning,

We apologize we were not able to meet your request. Unfortunately, the FP-expansion e-mail exchange is not equipped to give you what you specifically are requesting. Please visit www.sbcounty.gov and fill out the proper public records request form and submit the form to the Clerk of the Board. Your request will be promptly submitted to the appropriate office for processing following the state statue for PRA's.

Respectfully,

Steve Tracy-Public Information Officer
All Risk Incident Management Team
San Bernardino County Team-1
2824 E. W Street Bldg-302
San Bernardino, CA 92408
Cell-(909) 665-0763
Stracy@sbcfire.org

From: Eagle Desert Vista Corporation [mailto:edvcorp@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 5:39 PM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Cc: edvcorp@aol.com
Subject: Re: FP-5 Form Problems

I regret to advise that your e-mail of October 4, 2018, has sent me **NONE** of the documents I have requested.

Please re-read my earlier request, and you will note the following:

(1) I am asking for the **ATTACHMENTS** TO THE RESOLUTIONS, not the Resolutions themselves.

(2) I asked for ATTACHMENTS **B, C, D, and E** (and any others such as G, H, etc), because I ALREADY HAD ATTACHMENTS A AND F. What you sent me was ATTACHMENTS A AND F.

(3) I asked for copies of the "**PROPOSED**" Resolution(s) referenced in the Notice and elsewhere, and what you sent me are **ALREADY-ADOPTED** RESOLUTIONS.

PLEASE RESPOND AGAIN TO MY ORIGINAL REQUEST.

In a message dated 10/4/2018 8:49:04 AM Pacific Standard Time, stracy@sbcfire.org writes:

> Good Morning,
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> The following are the documents you have requested.
>
> Respectfully,
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> Public Information Office
>
> FP-5 Expansion
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> **From:** Eagle Desert Vista Corporation [redacted]
> **Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 8:15 AM
> **To:** FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
> **Cc:** [redacted]
> **Subject:** FP-5 Form Problems
>
> The materials re FP-5 reference certain "Attachments" to the "Proposed Resolution" re FP5, such as "Attachment A" and "Attachment F". I have seen "Attachment A" and "Attachment F" but I have not seen any other attachments, nor do they appear to be available anywhere online. Please email me full copies of:
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> Any other Attachments.
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> Please also send the "Proposed Resolution(s)" to which these Attachments attach.

Please send also copies of all Attachments (if any) which attach to Resolutions 2018-99 and 2018-100.

Please send also a copy of the "Proposed Resolution" which is proposed for adoption on October 16, 2016, along with copies of all Attachments which are proposed for being attached to that Resolution.

Thank you.

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Marie Marquardt [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 9:25 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Protest form

I live in a mobile home park in Yucca Valley. While I do own my home, I only rent the lot it is on. Am I considered a qualified 'owner' who can file a protest?

Thank you.

Marie Marquardt

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Brianna Brown;FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: FP-5 Information Request

Dear Ms. Brown,

The answer to your question is more detailed and difficult than just saying yes. The process to annex a city into the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District is lengthy and detailed. First the City of Barstow would have to request to be annexed into the district. Than the Fire Board would have to review the request and approve moving forward with the process. The proposal would then have to go through a LAFCO process to check the feasibility of the SBCoFD to provide services. If this is all approved and meets the standards for annexation then both the City and the Fire Protection District board would have to vote to ratify the resolution. If this were to occur than the City of Barstow would be brought into the FP-5 service district and each home owner within the city would pay the $157.26 per year. This is the same process the Cities of San Bernardino, Needles, Twenty Nine Palms, Upland, and San Antonio Hight's recently went through. I hope this information was helpful in addressing your concern. For additional information regarding the FP-5 expansion process including the Fire Chiefs presentation explaining the need for the expansion. Please visit www.sbcfire.org.

Respectfully,
Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

-----Original Message-----
From: Brianna Brown [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2018 9:40 PM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: FP-5 Information Request

Hello, I live in Barstow, Ca. We have our own fire district here in our city, but they are financially struggling and may have to be annexed to the county. This will definitely be the case if our current measure coming up on the ballot, Measure Q, does not pass and we don't receive funds from the 1% sales tax increase it would bring.

My question is, if our fire district gets annexed because Measure Q doesn't pass and, hypothetically speaking, the FP-5 expansion does not get accepted, would our homeowners in Barstow still pay that $157? There is a lot of confusion in my community and I just want to help clear it up. Thank you.

Brianna Martinez

Sent from my iPhone

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 9:05 AM
To: Beverly Ary;FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: Service Zone FP-5 Expansion Protest

Thank you for your interest is the FP-Expansion process. The District's Board of Directors desires to expand Service Zone FP-5 to include all territories within the jurisdiction of the District that is not currently included in Service Zone FP-5. If you received a notice from the Fire District it most likely is that your property is in an unincorporated area within the Fire District. Included would be: All unincorporated county areas, except those already receiving fire and EMS through other districts and except unincorporated areas within the sphere of influence of the City of Montclair. The cities of Grand Terrace, Upland, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For a Legal description of all Inclusions & Exclusions, visit www.sbcfire.org

If in fact you received a notice from us you will find a APN located on the envelope we sent you the notice in. Please e-mail us back with your APN and we will be more than happy to look up your parcel and see if your property falls within the expansion territory. I hope this information was helpful in addressing your concern. For additional information regarding the FP-5 expansion process including the Fire Chiefs presentation explaining the need for the expansion. Please visit www.sbcfire.org.

Respectfully,
Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

From: Beverly Ary [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2018 3:11 PM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Service Zone FP-5 Expansion Protest

Hello,

Can you tell if property at the following address, [redacted], is included in the expansion zone?

Thank you,

Beverly Ary, Property Owner

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 8:56 AM
To: iemanagement;FP5 Expansion;Ed Scott
Subject: RE: Public Hearing Oct. 16th - San Bernardino

Thank you for your interest is the FP-Expansion process. Our records indicate your properties are not affected by the Service Zone FP-5 Expansion. These properties are located outside the expansion area in a City that provides its own fire protection. I hope this information was helpful in addressing your concern. For additional information regarding the FP-5 expansion process including the Fire Chiefs presentation explaining the need for the expansion. Please visit www.sbcfire.org.

Respectfully,
Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

From: iemanagement [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 10:49 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>; Ed Scott [redacted]
Subject: FW: Public Hearing Oct. 16th - San Bernardino

Hello,
How does this affect us? These are the APN numbers on our Commercial Property.
[redacted]

Please advise.

oro capital advisors

Araceli Santiago
[redacted]

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Chamberlin, John
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 8:56 AM
Cc: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Re: FP-5 Information Request

Political landmine...

Just remind her that they are not part of the current expansion as outlined in the resolution and provide her with a copy of the update boundaries.

Let's leave the rest alone.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 7, 2018, at 9:40 PM, Brianna Brown [redacted] wrote:
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> Hello, I live in Barstow, Ca. We have our own fire district here in our city, but they are financially struggling and may have to be annexed to the county. This will definitely be the case if our current measure coming up on the ballot, Measure Q, does not pass and we don't receive funds from the 1% sales tax increase it would bring.
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> Brianna Martinez
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> You're receiving this message because you're a member of the FP5 Expansion group.

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 8:52 AM
To: Chamberlin, John
Cc: FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: Please email a protest form to the following:

Done on 10/8/18

From: Chamberlin, John
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 1:40 PM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Cc: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Please email a protest form to the following:
Importance: High

[redacted]

Attn: Mr. Kevin Emerich

Thank you

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 8:50 AM
To: Daniel Stillwell;FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: Hearing on Oct. 16

Dear Mr. Stillwell,

There are several ways to see the results of the protest and the decision the board will make after the hearing on the October 16th. You may attend the meeting at the Government center in downtown San Bernardino starting at 10am. Additionally, the meeting will be broadcasted live via the internet and at the government centers in Hesperia and Joshua Tree. I hope this information was helpful in answering your concerns.

Respectfully,

Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

From: Daniel Stillwell [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 12:18 PM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Hearing on Oct. 16

Dear Sir:

How will I be able to see the results of the protest hearing and the Board of Directors determination?

Thank you,

Daniel Stillwell

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Brianna Brown [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2018 9:40 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FP-5 Information Request

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Brianna Martinez

Sent from my iPhone

Opliger, Kathleen

From: 440muleydr [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2018 6:11 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FP5 expansion

After watching the video Mark the fire chief made, He neglected to tell the people that on the protest vote that the 25% + 1 of property owners is in assessed value, not actual owners. Which means is that the 25% + 1 of the ones that have the high appraisals in the proposed FP5 area controls weather a vote will be held. And 50% of the high assessed property owners control if the proposal could die. The ones that have those high appraisals are the ones that FP5 will replace their current above service level protection fees they are now paying. What a sham, when I am going to have to pay the same as the wealthy owners on desert property that has nothing on it that will burn. FP5 is a crime against the property owners in the desert areas where there are very few structures to burn, just some sage brush. FP5 is not fair to the property owners in the desert areas where the fire dept could care less if a fire broke out and if it did, they couldn't get there in time to save my sage brush anyway. I vote NO!!

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Beverly Ary [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2018 3:20 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Service Zone FP-5 Expansion Project

Hello,

Is the property at [redacted] included in the Service Zone FP-5 Expansion?

Thank you,

Beverly Ary, Property Owner

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Beverly Ary [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2018 3:11 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Service Zone FP-5 Expansion Protest

Hello,

Can you tell if property at the following address, [redacted], is included in the expansion zone?

Thank you,

Beverly Ary, Property Owner

Opliger, Kathleen

From: 440muleydr[redacted]
Sent: Saturday, October 06, 2018 5:51 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FP5 concerns

How can you with a clear conscience want to tax all the people the same for fire protection when so many of them have properties with little value and others with very high values? That is so much like socialism sounds like to me. Why don't you try taxing the structures on on the properties, because so many like me don't have anything on the properties but plain ole desert wasteland, nothing!! The properties are of little value and the taxes are always going up every year, for what? Now you want to stick another $157.26 a year onto the tax roll so the highly assessed property owners can get their fire protection taxes lowered, that's absurd folks. I have paid taxes on my desert property for years and there is absolutely nothing on it and if you add up all the taxes from all those years it would be more than the property is and will be ever worth for years to come. And now you want to stick your $157.26 a year more to me, shame on you!!

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Jane Lemmons [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 8:22 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: APN #'s

Hi Kyle,

It was nice talking with you today. I should have done it sooner. Here are the APN #'s

South vacant lot =[redacted]
North vacant lot (shown as subdivision, but undeveloped) =[redacted] thru [redacted]
Center of land (where clubhouse and mobiles are with roads) =[redacted] thru [redacted] also includes[redacted] thru [redacted] and [redacted] thru [redacted]

Peel the onion, and know that I am crying with you.

Thanks
Jane

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Jane Lemmons [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 3:01 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Protest Forms

Hello,

My name is Jane C. Lemmons. I am a partner in a mobile home park business. I have received your Hearing Flyer in care of other partners. This is due to my name appearing last in the order of name changes. I received over 2,167 total flyers listed under the APN #'s for all partners at my address. Some are in the name of Trusts. I have some questions I would like answered asap.

1. Does each person need to sign a separate protest form for each parcel number (or) can each person sign one protest form for all 197 parcels as long as all are listed. Ex: [redacted] thru [redacted] 000 is one set. There are 3 sets and one individual number. If so, can they all be listed on the same page, or does each set need it's own page?
2. Myself and my brother each received 2 (total of 4) of our own names. One with a middle initial and one without. Do we need to return both names as you have us listed for each parcel?
3. Should other owners print their names as was sent with Last, First, Middle, or do they just write in their names in the usual First, Middle, and Last name order?
4. Since these were all sent to my address, shouldn't each individual owner use their own personal address, or does this need to be with the c/o name and address?
5. Some names are still not recorded due to probates, trusts, etc. , or the trust names have changed just recently. How do these partners respond?

Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. I have attempted to reach out to the local fire department, but found the office closed. I just found the email option and decided to try it, hoping to get a quicker response. I do know the deadline to return these is very soon. Therefore, if you could contact me via email, or via cell phone at [redacted] I would very much appreciate it.
I am the one running late on this since they did all come to me and others are waiting for me to give them clear directives. Please help!!!!!!

Thank you very much
Jane C. Lemmons

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Martinez, Tracey - FIRE
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 2:38 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Fwd: Phone message(s)

Tracey Martinez
Public Information Officer
San Bernardino County Fire

O: 909-387-5950
M: 909-936-5511
tmartinez@sbcfire.org

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Watts, Tracey" <twatts@sbcfire.org>
Date: October 5, 2018 at 11:31:06 AM MST
To: "Martinez, Tracey - FIRE" <tmartinez@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Phone message(s)

10/5/18 at 11:21 a.m.
From: Diane Stabler
[redacted]
Re: FP5 Protest form
Message: Property parcel [redacted]. 40 acre property in Mojave National Preserve. Just received letter regarding tax increase. Needs a protest form. No access to computers. Residing in Washington. 73 years old and can't afford additional taxes. Please call.

Tracey Watts
San Bernardino County Fire, Public Information Office
Phone: 909-387-5945
twatts@sbcfire.org

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: E W <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 2:04 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Parcels in Big Bear City subject to FP5 tax

Are theses property also included in the expansion zone of FP-5
[redacted] and [redacted]
Thank you,
Elaine Wells

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Opliger, Erin <Erin.Opliger@sdd.sbcounty.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 1:53 PM
To: FP5 Expansion;Tracy, Steven
Subject: RE: Public Hearing Oct. 16th - San Bernardino

These three properties are not in the proposed service zone. They are in the City of Rialto.

From: iemanagement [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 10:49 AM
To: fp5expansion@sbcfire.org; Ed Scott [redacted]
Subject: FW: Public Hearing Oct. 16th - San Bernardino

Hello,
How does this affect us? These are the APN numbers on our Commercial Property.
[redacted] and [redacted]

Please advise.

oro capital advisors

Araceli Santiago
[redacted]

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Chamberlin, John
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 1:40 PM
To: Tracy, Steven
Cc: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Please email a protest form to the following:

Importance: High

[redacted]

Attn: Mr. Kevin Emerich

Thank you

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Daniel Stillwell [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 12:18 PM
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Subject: Hearing on Oct. 16

Dear Sir:

How will I be able to see the results of the protest hearing and the Board of Directors determination?

Thank you,

Daniel Stillwell

Opliger, Kathleen

From: iemanagement [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 4:55 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Public Hearing Oct. 16th - San Bernardino
Attachments: 3748_001.pdf; CCF_000483.pdf

We are opposed.

Thank you!

Araceli Santiago
[redacted]

Opliger, Kathleen

From:	Confire ID005 <sbcfdip5@icloud.com>
Sent:	Thursday, October 04, 2018 2:22 PM
To:	Hartwig, Mark;Chamberlin, John;Opliger, Kathleen;Evans, Robert;Tracy, Steven;FP5 Expansion
Subject:	[Hi-Desert Star] Public speakers and town council rail against fire fee

http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article_0e6113aa-c80c-11e8-92e6-3fbc0a8d293c.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

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Opliger, Kathleen

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Subject: FW: Public Hearing Oct. 16th - San Bernardino
Attachments: 3748_001.pdf

Hello,
How does this affect us? These are the APN numbers on our Commercial Property.
[redacted] and [redacted]

Please advise.

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Araceli Santiago
[redacted]

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 8:49 AM
To: Eagle Desert Vista Corporation
Subject: RE: FP-5 Form Problems
Attachments: ServiceZoneFP-5Expansion_ProtestForm.pdf; ATTACHMENT_A_FP-5 _ExpansionAreas_Revised.pdf; RES_2018-099_Initiate_Proceedings.pdf; RES_2018-100 _BOS_PROTEST_PROCEDURES.PDF

Good Morning,

The following are the documents you have requested.

Respectfully,

Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

From: Eagle Desert Vista Corporation [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 8:15 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Cc: edvcorp@aol.com
Subject: FP-5 Form Problems

The materials re FP-5 reference certain "Attachments" to the "Proposed Resolution" re FP5, such as "Attachment A" and "Attachment F". I have seen "Attachment A" and "Attachment F" but I have not seen any other attachments, nor do they appear to be available anywhere online. Please email me full copies of:

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Thank you.

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 8:45 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FP-5 Expansion
Attachments: ServiceZoneFP-5Expansion_ProtestForm.pdf; ATTACHMENT_A_FP-5 _ExpansionAreas_Revised.pdf; RES_2018-099_Initiate_Proceedings.pdf; RES_2018-100 _BOS_PROTEST_PROCEDURES.PDF

Dear Ms. Stead,

Our records indicate we mailed you all the documentation to the following address;

STEAD, VICKIE LYNN
[redacted]

We are unaware of any return at this time. However, we have included all the documents needed to protest the FP-expansion if this is what your intentions are. Please follow the instruction as stated in the documents provided. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We hope this information was helpful in addressing your concern. For additional information regarding the FP-5 expansion process including the Fire Chiefs presentation explaining the need for the expansion. Please visit www.sbcfire.org.

Respectfully,
Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 8:38 AM
To: Jcfietz;FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: Expansion protest form

Good Morning,

If your property has a physical address please include this in your protest form. Also please see the following instructions to ensure we have the proper information so that your protest form is validated and counted towards the protest.

"Valid written protest by a landowner must be printed legibly or typed on the Protest Form to include name, street address, city, state, zip code, APN (assessor's parcel number) of the property owned by the landowner, original signature and date signed. Protests may be made on behalf of a corporation/trust/partnership/etc. Agent of the landowner(s) must attach required authorization to sign the protest form. Agents submitting a protest on behalf of landowners must attach proper authorization. This may include written consent of the landowner, majority shareholder consent of a corporation or LLC, or other suitable documentation. Valid written protest by an agent must be printed legibly or typed; include name of the agent, street address or designation sufficient to readily identify the property, city, state, zip code, APN(s) (assessor's parcel number) of the property(s) owned by the landowner, original signature of the agent and date signed".

We hope this information was helpful in addressing your concern. For additional information regarding the FP-5 expansion process including the Fire Chiefs presentation explaining the need for the expansion. Please visit www.sbcfire.org.

Respectfully,
Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

-----Original Message-----
From: Jcfietz [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 11:25 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Expansion protest form

We own property in Crestline where there is no mail delivery to the physical address Do we use the physical address or the mailing address on the protest form?
Thank You,
Julie Fietz
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 8:33 AM
To: Eric Cowen;FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: Homes in a trust.

Dear Mr. Cowen,

Thank you for your interest is the FP-Expansion process. If your property is legal under and registered with the County Assessor's office to your living trust we will need you to include documentation that you are the current executor of your trust. Obviously, this would not be the case if your property is not legally registered with the Assessor's office under your trust. If you choose to protest the Expansion of the Service Zone FP-5 we want to ensure your protest is validated and counted. To ensure this, then all we would need is the following;
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FP-5 Expansion

From: Eric Cowen [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 11:00 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
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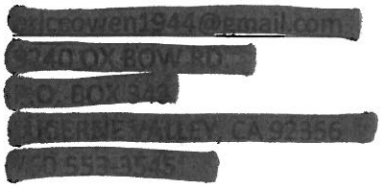

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Eagle Desert Vista Corporation [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 8:15 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FP-5 Form Problems

The materials re FP-5 reference certain "Attachments" to the "Proposed Resolution" re FP5, such as "Attachment A" and "Attachment F". I have seen "Attachment A" and "Attachment F" but I have not seen any other attachments, nor do they appear to be available anywhere online. Please email me full copies of:

Attachment B
Attachment C
Attachment D
Attachment E
Any other Attachments.

Please also send the "Proposed Resolution(s)" to which these Attachments attach.

Please send also copies of all Attachments (if any) which attach to Resolutions 2018-99 and 2018-100.

Please send also a copy of the "Proposed Resolution" which is proposed for adoption on October 16, 2016, along with copies of all Attachments which are proposed for being attached to that Resolution.

Thank you.

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Opliger, Erin <Erin.Opliger@sdd.sbcounty.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 6:35 PM
To: Tracy, Steven
Cc: FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: FP-5 Information Request

Mailing List indicates that a notice was mailed to the following recipient:

STEAD, VICKIE LYNN
[redacted]

From: Vickie Stead [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 6:09 PM
To: FP5Expansion@sbcfire.org
Subject: FP-5 Information Request

Fire Chief, Hartwig,

I am a homeowner in Forest Falls, CA (parcel number: [redacted]) and recently learned, through a neighbor, of the proposed expansion of FP-5 in order to generate revenue to cover fire protection and EMS service costs. I did not receive a notice by mail at my address of [redacted] and wonder why when the sbcfire.org website indicates that every property owner was notified of the proposal in addition to being informed of a public meeting on September 10. Is this because I have been paying an annual Fire Protection Fee of $117 to the State for these services and will not be assessed the new $157 fee if FP-5 is expanded? Thank you for your valuable service to the communities of San Bernardino County.

Regards,

Vickie Stead

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 1:25 PM
To: P & S Huckaby;FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: FP-5 Information Request

Dear Mr. Huckaby,

Unfortunately, we can't answer this question for you. We recommend you contact the County Assessor's office at (909) 387-8311. The Fire protection District does not deal with the billing, collection or exemptions of taxes, fees, or assessments. We are certain the assessor's office will be the better contact to answer your question. We apologize we couldn't be of further assistance to you regarding your concern.

Respectfully,

Public Information Office
FP-Expansion

From: P & S Huckaby[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 8:17 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: FP-5 Information Request

Hello:

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Thank You
Patrick Huckaby
[redacted]

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Martinez, Tracey - FIRE
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 11:18 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Message

Mr ?? (inaudible), [redacted] from Lucerne Valley, calling about trust documents needed to file protest.

Tracey Martinez
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Email: tmartinez@sbcfire.org

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Martinez, Tracey - FIRE
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 10:26 AM
To: FP5 Expansion;Hartwig, Mark
Subject: FW: Yucca Valley FP-5 Article

From: Watts, Tracey
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 9:52 AM
To: Martinez, Tracey - FIRE <tmartinez@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Yucca Valley FP-5 Article

YUCCA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL HEARS ABOUT TAX AND BOND MEASURES

Sara Snyder, Z107.7 News
Posted: October 3, 2018

Representatives from the county fire department gave a brief presentation about the expansion of service zone FP-5 at the Yucca Valley Town Council meeting last night. More than a dozen residents spoke against the fire fee of $157 that would be added to their property taxes, and four of the five council members also voiced their opposition to it. (Mayor Rick Denison, a former county fire battalion chief, supports the fire fee.) Some of the opposition to the fire fee was due to the way it was being implemented, by making residents go online to download and print a protest form to be completed and mailed in before October 15. After the meeting, fire officials met with residents to answer their questions about the fire fee. Managing editor Tami Roleff says that following the fire presentation, the council heard about Measure O to benefit the Morongo Unified School District and how a repeal of the gas tax would affect the town's infrastructure projects…

Morongo Unified School District board member Hilary Slotta told council members in her presentation about the $62 million Measure O bond that is on the November ballot that the funds would be used solely to renovate and modernize school facilities. The bond measure would add $55 per $100,000 of a property's assessed value. Some of the items that would be updated with the bonds would be a new district-wide security system that would allow a school to be locked down with the touch of a button; and connecting a school's surveillance cameras to the Sheriff's Department. Internet connectivity and Wi-Fi would be improved; as well as aging electrical systems, ventilation, and heating and air-conditioning systems; and roofs replaced. Slotta emphasized that all bond funds must be spent locally and can't be taken by the state.

Then the council heard about how the approval of Prop 6—which if passed, would repeal the 12 cent-per-gallon gasoline tax—would adversely affect the town. The town is expecting to receive about $357,000 a year as its share of the gas tax, which can only be used on road infrastructure. With the partial payment of $126,000 that it received this year, it repaved Buena Vista. If Prop 6 is approved and the gas tax is repealed, the town would have to shift funds from other street projects or delay them.

http://z1077fm.com/yucca-valley-town-council-hears-about-tax-and-bond-measures/

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 3:26 PM
To: Carlos Bejar
Subject: RE: FP-5 Expansion

Mr. Bejar,

Again I apologize for not knowing exactly what your referring to in the mailing. I do now there is some exemption language in the mailings but this refers to the following;

Exempting those portions of lands lying within the incorporated boundaries of the following Cities:
City of Chino;
City of Chino Hills;
City of Montclair including its Unincorporated Sphere of influence;
City of Ontario;
City of Rancho Cucamonga;
City of Rialto;
City of Colton;
City Loma Linda;
City of Highland;
City of Redlands;
City of Yucaipa;
City of Big Bear Lake;
City of Adelanto;
City of Hesperia;
City of Victorville;
Town of Apple Valley; and,
City of Barstow;

Also excepting therefrom those portions of lands lying within the boundaries of the following Districts:
Fontana Fire Protection District (as modified, per detachments through LAFCO 3000);
Chino Valley Independent Fire Protection District;
Apple Valley Fire Protection District;
Victorville Fire Protection District;
Running Springs Water District;
Morongo Valley Community Services District;
Yermo Community Services District;
Newberry Springs Community Services District;
Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District;

There will be some parcels exempted from this assessment that meet certain criteria. This information you can obtain from the County assessor's office. The Fire District does not have the authority to exempt properties nor do we have anything to do with the collection of taxes, fees, or assessments. I truly hope this information was helpful in answering your question. For more information please visit sbcfire.org and navigate to the FP-5 Expansion tab. There is also an interactive map on the site where you may look your property up to see if you're in the proposed expansion territory.

Respectfully,

Steve Tracy-Public Information Officer
All Risk Incident Management Team
San Bernardino County Team-1
2824 E. W Street Bldg-302
San Bernardino, CA 92408
Cell-(909) 665-0763
Stracy@sbcfire.org

From: Carlos Bejar [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 12:57 PM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Re: FP-5 Expansion

Steve I got a notice that the fire protection taxes will increase $150 for an undeveloped plot.

I was just wondering what exemption is mentioned in the proposed ordinance. It makes mention of an exemption but does not give any more details.

Is it as you say property tax exemption?

Carlos C. Bejar
Have a wonderful safe day.!☺

On Oct 2, 2018, at 12:29, Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Bejar,
>
> Not sure exactly what information you are seeking. However, if you are asking what the definition of exemption is as defined in state statue regarding property taxes the answer is "means a parcel which receives an exemption from taxation in whole or in part". We also recommend contacting the County Assessor's office for a more detailed definition as it relates to County property taxes. We hope this information was helpful in addressing your question or concerns.
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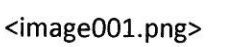

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 12:52 PM
To: pat eubanks;FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: Information

All the information regarding the Service Zone FP-5 Expansion can be found at sbcfire.org. Navigate to the FP-5 expansion tab and click on the tab. In this site you will find all the information you need regarding the proposed expansion and a lot more, including the Fire Chief's presentation on the need to expand FP-5.

Respectfully,

Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

From: pat eubanks[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 12:41 PM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Information

Can you send me information on this issue?

Sent from myMail for iOS

Opliger, Kathleen

From: pat eubanks [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 12:41 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Information

Can you send me information on this issue?

Sent from myMail for iOS

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 12:30 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FP-5 Expansion

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 12:10 PM
To: Jason Robillard;FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: [redacted]

Dear Mr. Robillard,

Thank you for your interest in the FP-Expansion. The answer to your question is yes and no. . If your parcels are contiguous, and records show they are, you can file a simple form at a onetime cost of $108.00 dollars for processing, and from that point forward you only have to pay one assessment fee. By adjoining your properties it only places them together for fee purposes only and will not affect any future development plans. The form, AOS-047 may be found on the County Assessor's website, WWW.sbcounty.gov/ARC/Main/FormsFees/Forms.aspx. . If you choose not to combine your parcels then you will be assessed for each parcel if the FP-5 expansion is approved. I hope this information was helpful in addressing your concern. For additional information regarding the FP-5 expansion process including the Fire Chiefs presentation explaining the need for the expansion. Please visit www.sbcfire.org.

Respectfully,
Public Information Office
FP-5 Expansion

From: Jason Robillard [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 9:39 PM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Fwd [redacted]

Jason Robillard
[redacted]
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---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Jason Robillard** [redacted]
Date: Mon, Oct 1, 2018 at 9:35 PM
Subject: 0450 071 10, 11, and 12.
To: <fp5expansion@sbsfire.org>

Hello,

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[redacted]
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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Opliger, Erin <Erin.Opliger@sdd.sbcounty.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 8:23 AM
To: Tracy, Steven
Cc: FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: [redacted]

FYI. All 3 of his parcels are contiguous.

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From: Carlos Bejar <prof911@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 8:22 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Definition of statutorily exempt parcel please.

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Martinez, Tracey - FIRE
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 6:53 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Messages

Mrs. Martin, [redacted] (unknown area code)
Patricia Wilkens, [redacted]

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From: Jason Robillard [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 9:39 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Fwd: [redacted]

Jason Robillard
Realtor CalBRE #01503226
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www.ownbigbear.com
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Date: Mon, Oct 1, 2018 at 9:35 PM
Subject: [redacted]
To: <fp5expansion@sbsfire.org>

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Opliger, Erin <Erin.Opliger@sdd.sbcounty.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 9:28 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Cc: Astran, Tara
Subject: RE: Public information about their specific parcel

This church is shown as a Tax Status 1 (Presumed 501c3) in the Twentynine Palms area to serve as an example (Already in FP-5).
Though they have applied for the property tax exemption ($304,872 for improvement and land value), they do not appear exempt from special assessment fees and are therefore paid the $232.35.

This make me further believe that those Tax Status 1 & 3 entities who have a 501c3 status may be subject to the FP-5 fee just like this church.
This is my observation though, not definite answer.

Tax Collector » Bill Display

Bill Display for 170496706*4 as of 9/27/2018
Parcel Number [redacted]

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Owner Type	Name	Address
BILLED OWNER	PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH	*Protected per CA Govt Code Sect 6254.21*
CARE OF	APOSTOLIC LIGHT HOUSE ASSEMBLY	*Protected per CA Govt Code Sect 6254.21*
CURRENT OWNER	APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE	*Protected per CA Govt Code Sect 6254.21*
SITUS ADDRESS		*Protected per CA Govt Code Sect 6254.21*

Parcel	[redacted]	Default Date	2018-06-30	Tax Type	AS - Annual Secured
Bill	170496706*4	Extend Date	2017-09-21	Effective Date	2017-07-01
Corrected From		Corrected To		Eligibility	A - ELIG EXTENDED
Tax Rate Total	0.010739	Tax Rate Area	000019015	Tax Rate Year	2017

Valuation Type	Assessed
Land	$83,417.00
Personal Property	$0.00
Improvement	$224,535.00
Personal Property Penalty	$0.00
Improvement Penalty	$0.00
Total Value	$307,952.00
Homeowner Exemption	$0.00
Veteran Exemption	$0.00
Other Exemption	$304,872.00
Net Value	$3,080.00

Installment	01
Due Amt	$116.18
Delq Amt	$127.81
Due Date	2017-12-11
Pmt Posted	2017-10-30
Installment	02
Due Amt	$116.17
Delq Amt	$137.80
Due Date	2018-04-10
Pmt Posted	2018-03-20
Total Tax	$232.35
Pay Status	TOTALLY PAID

Service Agency	Amount	Service Agency	Amount
GENERAL TAX LEVY	$30.80	COPPER MTN COLLEGE BOND (760) 366 - 5284	$0.74
SCHOOL BONDS	$0.00	MORONGO UNIFIED BOND (760) 367 - 9191	$1.53
*SBCOFIRE FP-5 29 PALMS (909) 387 - 5947	$152.98	*WATER AVAIL ASSMNT (760) 367 - 7546	$46.30

You can use the menu to the left to see additional information about this parcel

From: Astran, Tara <tastran@sbcfire.org>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 10:03 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Public information about their specific parcel

I just spoke with Erik Endler, the Assistant Assessor to the County, and didn't have to even explain FP-5.... It's all the buzz over in their office. ☺ I told him that we were getting some residents emailing with specific questions about whether or not they will pay the assessment because they have a 501C3 or what not. He said to email him directly with any questions like that and he would have someone research the answer. He asked us to keep the email brief with a quick couple of sentences about the issue in question and if we happened to have the APN # that would be helpful. I know we have had a least 2 emails from residents that I have seen come through. I told him the emails would most

likely come from Kyle or myself. But if anyone else will be handling this, just identify yourself as being from the Fire Department and working on the FP-5 expansion project.

His email is: Endler,Erik – ARC (he is in outlook)

Tara Astran
Budget Officer
San Bernardino County Fire Protection District
tastran@sbcfire.org
Direct Line: 909-387-9605

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Hauducoeur, Kyle
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 8:45 AM
To: Ken Kj;FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: FP-5 Form Problems

Mr. Piel,

A protest form has been mailed to you this morning.

Respectfully,
The San Bernardino County FPD

-----Original Message-----
From: Ken Kj [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 11:04 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: FP-5 Form Problems

Can you please mail me a protest form
Contact 211
Please mail to my other address at
[redacted]

I do not agree to you raising my taxes

Sent from my iPad

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Martinez, Tracey - FIRE
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 8:43 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Yucca Valley Council Mtg

FYI, the agenda is posted and we are listed at the top of the agenda as giving a presentation. See you there tomorrow evening.

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From: Hauducoeur, Kyle
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 8:16 AM
To: Karen Meyers;FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: Protest Form Questions

Karen,

Please include the page(s) of the Trust Documents that names the person(s) affected by the trust or the list of trustees.

Respectfully,
The San Bernardino County FPD

From: Karen Meyers [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 9:45 PM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Protest Form Questions

To Whom It May Concern:

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Please advise as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Karen Meyers
[redacted]

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Hauducoeur, Kyle
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 8:08 AM
To: [redacted],FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: Protest

Mr. Betz,

Our condolences regarding your father, our records indicate he is still on title and the district noticed all persons on title. If you are now the owner of his property you may submit a protest as an agent of his estate.

Respectfully,
The San Bernardino County FPD

From: lbetz@frontiernet.net[redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 9:16 PM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Protest

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Larry Betz

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Hauducoeur, Kyle
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 7:58 AM
To: Matt Gregg;FP5 Expansion
Subject: RE: FP-5 Form Problems

Mr. Gregg,

What address would you like the form mailed to?

Respectfully,
The San Bernardino County FPD

From: Matt Gregg [redacted]]
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 11:29 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: FP-5 Form Problems

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From: Martinez, Tracey - FIRE
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 7:45 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Messages

Donna Knock, [redacted]ail map and exact area of FP5, with protest form, [redacted]
Patricia Wilson, [redacted], protest form

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From: Ken Kj [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 11:04 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FP-5 Form Problems

Can you please mail me a protest form
Contact 211
Please mail to my other address at
Ken Piel
[redacted]

I do not agree to you raising my taxes

Sent from my iPad

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From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 2:22 PM
To: Greene, Carol;Chamberlin, John
Cc: Opliger, Kathleen;Evans, Robert
Subject: FW: RE: California Public Records Act Request

Just FYI

From: Ron Austin [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 2:00 PM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Re: RE: California Public Records Act Request

Mr. Tracy,

Per our conversation earlier, I withdraw my prior Public Records Act request in its entirety and will be making a new request through the Clerk of the Board that in more narrow and tailored to the purpose stated on the phone. As stated, two things I know I will be requesting is an electronic list of the names, addresses and parcel numbers that was used to generate the mailing of the notices of the upcoming hearing to affected parcel owners. I am guessing this is an excel spreasheet or in some other common database format.

The second thing I will be requesting is a list of e-mails directed to SB Fire District in opposition to SB5. To be clear, I am not making this request of you personally at this time... just trying to clarify what I will be requesting in order that you might have some idea in advance how long it will take you to comply once the request is directed to you from the Clerk.

Thank you,

Ronald Austin

On Friday, 28 September 2018, 11:38:01 am GMT-7, Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Austin,

We appreciate you sharing your opinions with us. With the information you obtained on the FP-5 expansion website, are you still in need of the information you requested through the Public Information Act? I have forwarded your request to the appropriate division that handles those types of request. If you no longer need the information I would like to let them know ASAP so they don't spend the man hours gathering the information for you.

Respectfully,

Steve Tracy-Captain

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From: Ron Austin [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 12:12 AM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Fw: California Public Records Act Request

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To: Tracy Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>

Sent: Thursday, 27 September 2018, 4:33:32 pm GMT-7

Subject: California Public Records Act Request

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Red Brennan Group [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 10:48 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FP-5 Service Zone Information

Greetings,

What is the total area (acres or square miles) covered by the current FP-5 Service Zone?

Your web page states that FP5 "currently includes the area of Helendale and the cities of San Bernardino, Needles, Twenty-nine Palms, Upland, and San Antonio Heights." It may be due to unfamiliarity, but I am unable to determine the area of each locale via the map included on your webpage. I do not request a precise figure, just a reasonable order of magnitude.

Sincerely,

Thomas O. Murphy
[redacted]

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Astran, Tara
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 10:03 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Public information about their specific parcel

I just spoke with Erik Endler, the Assistant Assessor to the County, and didn't have to even explain FP-5.... It's all the buzz over in their office. ☺ I told him that we were getting some residents emailing with specific questions about whether or not they will pay the assessment because they have a 501C3 or what not. He said to email him directly with any questions like that and he would have someone research the answer. He asked us to keep the email brief with a quick couple of sentences about the issue in question and if we happened to have the APN # that would be helpful. I know we have had a least 2 emails from residents that I have seen come through. I told him the emails would most likely come from Kyle or myself. But if anyone else will be handling this, just identify yourself as being from the Fire Department and working on the FP-5 expansion project.

His email is: Endler,Erik – ARC (he is in outlook)

Tara Astran
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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Chamberlin, John
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 9:54 AM
To: Wurzell, Ben
Cc: Martinez, Tracey - FIRE;FP5 Expansion
Subject: Re: 9/28/18 FP-5 Website Analytics

I like the number of over 11,000 pageviews on FP5. That is a great number of views and corroborates our message is being received and understood.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2018, at 9:43 AM, Wurzell, Ben <bwurzell@sbcfire.org> wrote:

> Here are the updated FP-5 Website Analytics as of 9/28/18. I also have included a report on the entire website traffic since July. This gives a good overview of the peaks and valleys through the FP-5 process. Everything looks to be about what we expected.
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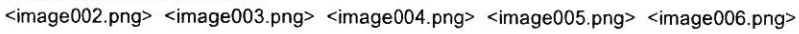

<Analytics All Web Site Data FP-5 Report 20180914-20180928.pdf>

<Analytics All Web Site Data Overview 20180701-20180928.pdf>

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Wurzell, Ben
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 9:44 AM
To: Chamberlin, John;Martinez, Tracey - FIRE;FP5 Expansion
Subject: 9/28/18 FP-5 Website Analytics
Attachments: Analytics All Web Site Data FP-5 Report 20180914-20180928.pdf; Analytics All Web Site Data Overview 20180701-20180928.pdf

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Kathleen Evenson [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 6:30 PM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FP-5 Information Request

What is the exact address for the protest meeting on October 16th?

Sent from my iPhone

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Opliger, Kathleen
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 6:04 PM
To: Astran, Tara;FP5 Expansion;Opliger, Erin;Hernandez, Aurora - FIRE;Hartwig, Mark;Evans, Robert;Hauducoeur, Kyle
Cc: Tracy, Steven;Martinez, Tracey - FIRE;Anderson, Kelly;Chamberlin, John;Gorman, Chris
Subject: RE: Weekly update call in meetings

Thanks!

Kat Opliger, Assistant Chief
Mountain Service Zone
San Bernardino County Fire Department
Office: 909-336-7086
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From: Astran, Tara
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 2:39 PM
To: Opliger, Kathleen <kopliger@sbcfire.org>; FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>; Opliger, Erin <erin.opliger@sdd.sbcounty.gov>; Hernandez, Aurora - FIRE <abhernandez@sbcfire.org>; Hartwig, Mark <mhartwig@sbcfire.org>; Evans, Robert <revans@sbcfire.org>; Hauducoeur, Kyle <khauducoeur@sbcfire.org>
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Subject: RE: Weekly update call in meetings

Yes, that is correct. I just checked my calendar and the others are on it. You all should still have the other Wednesdays on as well.

Tara

From: Opliger, Kathleen
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 2:02 PM
To: Astran, Tara <tastran@sbcfire.org>; FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>; Opliger, Erin <erin.opliger@sdd.sbcounty.gov>; Hernandez, Aurora - FIRE <abhernandez@sbcfire.org>; Hartwig, Mark <mhartwig@sbcfire.org>; Evans, Robert <revans@sbcfire.org>; Hauducoeur, Kyle <khauducoeur@sbcfire.org>
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Subject: RE: Weekly update call in meetings

Tara,
Confirming this is only to cancel the call for the coming week, correct? Thanks

Kat Opliger, Assistant Chief
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-----Original Appointment-----
From: Astran, Tara
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 11:06 AM
To: FP5 Expansion; Opliger, Erin; Hernandez, Aurora - FIRE; Hartwig, Mark; Opliger, Kathleen; Evans, Robert; Hauducoeur, Kyle
Cc: Tracy, Steven; Martinez, Tracey - FIRE; Anderson, Kelly; Chamberlin, John; Gorman, Chris
Subject: Canceled: Weekly update call in meetings
When: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 9:00 AM-9:30 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where:
Importance: High

Phone # to use is [redacted]
Pass code [redacted]

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 5:25 PM
To: Greene, Carol
Subject: FW: RE: FP-5 Expansion
Attachments: ATTACHMENT_A_FP-5_ExpansionAreas_Revised.pdf; RES_2018-099 _Initiate_Proceedings.pdf; RES_2018-100_BOS_PROTEST_PROCEDURES.PDF

Just FYI,

I received this response from Mr. Austin after sending him a reply to his request from the FP-5 Expansion e-mail box. This is just for your information at this point. He has asked for additional information. I have asked him to file an official records request for that information. I will forward that e-mail to you as well.

Respectfully,

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Stracy@sbcfire.org

From: Ron Austin [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Cc: Brent Borchert [redacted]; Debra Desrosiers [redacted]
Subject: Re: RE: FP-5 Expansion

Mr. Tracy,

Thank you. The *Citizen's Assn.of Sunset Beach v. Orange Co.* is exactly the case I was looking for as to how the Fire Protection District ("District") justifies this. I will say that the facts in that case vs. what is happening here are fundamentally different. For starters, that case involved the actual annexation of Sunset Beach under California's "island annexation" statute pursuant to Gov. Code, § 56375.3 of a small area consisting of just 134 acres. (Dicta in the case states Sunset Beach is "almost a literal island".) San Bernardino County is the largest

county in the State of California and 12th largest in the nation. As I read the District's proposal it speaks of annexing the rest of the unincorporated part of the County, a county near 13 million acres in size. There were 1200 residents Sunset Beach, while San Bernardino County has over two million people. Thus, in terms of territory the Department is not subsuming a smaller area. Rather, it is a case of the smaller taking over the larger.

The tax imposed in that case is also of a very different nature. In the Sunset Beach case, it was a 5% utility tax and a very minuscule .015% "retirement tax." In addition, the ad valorem nature of the tax is relevant here because the vast majority of the land in the unincorporated area of San Bernardino County is vacant raw desert land. Anyone who's driven from Barstow to Las Vegas has a good visual image of the type of land upon you wish to impose a $157.26 *per parcel* tax. As I look out my window for miles in all directions I do not think there is a parcel of land that pays anywhere near that amount in taxes currently. Indeed, I know taxes on many parcels around me to be less than $50 for parcels well over an acre.

The tax in the case of Sunset Beach was a pre Prop 13 tax, grandfathered in. I do not believe this would apply either to the proposed District tax that will now be imposed in the unincorporated areas. I believe the analysis under Prop 218 in the Sunset Beach case, and the application of that case, would differ as well on that basis. The proposed District tax further fails to comply with the special benefit and proportionality requirement for special assessments under Prop 218. This too differs from the nature of the tax in the Sunset Beach case where, for example, it is indisputable that a utility tax directly benefits a particular property on a reasonable ad valorem basis. In my particular case, though I am in SB County and this tax will be imposed on three parcels (~$472 annually) our first responders are the Kern County fire department in Boron. I have not once seen any SB County emergency services in my area and I doubt this will change after imposition of the tax.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, I think the scheme for approval is ludicrous. The District will collect this property tax unless 25% of the affected parties (who must also own 25% of the property in the affected area) object by a form they have to call in to get, or receive over the internet. Clearly this would never happen. Perhaps it was feasible in Sunset Beach where it would be possible to get 300 people to object because the area of Sunset Beach consisting of less than one quarter sqaure mile in total could be easily canvassed and mobilized. Moreover, nothing in the Sunset Beach case would permit this procedure where a 'no-vote' is considered a defacto approval.

While it is true that the Court in Sunset Beach does briefly discuss the rub between Porp. 218's 2/3 majority vote requirement and the non-island annexation Govt. Code§ 57078 permitting it to pass with less than 25% written objection, the court does concede that Proposition 218 can be read to effect the repeal" of those sections. The Court goes on to state the reasons it does not find such is the case, but that analysis would fall apart under the facts of the instant tax the District seeks to impose.

In sum, I think there's a case to be made here that your proposed annexation is merely the imposition of an illegal tax which circumvents the requirements of Prop. 218, notwithstanding *Citizen's Assn.of Sunset Beach v. Orange Co.* I think, due to the outrageously large tax increase imposed on vacant land owners which will increase taxes tenfold in many cases, this would be a good test case to either overturn or limit the holding in the Sunset Beach case. I will be filing such a lawsuit and we'll see where it goes.

Ronald Austin

On Thursday, 27 September 2018, 2:43:33 pm GMT-7, Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Austin,

I apologize if our response to your e-mail was not clear or satisfactory in addressing your question. I will attempt to clarify what I think you're asking with highlighting what I was trying to explain in our previous e-mail.

The Service Zone FP-5 **is not a new assessment**. The FP-5 Service Zone **was voted in by the people many years ago by a two third majority vote**. In California there is a special set of statutes, **Health & Safety Code sections 13800, 13950 et seq., that exclude LAFCO from any decision by a fire district to form, revise, annex, or dissolve zones within its jurisdiction**. **The courts have ruled**, in a case called **Citizens Assn. of Sunset Beach v. Orange Co. LAFCO (2012) 209 Cal.App.4th 1182, that Proposition 218's right to vote on taxes does not apply to annexations**. The San Bernardino County Fire Protection Board of Directors has opted to follow a process that mirrors LAFCO's protest procedure, even though the Health & Safety Code statutes do not require it. To explain this further, **all that is required by law to expand the existing FP-5 service zone is a public notice, notification to the land owners, and a public hearing.** This protest period allows the people within the expansion territory to voice their opposition if they wish to do so. The Board will use this process as a means to measure support or opposition of the proposed expansion. Based on those results the board will decide if the expansion is to move forward, **or** go to a vote of the people of the district, **or** be completely taken off the table.

I hope this response was helpful in attempting to answer your questions and concerns. I have also included a few documents for your review to further assist in answering any questions you have regarding this process.

Respectfully,

Steve Tracy

From: Ron Austin [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 1:57 PM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Re: FP-5 Expansion

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Chamberlin, John
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 2:49 PM
To: Cary, Susan
Cc: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Re: Fire FP-5 Workshop on 10/16

Ok, I'll try and add the correct phone number.

You can refer any voicemails to the cc email attached and we will with 100% certainty get back to them.

Thanks again,

John

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2018, at 2:39 PM, Cary, Susan <Susan.Cary@cao.sbcounty.gov> wrote:

> 6-8 this week. The complaints are mostly about voicemail.
>
> They do not understand the letter at all. The website isn't very user friendly – and that doesn't list a phone number either. The biggest complaint is they want to speak to someone.
>
> **From:** Chamberlin, John <jchamberlin@sbcfire.org>
> **Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 2:35 PM
> **To:** Cary, Susan <Susan.Cary@cao.sbcounty.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Fire FP-5 Workshop on 10/16
>
> Hi Susan,
>
> How many calls are you guys getting?
>
> John
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Sep 27, 2018, at 2:19 PM, Cary, Susan <Susan.Cary@cao.sbcounty.gov> wrote:
>
> > FYI Sorry – no one knows who to call so they call CAO. Thanks for your help in getting the information. Please thank Kyle as well. Susan
> >
> > **From:** King, Stephanie
> > **Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 1:53 PM
> > **To:** Cary, Susan <Susan.Cary@cao.sbcounty.gov>
> > **Subject:** RE: Fire FP-5 Workshop on 10/16
> >
> > I have been getting calls on this as well. I am sure the calls will start to increase. Many people have called Fire and get voicemail or a busy signal.

From: Cary, Susan
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 1:50 PM
To: CAO Secretaries <CAOSecs@dept.sbcounty.gov>; Young, Donna <dyoung@cob.sbcounty.gov>
Subject: Fire FP-5 Workshop on 10/16

Hi all – FYI

I am starting to get questions about the letters that were sent out regarding the new Fire fee (FP-5). Fire would like them to go to their website at SBCFIRE.ORG but, the last call I received, the lady was not very internet savvy so I requested a phone number to transfer these calls. A lot of desert residents are not very happy about paying $159 on their tax bill for vacant land. Anyway, here is the info if you need it. Susan

From: thoman@sbcounty.gov <thoman@sbcounty.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 1:00 PM
To: Cary, Susan <Susan.Cary@cao.sbcounty.gov>
Subject: Phone call from Kyle

Caller: Kyle
Company: Co. Fire Protection Agency
Phone 1: 909-387-5781
Phone 2:
Date and Time Call Taken: 9/27/2018 1:00:00 PM
Message: He said Chief Chamberlain told him you had a question about FP-5. You can refer any phone calls over to the admin phone number - (909) 387-5974. TH

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 2:43 PM
To: Ron Austin
Subject: RE: FP-5 Expansion
Attachments: ATTACHMENT_A_FP-5_ExpansionAreas_Revised.pdf; RES_2018-099 _Initiate_Proceedings.pdf; RES_2018-100_BOS_PROTEST_PROCEDURES.PDF

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I hope this response was helpful in attempting to answer your questions and concerns. I have also included a few documents for your review to further assist in answering any questions you have regarding this process.

Respectfully,

Steve Tracy

From: Ron Austin [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 1:57 PM
To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
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Cc: Tracy, Steven;Martinez, Tracey - FIRE;Anderson, Kelly;Chamberlin, John;Gorman, Chris
Subject: RE: Weekly update call in meetings

Yes, that is correct. I just checked my calendar and the others are on it. You all should still have the other Wednesdays on as well.

Tara

From: Opliger, Kathleen
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 2:02 PM
To: Astran, Tara <tastran@sbcfire.org>; FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>; Opliger, Erin <erin.opliger@sdd.sbcounty.gov>; Hernandez, Aurora - FIRE <abhernandez@sbcfire.org>; Hartwig, Mark <mhartwig@sbcfire.org>; Evans, Robert <revans@sbcfire.org>; Hauducoeur, Kyle <khauducoeur@sbcfire.org>
Cc: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>; Martinez, Tracey - FIRE <tmartinez@sbcfire.org>; Anderson, Kelly <kjanderson@sbcfire.org>; Chamberlin, John <jchamberlin@sbcfire.org>; Gorman, Chris <CGorman@sbcfire.org>
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Kat Opliger, Assistant Chief
Mountain Service Zone
San Bernardino County Fire Department
Office: 909-336-7086
Cell: 951-288-8952

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Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 1:11 PM
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Subject: EXPANSION PROTEST

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Thank you.

Opliger, Kathleen

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Show Time As:	Free
Recurrence:	Weekly
Recurrence Pattern:	every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM
Meeting Status:	Not yet responded
Organizer:	Astran, Tara
Required Attendees:	FP5 Expansion; Opliger, Erin; Hernandez, Aurora - FIRE; Hartwig, Mark; Opliger, Kathleen; Evans, Robert; Hauducoeur, Kyle
Optional Attendees:	Tracy, Steven; Martinez, Tracey - FIRE; Anderson, Kelly; Chamberlin, John; Gorman, Chris
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Pass cod[redacted]

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Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 10:29 AM
To: ronmaustin@yahoo.com.au
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Opliger, Kathleen

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Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 9:37 AM
To: Hauducoeur, Kyle
Cc: FP5 Expansion
Subject: FP5 Costs

Hi Kyle,
I saw a charge come through SAP yesterday on our internal order number for the "courier and printing" services of $23,864.45. Do you know if that is the total cost of the services to print, fold and stuff the envelopes? Also, do you know the cost of postage? If there were 368k mailed, I'm assuming at 50 cents per stamp we spent about $184k???

I need to do a 1st quarter budget adjustment by Oct. 10th for this.

Thanks,

Tara Astran
Budget Officer
San Bernardino County Fire Protection District
tastran@sbcfire.org
Direct Line: 909-387-9605

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 9:36 AM
To: marcelle dibrell
Subject: RE: Crestline resident

Dear Ms. Dibrell,

Thank you for your interest in the FP-Expansion. The results of the protest will be presented and published at the October 16th meeting. The County Fire District does not have this information as we have hired a third party consultant to handle all the protest tabulations. I hope this information was helpful in addressing your concern. For additional information regarding the FP-5 expansion process including the Fire Chiefs presentation explaining the need for the expansion. Please visit www.sbcfire.org.

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From: marcelle dibrell [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 8:11 PM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: Crestline resident

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Marcelle Dibrell

Homeowner of:

[redacted]

[redacted]

Opliger, Kathleen

From: Confire ID005 <sbcfdip5@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 7:53 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Message

Jeanetta Landing, [redacted] cell
Wants to know if FP5 affects her. Has parcel number.

Tracey Martinez
Public Information Officer
San Bernardino County Fire

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Opliger, Kathleen

From: Ron Austin <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 2:05 AM
To: FP5 Expansion
Subject: Your proposal and Prop 218

How does this proposal for a tax bill assessment get around Prop 218 which limits the kinds of services that may be financed from assessments? Where is the direct relationship to property ownership and especially vacant parcels of land? Moreover, where in the law does it say you can impose such an assessment without an approval in an election by a 2/3 vote? Where do you get the idea that you can just stick $157 on the tax bill for every parcel if more than 25% don't mail in an 'objection' form. And, on this last point, doesn't it appear a bit disingenuous that you don't accept faxed forms or e-mails when, in this 21st century internet age, even courts of law are going over to actually requiring electronic filing vs. the "original signature" requirement? One could argue that this is simply designed to make it harder for taxpayers to object. If 25% of people actually had to mail in forms to approve this new tax assessment, I'd bet you'd consider accepting faxes... e-mails... maybe even phone calls.

While you can see I think this is a crock, seriously though, what case law or statute allows this. I've done a bit of research here and I've never seen a case that even comes close to this for Fire Protection District assessments. I'm not trying to debate you on why you need the money, fairness, or anything else. I just want to know what law allows it. If I can't get a straight answer I'll go to Howard Jarvis Taxpayers association to see if they have any interest in filing a lawsuit.

Thank you,

Ronald Austin

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From: Tracy, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 6:02 PM
To: perryent
Subject: RE: FP-5 Information Request

Dear Mr. Perry,

I apologize for any misunderstanding. I will speak to Casandra in the morning to ensure she understands the process and is providing accurate information. As I stated in my previous e-mail, each property in question must have a separate protest form filled out properly as stated in the instructions, if it's to be counted towards the percentage total of collected protest forms for the proposed FP-5 expansion. A list of properties attached to a protest form will not be counted. Again, I hope this information is helpful to ensure we meet your needs through this process.

Respectfully,

Steve Tracy-Public Information Officer
All Risk Incident Management Team
San Bernardino County Team-1
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San Bernardino, CA 92408
Cell-(909) 665-0763
Stracy@sbcfire.org

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To: Tracy, Steven <stracy@sbcfire.org>
Subject: RE: FP-5 Information Request

Hi
My wife called earlier today and spoke with Casandra,
She said we can file one form and attach a list of all our properties...
As such, we are receiving conflicting information.
What is the correct one??

Benny Perry,
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Tracy, Steven [mailto:stracy@sbcfire.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 5:24 PM
To: perryent [redacted]
Subject: RE: FP-5 Information Request

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From: perryent [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 11:41 AM
To: FP5 Expansion <fp5expansion@sbcfire.org>
Subject: FP-5 Information Request

Dear Sir Ms,
We own multiple parcels and would like to protest the tax increase.
Do we need a separate form for each?
Or
Can we submit one form with an annexed list of our parcels?
I would appreciate your reply

Benny Perry,
[redacted]