COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION
WATERLOO MORADA RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

HOW TO MARK YOUR BALLOT

FILL IN THE OVAL to the left of your choice.
USE A DARK PEN to fill it in completely.
Do not use highlighter or pencil or red, pink, or purple color ink.
Do not fill in more ovals than needed.

IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE on your Vote-by-Mail ballot,
cross off the mistake and mark the oval you intended, or
call our office at 209-468-VOTE (8683) to get a new ballot.

ACCESSIBILITY
Touchscreen and Audio Ballots are available at the
Registrar of Voters Office, 44 North San Joaquin Street, Stockton CA 95202
Call the Registrar of Voters Office at 209-468-VOTE (8683), for other accessible options.

HOW TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT

By Mail -
Mail your ballot on time. It must be postmarked no later than May 7, 2019 and received by the Registrar no later than May 10, 2019.

Official Ballot Drop Box -
Drop off your ballot in the 24/7 Drop Box located in front of the County Administration Building located at 44 North San Joaquin Street, Stockton CA 95202, next to the entrance on Weber Avenue.

At the Registrar's Office -
You may return your Vote-by-Mail ballot or vote on the accessible touchscreen voting machine at the Registrar's Office located in the County Administration Building, 44 North San Joaquin Street, Suite 350, Stockton CA 95202.

SAMPLE BALLOT & VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET MAILINGS

If you would like to OPT-OUT of receiving the paper pamphlet mailing for future elections, or would like more information, please visit our website **www.sjgov.org**. Or call our office at **209-468-VOTE** (8683).

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Waterloo Morada Rural County Fire Protection District
Contact Information

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Stockton CA 95212

Measure N

To maintain rapid emergency response services, protect homes and businesses from fire, ensure our Fire District remains locally-controlled, support re-opening of second fire station and replace outdated equipment/apparatus; shall the Waterloo Morada Rural County Fire Protection District impose an annual special tax at the following maximum rates: $0.07/sq. ft.: residential units; $0.10/sq. ft.: commercial buildings; $12.00/parcel; vacant, agricultural; and other rates for other land-uses; generating approximately $1,300,000 annually, with no annual increases, and nine year sunset?

◯ **Yes** ◯ **No**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE N

Waterloo Morada Rural County Fire Protection District Ordinance
Proposing a Special Tax for Emergency Medical Response and Fire Protection Services

Prepared by San Joaquin County Counsel

The Waterloo Morada Rural County Fire Protection District ("District") provides fire protection, suppression and emergency response services. Article XIII A of the California Constitution permits the imposition of a special tax upon a two-thirds vote of the qualified electors of the District. The District Board of Directors proposes an annual special tax as set forth in the District's ordinance ("Ordinance").

If approved, the special tax rate to be charged on each parcel of taxable real property within the District would vary depending upon the character of the property, including use and size. The specific tax rates to be levied have been identified within the Ordinance. Any change to these special tax rates would require two-thirds voter approval at a future election.

The special tax would be collected by the San Joaquin County Tax Collector in the same manner and subject to the same penalties and interest collected by the County on behalf of the District. The special tax would not repeal or replace an existing assessment or special tax. It would be levied in addition to any existing assessment or special tax. The special tax would be collected annually beginning with the 2019-20 fiscal year and may be subject to a nine-year sunset[1]. Proceeds of the special tax may only be used for fire protection and emergency response purposes and must be accounted for as described in the Ordinance.

If approved, Measure N would also authorize an increase to the District's appropriation limits in an amount equal to the revenue derived from the proposed special tax. Article XII B of the California Constitution authorizes the District to establish or change its appropriation limits upon approval of a majority of voters voting on the proposed increase. Voter authorization to raise the District's appropriation limits must be renewed every four years. If the special tax rate is not approved by a two-thirds vote, the District's appropriation limits would not be increased.

A "YES" vote on Measure N is to approve the Ordinance imposing a new annual special tax and the increase of the District's appropriation limits in an amount equal to the revenue derived therefrom.

A "NO" vote on Measure N is to disapprove the Ordinance imposing a new annual special tax and the increase of the District's appropriation limits.

Two-thirds (2/3) of those voting on Measure N must approve the measure in order for it to pass. The Ordinance will become effective upon such approval.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure N. If you desire a copy of the Ordinance or resolution, please call the election official's office at (209) 468-VOTE / (209) 468-8682, or email the election official's office at registrar@sjgov.org, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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[1] District Resolution No. 19-01 is unclear regarding the term of the special tax: "until repealed by the Board or…voters" appears to conflict with "a period of nine (9) years." Similarly, the Ballot Question recognizes a "nine year sunset," but the Ordinance identifies no term.

ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE N

The Waterloo Morada Rural County Fire Protection District provides critical emergency life-saving and fire protection services to our community, covering 36 square miles and about 12,000 residents. It is a single-purpose Special District, completely independent from the State, the County of San Joaquin and the City of Stockton.

The District is governed by a Board of Directors elected by local voters. The District serves the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year with a limited number of staff and firefighters. The Board of Directors knows how important safety is to our community, and unanimously urges you to vote Yes on Measure N!

We run a tight ship and haven't asked the public for a revenue increase in over 30 years!

The District responded to over 2,200 calls last year. That number increases every year, and costs continue to rise, and without additional funding will not be able to maintain the current level of service. In addition, our aging facilities are falling behind on necessary repairs, maintenance, and upgrades.

Consider the following reasons to support the Fire Protection Services Measure:

- A Yes vote will maintain rapid emergency medical and fire response services!
- A Yes vote will allow us to re-hire additional firefighters for medical emergencies, fires, traffic accidents, hazardous spills, and other emergencies!
- A Yes vote will help provide funds for re-opening the second fire station!
- All revenue from this ballot measure will be locally controlled and used locally – it cannot be taken away by the City, County, or State!
- This is our first request to the public for a tax increase in over 30 years!

This Fire Protection Services Measure includes strict accountability provisions, including an annual financial audit. This is in conjunction with the District's current transparent financial reporting system.

Please vote Yes on Measure N to help keep the Waterloo Morada Rural County Fire Protection District area safe.

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the primary argument in favor of the ballot proposition Measure N at the election to be held on May 7, 2019 hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Name Donna Augustin
Title Co-Chairman Date 2/15/19
Committee to Protect Waterloo Morada Community

Name John D. Baker
Title Co-Chairman Date 2/15/19
Committee to Protect Waterloo Morada Community

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE N

No argument against Measure N have been submitted.

Arguments printed on this page are the opinions of the authors, and have not been checked for accuracy by any official agency.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE
WATERLOO MORADA RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PARCEL TAX FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES
(FULL TEXT OF SPECIAL TAX MEASURE)
ORDINANCE # 2019-01

The people of the Waterloo Morada Rural County Fire Protection District do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Findings

The District hereby finds and declares that the District's ability to provide services depends upon the availability of funds to support those services. The special tax adopted by this ordinance, if approved by a two-thirds vote of the voters, is responsible for emergency medical response and fire protection services to the communities of Waterloo Morada; within San Joaquin County.

Section 2. Authorized Special Tax Purposes

The Waterloo Morada Rural County Fire Protection District will provide prompt local fire protection and emergency medical response services within the Waterloo Morada Rural County Fire Protection District; will have firefighters that are available to respond to all emergencies; will train and equip firefighters; will hire additional staffing to replace the lost positions; and will provide funds for the re-opening of a second fire station.

Section 3. Definitions

"Acre" means the land area of an Assessor's parcel as shown on County records, such as an Assessor's Parcel Map and secured roll data, or, if the land area is not shown on an Assessor's Parcel Map, the land area shown on the applicable final subdivision map, condominium plan, record of survey, or other recorded document creating or describing the parcel. If the preceding maps for a land area are not available, the Acreage of such land area may be determined utilizing available spatial data and GIS (Geographic Information System) data.

"Agricultural" means each parcel within the District that is used for agricultural purposes.

"Board" means District Board of Directors.

"Commercial" means each parcel within the District that contains a significant improved structure with a commercial or industrial land use.

"Gas Wells" means fixed components located on property designed for the purpose of producing natural gas, storage of natural gas, or other petroleum products.

"Mobile Home Residential Lots" means any space, pad or other area provided in any mobile home park for Mobile homes.

"Residential" means each parcel within the District that contains a significant improved structure with a residential land use (e.g., with water, power, sewer, utilities, bathrooms, etc.).

"Vacant" means taxable unimproved land within the District that does not contain a significant improved structure (e.g., with water, power, sewer, utilities, bathrooms, etc.).

Section 4. Special Tax Rate

The purpose of this parcel tax will be to ensure continued local fire suppression and protection as well as rapid emergency response services for all residents, employees, and visitors in the District. The revenues raised by this special tax will only be used to defray operating expenses and equipment and capital improvement expenditures to accomplish the foregoing purposes. The District proposes to levy a special tax on each taxable parcel of land within the District at the following annual rates:

Property Type	Rate
Residential Dwelling	$0.07 per square foot of building area
Commercial Residential	$0.07 per square foot of building area
Commercial	$0.10 per square foot of building area
Industrial	$0.10 per square foot of building area
Vacant Residential Lots (Unimproved, parking lot, agricultural)	$12.00 per parcel
Vacant Commercial Lots	$35.00 per parcel
Vacant Industrial Lots: 1. 0.01 acre to 10 acres 2. 10.01 acres to 20 acres 3. 20.01 acres or greater	 $50.00 per parcel $75.00 per parcel $125.00 per parcel
Gas Wells	$25.00 per component
State Board of Equalization*	$10.00 per acre unit
Mobile Home Residential Lots	$20.00 per parcel

*Each lot shall be rounded up to the next even acre; 1.01 acres equal 2 acres, 2.65 acres equal 3 acres, etc.

Taxable parcels are those parcels that appear on the annual secured San Joaquin County property tax roll and are billable for Waterloo Morada Rural County Fire Protection District services.

Section 5. Collection

If the special tax is approved by two-thirds of the voters voting on the measure, the District's appropriations limit will be increased by the amount of this voter-approved tax. For Fiscal Year 2019-20 and thereafter, the special tax shall be collected by the San Joaquin County Tax Collector in the same manner as, together with, and subject to the same penalties and interest as the regular County ad valorem property tax bill. Any unpaid taxes shall be subject to the same penalties for non-payment as are other District taxes, fees and/or charges. Any property owner owing money to the District under this ordinance shall be liable in an action brought in the name of the District for the collection of such amount, together with any penalties and interest.

Section 6. Separate Accounting and Expenditure.

The special tax revenues shall be deposited into a separate account for exclusive use by the Waterloo Morada County Fire Protection District, in accordance with Government Code Section 50075.1, and shall be expended by the District according to a plan developed annually by the District's staff and approved and adopted by the District's Board of Directors.

Section 7. Annual Reporting.

The District will cause to be filed an annual report with its Board, which report shall include the amount of special tax revenues collected and expended, and which shall otherwise comply with the accountability measures established in Government Code Sections 50075.1 et seq.

Section 8. Interpretation and Amendment

Interpretations may be made by the Board by resolution for purpose of clarifying any vagueness or ambiguity as it relates to the special tax or this ordinance. The Board may amend this ordinance at any time; provided, however, that any ordinance amendment that increases the special tax rate above the rate approved by the voters at the May 7, 2019 election shall become effective only if approved by two-thirds vote of the District voters voting on the issue.

Section 9. Appeals

Any property owner who is assessed a special tax as provided for herein may appeal any determination by the District concerning the nature of the use of the property or the calculation of the amount of the tax by filing a notice of appeal with the District offices. Any such appeal shall be filed by December 1 of the calendar year for which the tax is levied. The appeal shall be filed on the form provided by the District and shall contain a statement by the property owner as to the nature and basis for the appeal in accordance with the District's appeal procedure.

End of Ordinance text

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
WATERLOO MORADA RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MAY 7, 2019

BOLETA OFICIAL

CONDADO DE SAN JOAQUIN, CALIFORNIA
DISTRITO DE PROTECCIÓN CONTRA INCENDIOS DEL CONDADO RURAL DE WATERLOO MORADA
7 DE MAYO DE 2019

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote on this measure:
Completely fill in the oval ⬬ to the left of your choice using a blue or black ink pen.

To correct a mistake:
Draw a line completely through your unintended choice ⬬ ~~Unintended Choice~~
You then have the option of filling in the other oval if you choose.

All distinguishing marks such as voter's name, initials, signature, social security number, etc. are not allowed on this ballot.

INSTRUCCIONES PARA LOS VOTANTES:

Para votar sobre esta medida:
Llene completamente el óvalo ⬬ a la izquierda de su elección utilizando una pluma de tinta azul o negra.

Para corregir un error:
Dibuje una línea a través de su voto no intencionado. ⬬ ~~Voto No Intencionado~~
Luego tiene la opción de llenar el otro óvalo si elige.

Todas las marcas distintivas tales como el nombre, las iniciales, la firma, el numero de seguro social, etc. del votante no están permitidas en esta boleta.

DISTRICT
DISTRITO

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
MEDIDAS SOMETIDAS A LOS ELECTORES

WATERLOO MORADA RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
DISTRITO DE PROTECCIÓN CONTRA INCENDIOS DEL CONDADO RURAL DE WATERLOO MORADA

MEASURE N

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MEDIDA N

A fin de mantener los servicios de respuesta rápida ante emergencias, proteger los hogares y los negocios de los incendios, garantizar que nuestro Distrito de Bomberos siga controlándose a nivel local, apoyar la apertura de una segunda estación de bomberos, y reemplazar el equipo y los aparatos obsoletos; ¿debería el Distrito de Protección Contra Incendios del Condado Rural de Waterloo Morada gravar un impuesto especial anual a una tasa máxima de $0.07 por pie cuadrado a las unidades residenciales; de $0.10 por pie cuadrado a los edificios comerciales; de $12.00 por parcela a los terrenos baldíos y agrícolas; y otras tasas a distintos usos del suelo, el cual generaría aproximadamente $1,300,000 al año, no incrementaría cada año y vencería en nueve años?

○ **YES / SÍ** ○ **NO / NO**

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