TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Election Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

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Ballot Title and Text:

**BRUSH RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE NO.**

SHALL BRUSH RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED $84,650 ANNUALLY, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025, OR BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED, BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT’S PROPERTY TAX RATE BY AN ADDITIONAL 2.5 MILLS, FOR PURPOSES OF CREATING A DEDICATED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND TO BE USED FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

FIRE PROTECTION VEHICLES;

TOOLS; AND

FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT;

WITH THE DISTRICT’S ENTIRE MILL LEVY RATE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT TO OFFSET REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE ASSESSED VALUATION; AND SHALL ALL DISTRICT REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITS PROVIDED BY LAW?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2024 (estimated) $171,794
2023 (actual) $171,703
2022 (actual) $183,900
2021 (actual) $237,694
2020 (actual) $138,074

Overall percentage change from 2020 to 2024: 2.44%
Overall dollar change from 2020 to 2024: $33,720

Proposed District Tax Increase:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase: $84,650
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: $155,064

Summary of Written Comments For the Proposal:

The Brush Rural Fire Protection District has always been fiscally conservative and kept the mill levy down but are unable to purchase fire trucks and equipment with the current mill levy of 2.879 for operating costs. Fuel, repairs and maintenance, tires, supplies, training, insurance and utilities costs are all increasing, not allowing for purchasing equipment.

Fire trucks have increased in price dramatically and the 3 trucks that need to be replaced now will cost at least $1,130,000. The last tanker truck purchased by the District, B941, was replaced in 2011 and it cost $239,429 – that same truck would cost at least $400,000 now, that is a 68% increase.

SCBA’s (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) are required to be replaced every 15 years. The current packs were purchased in 2019 at a cost of $115,947 and are estimated to cost $150,000 to $200,000 by 2034.

Radios for the firemen need replaced and will cost around $58,000.

Bunker gear also has a life span, and we currently replace 2 sets each year. $8,848 cost in 2020 to $10,550 in 2023.

The proposed fire protection vehicles, tools and firefighting equipment mill levy of 2.5 mills would bring in $84,650 based on assessed evaluations from 2023. This dedicated mill levy would cost a $300,000 valued residence $50.25 per year; a commercial property valued at $100,000 $69.75 per year; and agriculture land with $100,000 value $66.00 per year.

We encourage you to vote yes on this increase to allow the District to continue excellent service for you and your property.

Roger Holter Board President

Summary of Written Comments Against the Proposal:

**No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.**