

# **Measure T - 1/2 % Sales Tax for Local Roads**

**We want it to pass.**

**Here's what it will take:**

**Restructuring**

**Quality Content**

**Increased Accountability**



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# Changes Needed

## STRUCTURE

### **-Restructure Boards/Leadership**

- Balance representation across County
- Place Citizens on Boards for adequate citizen inputs

## CONTENT

**-Establish 3- or 4-factor criteria** for jurisdictional allocations

**-Reverse Program allocations:**

**Regional ⇌ Local Roads**

5% Regional 90% Local

## ACCOUNTABILITY

### **-Strengthen Citizens Oversight Committee -**

- Control of Audits
- Self-select COC members not MCTA

### **-Focus efforts on improving roads & citizen inputs.**

- Instead of \$ 1.4 M for elections & consultants for renewal, do road work
- Substantially increase citizen inputs.



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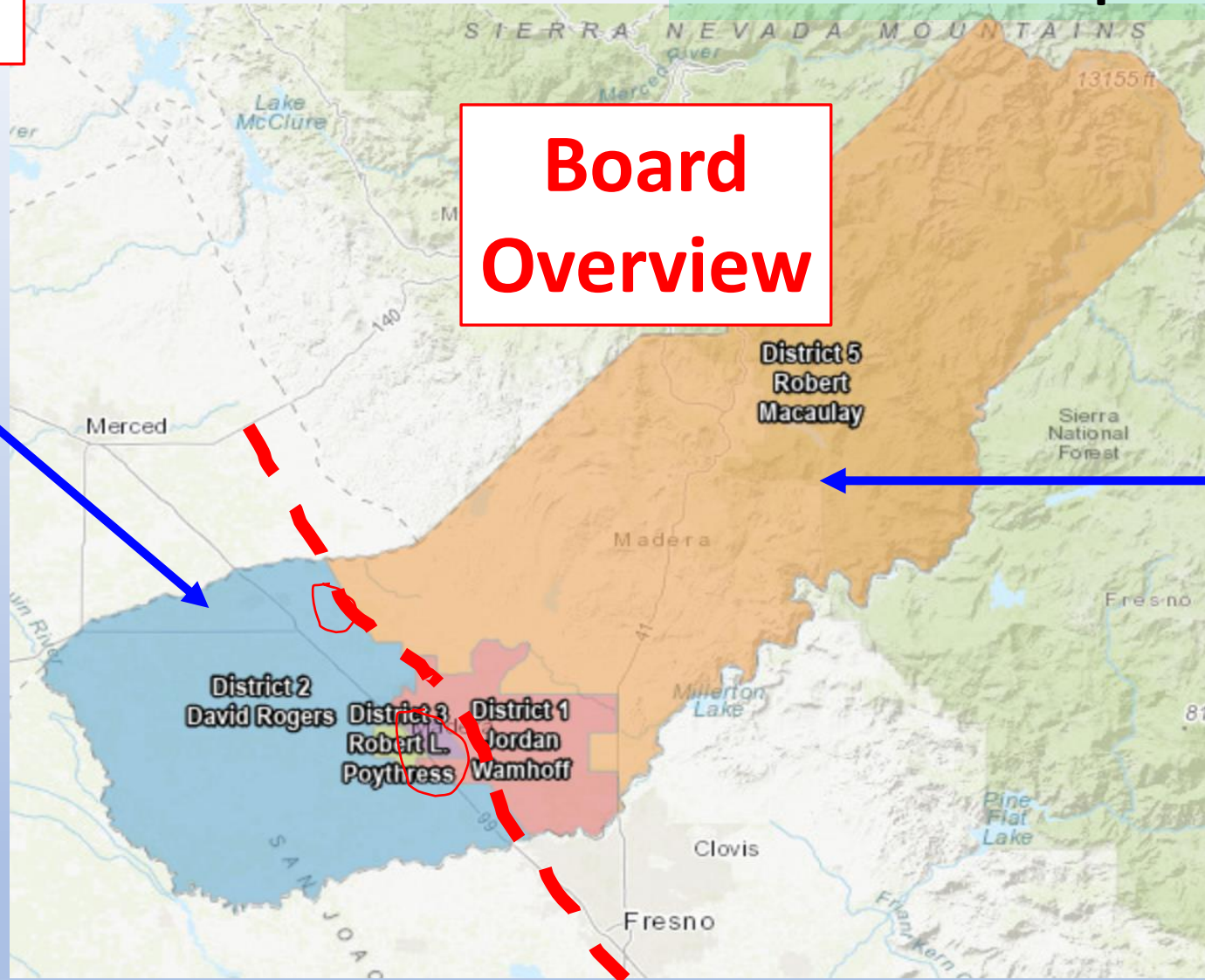
# Structure

## Unbalanced Representation on Boards

### 6 Members

- 1 District 2
- 1 Chowchilla
- 4 ~Madera

### Board Overview



0 Members

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# Structure

# Main Problem

Same People!

## Commission

## Authority

## Policy Advisory Comm.

6 Members

Gonzalez *	Gallegos**
Rogers *	Rodriguez**
Poythress *	Ahmed***

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7 Members:

Gonzalez*	Gallegos**
Rogers*	Rodriguez**
Poythress*	Ahmed***
Navarra (CalTrans)	

Where is citizen representation?

Notes: \* *Madera County Supervisors*  
\*\* *Madera City Council Members*  
\*\*\* *Chowchilla Council Member*



# Structure

# Main Problem

## Current

### Inadequate Citizen Input.

- Grand Jury Report Findings stating same
- NO citizens on transportation boards

### Outdated Resolution/Structure

- Same 6 on 3 transportation boards/committee.
- Existing Structure/membership > 50 yrs. old.
- 1972 county resolution limited members to Supervisors only. No such limitation in State Codes.
- One member - 20 years on boards

### Severely unbalanced representation

- All 6 board members west of SR 99. None east.
- 4 members represent approx. Madera city area.
- Prioritization Plan based on only 26 respondents.

## Recommended

### Increase Citizen Inputs

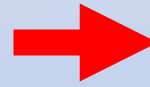
- add 6 citizen-members to boards  
(one to be Chair of COC)

### Update Structure

- Update 50-year old Resolution to open board members to qualified citizens
- Include similar language in Investment Plan

### Rethink representation

- Rebalance representation County-wide to be more uniform
- Update Prioritization Plan



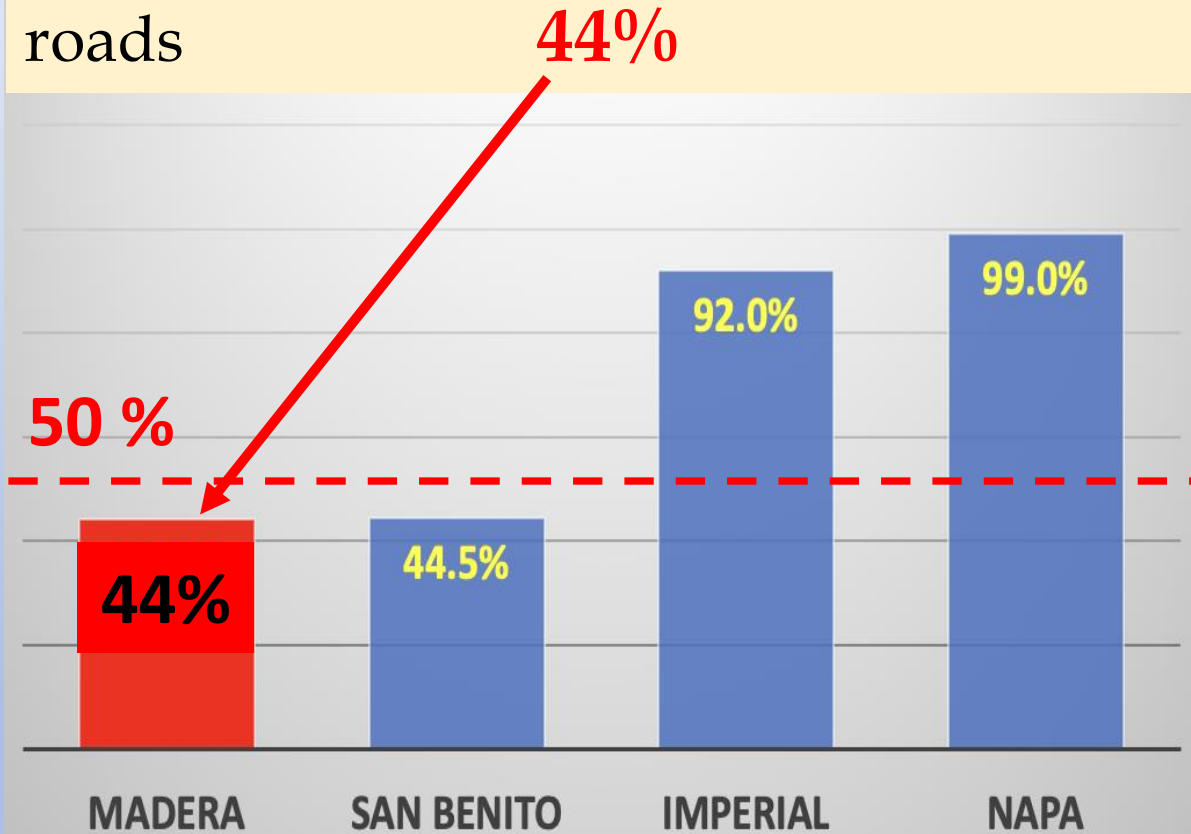
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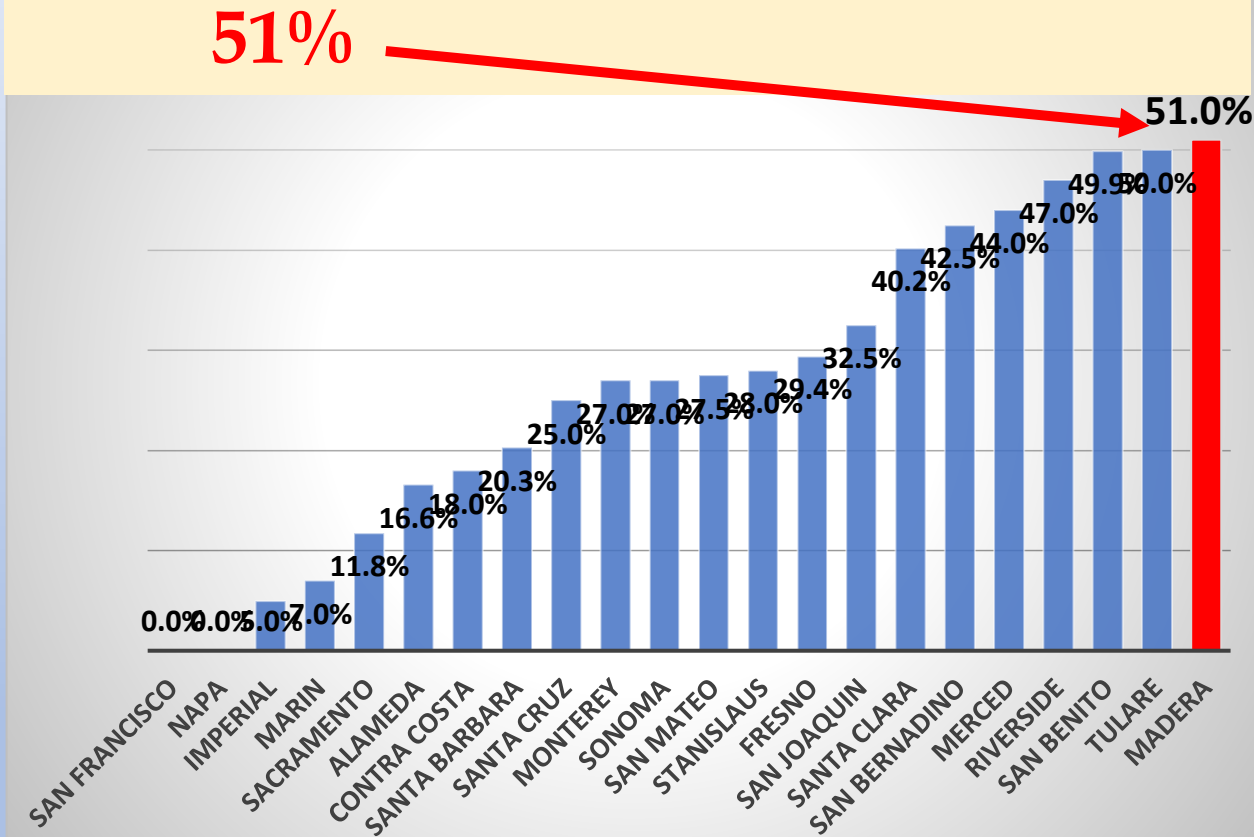
# Content

## Upside Down Allocations

Of all 4 rural counties with tax measure Madera has lowest allocation to local roads



Of all participating counties Madera has highest allocation to regional roads



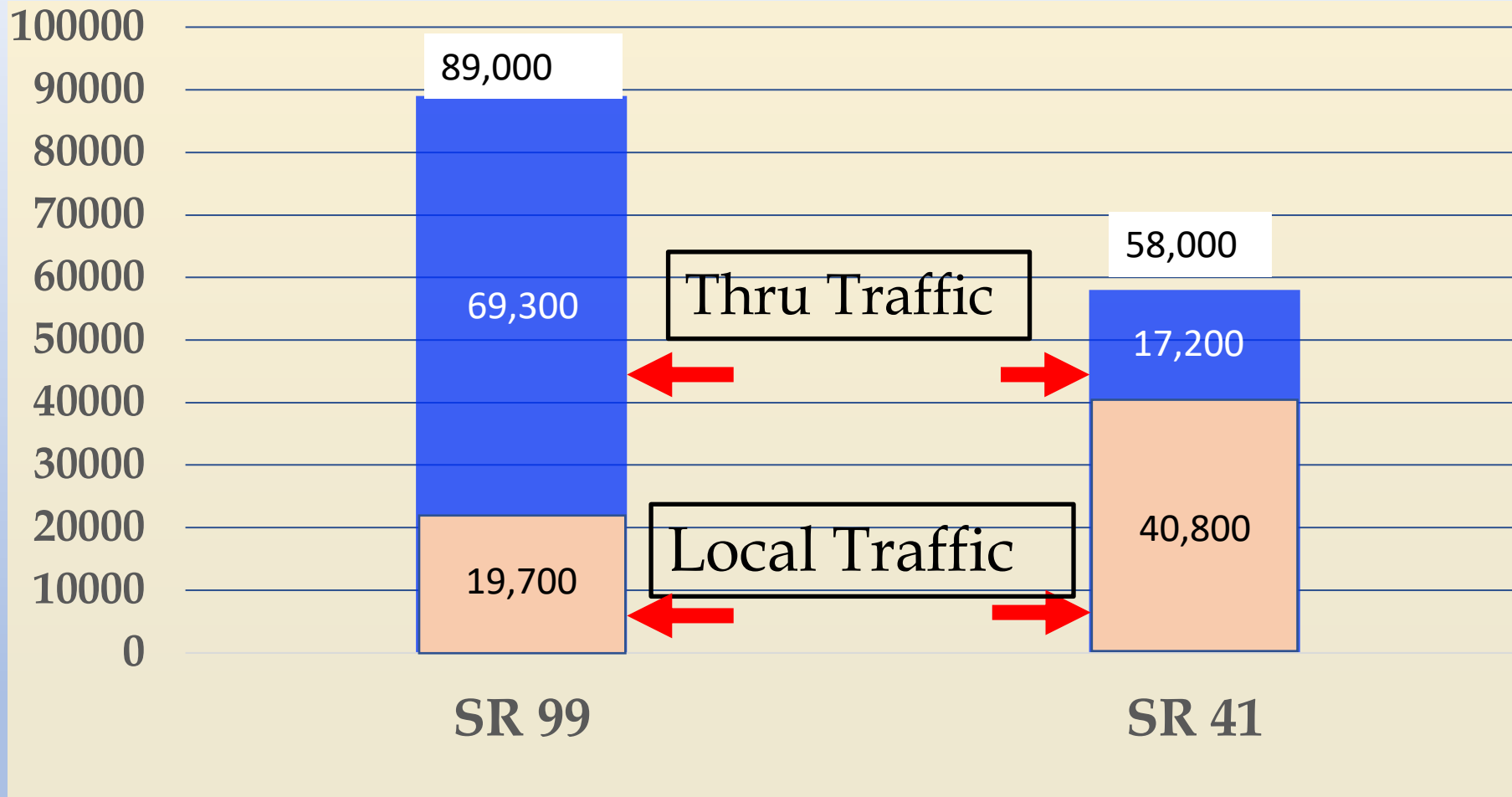
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# Content

## Traffic on SR 99 vs SR 41

Average Daily Traffic, Peak Month



*Should both be considered as equal for Measure T funding?*

Source = <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/census>

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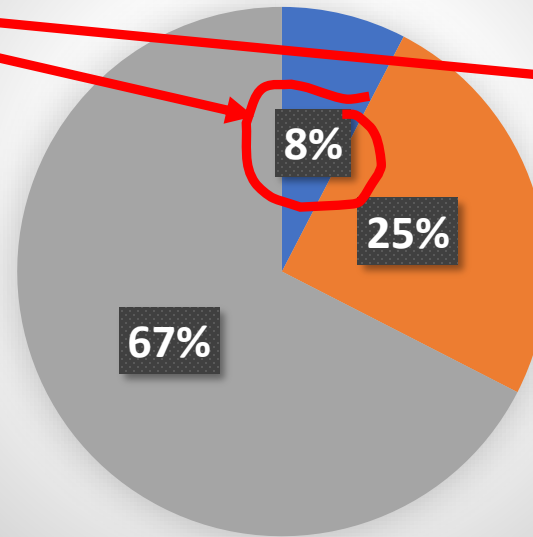
## Allocating \$ to Jurisdictions -Factors-

How the County spreads the \$ makes a difference.

**Population, Miles of Roads, Usage of Roads and Condition** should be considered.

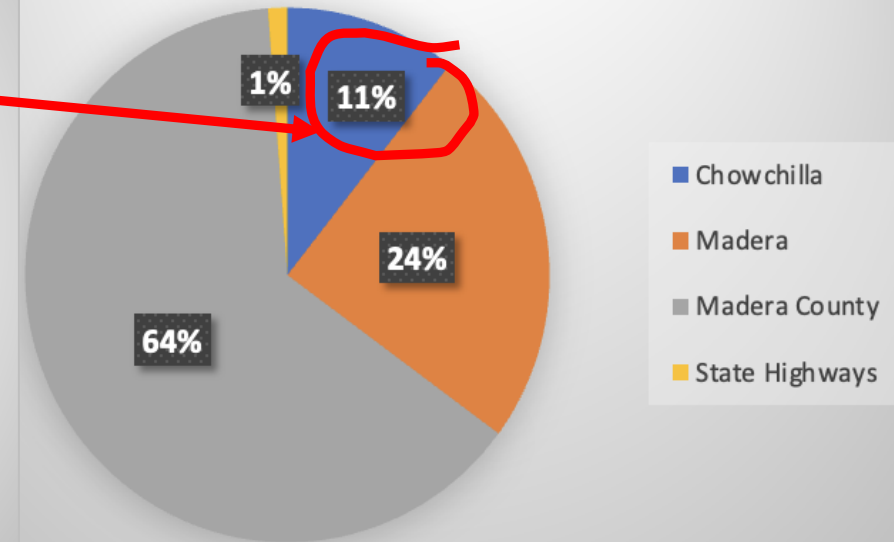
Proposed by County/MCTC

**2 -factor Composite Spread**  
(Population, Miles of Road)



Recommended by citizens

**4 -Factor Composite Spread**  
(Population, Miles Usage, Condition)



Note: State Highways are shown as though they were a jurisdiction, for perspective. Must look carefully into this including comparison of SR 41 vs SR 99.

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# Accountability

## MCTA Focus:

### What Leaders are doing with Tax Receipts.

*T-2022--spent on consultants  
and election costs*

*\$1.5 M\**

**Is that Reasonable?**  
**Consider:**  
    { > 9% of 2023 sales tax receipts  
      ~ 1.5 years' allocation Chowchilla

*T-2024 Estimated election costs   \$350 - \$400 K*

*Attend conferences                   \$9000*

*How many miles could be repaved?*  
*How many potholes filled?*  
*How many evacuation routes in  
East County could be made?*

Note  
\* Excludes consultant's expenses (lodging, transportation, meals.)



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# Accountability

**OOPS!** Is this the fox guarding the henhouse?

The COC reviews only the “financial audit” Receipt of most recent audit was 18 months after the year ended.

Staff discourages them from doing any of these things; most have never been done!

## Excerpts from Investment Plan Appendix C

### Committee Purpose

To inform the public and to ensure that the Transportation Measure (Measure) funding program revenues and expenditures are spent as promised to the public.

### Membership Selection

#### Selection Committee

- Committee members will be selected by the Madera County Transportation Authority

#### Recruitment Process

- Each year as terms of various members expire or as vacancies occur, annual postings of membership openings will be noticed sixty (60) days in advance of the application process pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99238
- Potential members must submit an application to the Selection Committee
- The Selection Committee will screen all applications and approve candidates for membership on the Committee

### Responsibilities

The Committee may receive, review and recommend any action or revision to plans, programs, audits or projects that is within the scope of its purpose stated above. Specific responsibilities include:

- Receive, review, inspect, and recommend action on independent financial and performance audits related to the Measure
- Receive, review, and recommend action on other periodic reports, studies and plans from responsible agencies. Such reports, studies and plans must be directly related to Measure programs, revenues, or expenditures
- Review and comment upon Measure expenditures to ensure that they are consistent with the Investment Plan
- Annually review how sales tax receipts are being spent and publicize the results
- Present Committee recommendations, findings, and requests to the public and the Authority in a formal annual report



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# Accountability

**SAFETY FIRST ??**

## 2008 Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Shows the 11 highest priority communities for fire hazards.

In 15 years, **how many** have been addressed?

It will be 3 + years ("2027+") before they begin "Planning Study".

## Proof is in the pudding?

Which is more important: Safety and evacuation routes?  
Or paving alleys?

**TABLE 6.8**

### Eastern Madera County Community Assessment Summary

Pri	Name	Total	Hazard	Ign Risk	Values	Protecn	CatPtl	Fire
1	Cascadel Woods	HIGH	HIGH	MOD	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
2	Cedar Valley	HIGH	HIGH	MOD	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	MOD
3	Road 620	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	MOD	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
4	Nipinnawasee	HIGH	MOD	HIGH	MOD	MOD	HIGH	HIGH
5	John West Rd.	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	MOD	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
6	Sugar Pine	HIGH	HIGH	MOD	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	LOW
7	North Fork	HIGH	MOD	HIGH	MOD	MOD	MOD	HIGH
8	Oakhurst	HIGH	MOD	HIGH	MOD	MOD	MOD	HIGH
9	Bass Lake Annex	HIGH	MOD	LOW	HIGH	MOD	HIGH	HIGH
10	Bass Lake	HIGH	MOD	HIGH	HIGH	MOD	HIGH	LOW
11	Sky Acres	HIGH	HIGH	MOD	MOD	MOD	HIGH	MOD

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Proof is in the pudding?

## 2005 Oakhurst Area Plan

--shows some **20 connectors** that should be considered and built.  
--some are common to high fire hazard areas.

In 17 years, **how many** have been addressed? 2? 3?

At this rate, the time to complete the area plan is **100+ years!**

## OAKHURST AREA PLAN

Adopted by the  
Board of Supervisors

September 13, 2005



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# Accountability

## Citizens Oversight Committee Suggested changes

### Current

Intended independent by BOS but:  
Members are selected by MCTA  
(And NO inputs from COC )  
No budget  
MCTC controls audits

Eligibility – “no” gov’t employees

Appendix C – bullet points only

No performance audits employed

### Recommended

Change to  
**Members self-selected by COC**  
**Provide own Budget**  
Place **Audit** under COC control

Change to “never” been a gov’t employee

COC develop full **bylaws** with additional categories based on framework in App. C

Fully enable **performance audits** and **Sales Tax receipts**



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