

**EAST COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE
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East County Fire and Rescue Fire Commissioners Pass Resolution to Place a Fire Levy Lid Lift on the August 6th Primary Election Ballot

On March 19th, the East County Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to place a levy lid lift on the August 6, 2024 primary election ballot. This lid lift would fund additional full-time staffing and replacement of critical equipment such as fire engines and water tenders while minimizing expense by paying cash rather than using debt.

Transitioning to increased full-time staffing at Stations 91 and 94 would reduce response times and be an investment in the reliability and efficiency of services crucial to our community's well-being. Accumulating reserve funds over time and paying cash for replacement of apparatus and equipment instead of financing these purchases, saving taxpayers money in interest payments.

These positive steps to improve our ability to serve the community will ensure that your fire and rescue services remain ready, responsive, and financially responsible. This reflects the values we all share for a safe and secure community.

To learn more, please visit www.ecfr.us/fire-lid-lift

If you have any questions, please contact Fire Chief Edward Hartin at ehartin@ecfr.us or (360) 834-4908.

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