

# East Contra Costa Fire Protection District



**Contra Costa County CSDA**  
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# Talking Points / Objectives

- ECCFPD's Mission & Service Area
- How ECCFPD was Established / Created
- How ECCFPD is Funded
- What ECCFPD has done to Increase Revenue
- ECCFPD's Current Challenges
- Next Steps



# *To Serve and Protect Life, Environment and Property with Service above all else.*

- ECCFPD formed in 2002, as a special district
- ECCFPD was formed after Proposition 13 was in place, “low revenue district”
- ECCFPD has severe budgetary challenges with limited revenues
  - *Revenue issue not a spending issue*
- Drastic cuts have been made to date= other system issues (retention / maintenance)
- Provides fire protection, fire suppression, and emergency medical services:
  - 7000+ calls for service annually
- 249 square mile service area:
  - Population = 115,000 : Brentwood, Oakley, Discovery Bay, Byron, Bethel Island, Knightsen, the Morgan Territory/Marsh Creek area



# Current Staffing

4 Stations\*

(\*STATION 94 WILL CLOSE 6/2017)



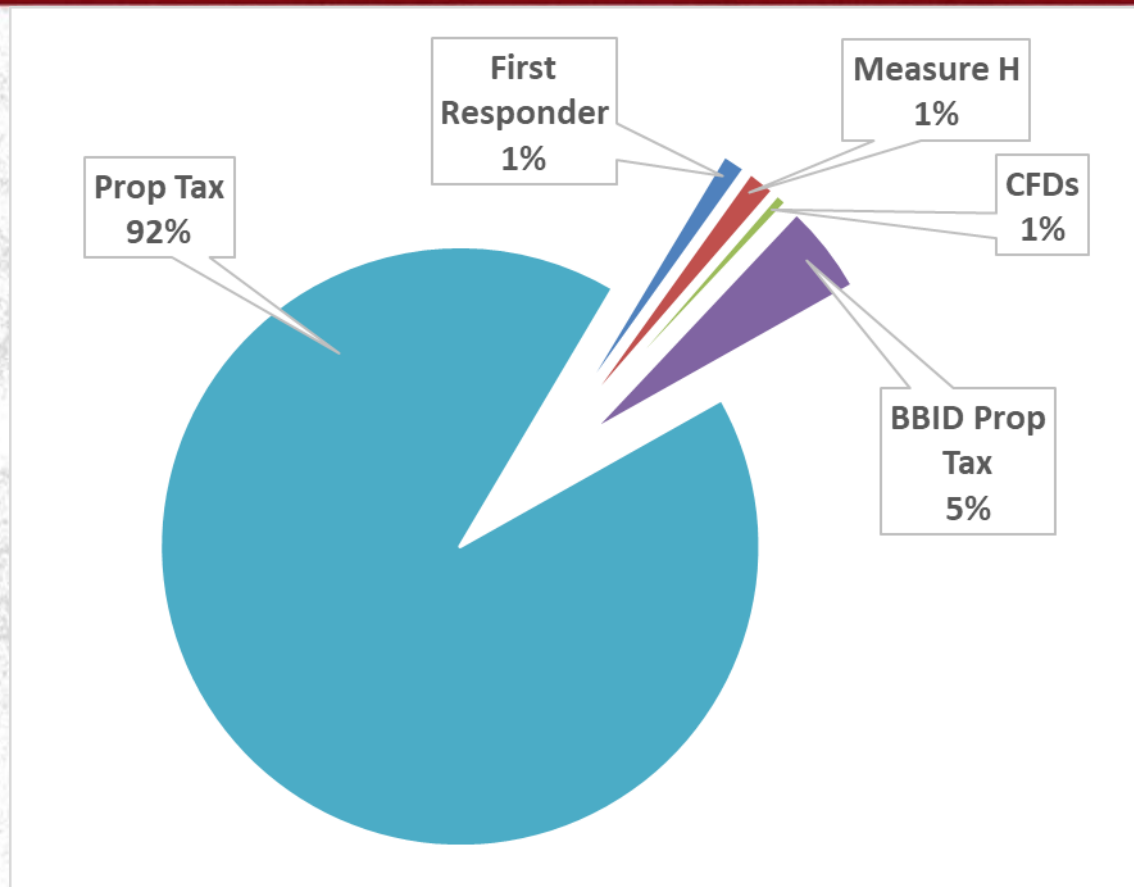
# Master Plan Staffing

9 Stations

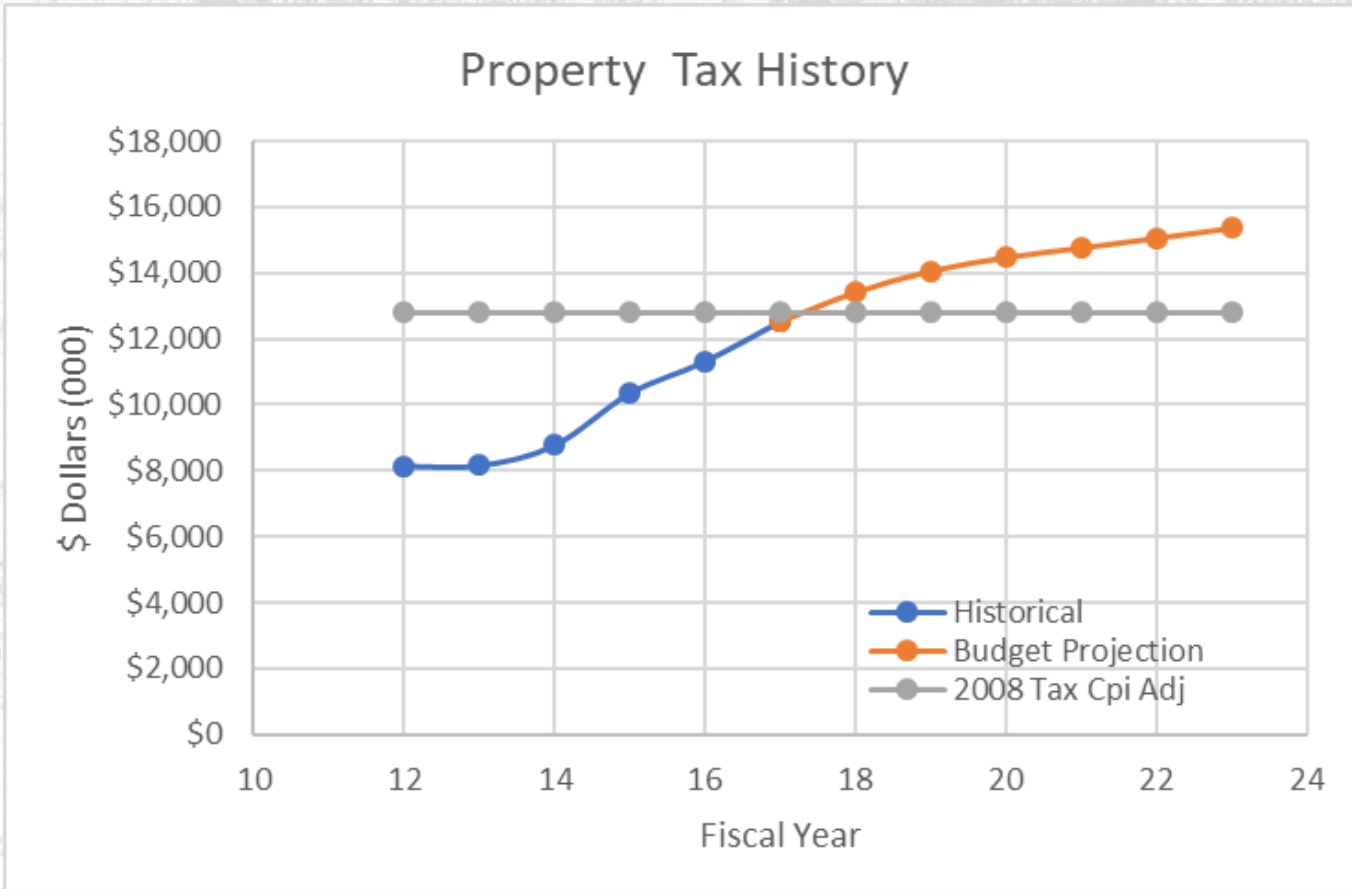


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# What ECCFPD has done:

- Federal SAFER Grant- *short term funding*
- MOUs- *short term funding*
- Parcel Tax- *did not pass*
- Benefit Assessment- *did not pass*
- Utility Taxes- *did not pass*
  - Past Criticism:
    - *Lack of transparency, measurable plan, messaging, scare tactics*



# *Current Challenges*

- Lack of a measurable plan
- To many options- achievable vs. not achievable
  - *Need to eliminate options that are not achievable*
- Individuals / groups working independently of the Fire District





# Next Steps

- Live within current means: 3 Stations (not adequate protection), sustainable for 10 years and address retention issues.
- Demonstrate transparency and commit to public engagement to increase awareness of the District's challenges and build confidence
- Develop a measurable, strategic and economic plan, to meet Master Plan recommendations: services, timelines, today and future associated costs- to start in January 2018
- The District (ECCFPD) takes the lead roll in any initiative with support coming from Cities & County and Community Groups



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