



Humboldt No. 1 Fire Protection District

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PROPOSED 2024 FIRE SUPPRESSION ASSESSMENT – Notice and Ballot

You are receiving this notice and assessment ballot because your property is within the Humboldt No. 1 Fire Protection District, which is part of Humboldt Bay Fire.

The purpose of the 2024 Fire Suppression Assessment is to ensure that District properties continue to receive critical emergency services, such as rapid 9-1-1 emergency response times, by attracting and retaining qualified firefighters and improving and coordinating communications during local emergencies.

The 2024 Assessment is calculated based on a District evaluation of fire protection needs, the revenue needed to address those needs, and an allocation that reflects the benefit provided to each parcel.

The 2024 Assessment would be levied only within the Humboldt No. 1 Fire Protection District to generate the revenue needed to maintain and enhance fire protection services in your area. It would continue annually unless changed by law, or by vote of property owners in the District. The total proposed additional annual amount to be assessed in fiscal year 2024/25 for the entire District is \$470,778, at a rate not to exceed \$12 per unit of benefit. The proposed FY2024/25 assessment amount for your specific property is shown on the assessment ballot.

Background information

The Humboldt No. 1 Fire Protection District was formed In August of 1929 to help address the need for fire protection in the outlying unincorporated areas of the greater Eureka area. In 2011 the Humboldt No. 1 Fire Protection District and City of Eureka Fire Department consolidated to form Humboldt Bay Fire.

Humboldt Bay Fire has five stations covering Eureka and the unincorporated areas. Each month is slightly different, but up to 70% of all 9-1-1 calls in our area require emergency medical attention. In recent years, we've been forced to temporarily close stations due to lack of staff and firefighters.

We understand that it is critical for us to maintain the response times of firefighters and first responders. If you have any questions about this proposed assessment or other fire suppression issues, you can learn more at <https://www.hbfire.org>.