

SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT

To: District Board Members
From: Thomas J. Finn, District Director/Secretary, as Staff
Date: for June 3, 2026 Special Meeting
Subject: Resolution Calling for an Election for the Passage of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Four-Year Special Parcel Tax for the Tax Cycle 2027-2031

RECOMMENDATION: Staff is recommending the following actions:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution approving calling for an election for renewal of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (“RVPA”) four-year special parcel tax for 2027-2031 and requesting the Marin County Board of Supervisors consolidate the election with the Statewide General Election.

 2. Authorize the Board Secretary to take all actions, on behalf of District, to implement the attached Resolution.
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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Ross Valley Paramedic Authority ("RVPA") has provided responsive, high-quality Fire Department paramedic and pre-hospital emergency medical care to the community for over 40 years. One of the oldest regional partnerships in Marin County, RVPA is a Joint Powers Authority formed in 1982 among the Cities/Towns of Corte Madera, Larkspur, Fairfax, Ross, and San Anselmo; the Kentfield Fire Protection District; the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District; and the County of Marin (“Member Agencies”) to provide paramedic services in and across the Member Agencies’ jurisdictions through a single public agency.

RVPA is funded primarily through special parcel tax revenues. Every four years the voters within each Member Agency’s jurisdiction vote to fund the parcel tax for another four-year period. Voters have consistently approved the RVPA tax. The current tax expires on June 30, 2027. To maintain funding, each Member Agency must place the parcel tax on the ballot as a local ballot measure, which must be approved by two-thirds of the voters.

Under the proposed tax, each taxable residential unit is taxed at a rate of up to \$107.50, and every 1,000 square feet of developed nonresidential property, and is adjusted up to \$4 per year. The current approved tax rate applies to residential units and every 1,500 square feet for nonresidential uses through the end of fiscal year 2027. The proposed tax would apply to developed, nonresidential uses at every 1,000 square feet. Additionally, the current adjustment rate would change from \$3 to up to \$4 per year.

During the period of the tax, the governing body of each Member Agency annually confirms the tax by adoption of a Resolution. RVPA recommends the annual increase in the tax within the limit every year based on the financial need of RVPA to maintain its service. The tax is not automatically increased \$4 per year, but rather may be up to that amount depending on the financial condition of RVPA. Below are the tax rates :

- FY 26-27 (current) \$103.50
- FY 27-28 Up to: \$107.50
- FY 28-29 Up to: \$111.00
- FY 29-30 Up to: \$114.50
- FY 30-31 Up to: \$118.00

The proposed ballot language is as follows:

To maintain rapid 9-1-1 emergency response times and preserve the number of on-duty paramedics ready to respond to accidents/medical emergencies, shall the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority measure be adopted continuing for four years the paramedic services special tax of up to \$107.50/ residential living unit or 1,000 square feet of developed nonresidential property, adjusted up to \$4/ year, generating approximately \$105,000 annually, with annual audits, public spending disclosure and all funds for local paramedic services?

Upon passage of the RVPA tax measure by two-thirds of voters, the parcel tax becomes effective ten days after it is declared by the Board for the term of the next tax cycle. The Resolution also requests that the Marin County Board of Supervisors consolidate the local election with the Statewide General Election on November 3, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution calling for an election for passage of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (“RVPA”) four-year special parcel tax for 2027-2031 and requesting the Marin County Board of Supervisors consolidate the election with the Statewide General Election.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Resolution