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CONSULTING TEAM SEEKS INPUT FROM CITIZENS REGARDING FUTURE OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Fitch and Associates, LLC will be hosting a series of town hall meetings to engage citizens regarding current and future Contra Costa County Fire Protection District service delivery models. In February 2013, the Board of Supervisors, serving as the Board of Directors of the Fire District, approved a contract with Fitch to conduct a study of District operations and make recommendations for future service delivery options. The District has been dealing with severe budget cuts that have resulted in decreased services and fire station closures. Voters did not pass a parcel tax measure last Fall, which would have helped to maintain existing fire suppression service levels.

There will be three town hall meetings scheduled for the week of August 19th. Each meeting will include a public education component regarding the study and a public forum – a chance for citizens to speak directly with the consultants regarding their views of District service delivery and operations. The meetings will take place at the following locations:

Date: Monday, August 19th
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Pittsburg Community Library
80 Power Avenue
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Date: Tuesday, August 20 th	Date: Wednesday, August 21 st
Time: 6:30pm	Time: 6:30pm
Location: Lafayette Veteran's Memorial Bldg. 3780 Mount Diablo Boulevard Lafayette, CA 94549	Location: Clayton Community Library 6125 Clayton Road Clayton, CA 94517

Supervisor Candace Andersen of District II stated that citizen engagement in the study process is key to its success. "Citizens offer direct, practical feedback that is critical to evaluating the future of the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District," Andersen added.

Fitch plans to present study findings to the Board of Supervisors in January 2014. For more information regarding Fitch and Associates, LLC and the Fire Study, please visit <http://www.cccounty.us/ConFireStudy>.

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