

Measure K Citizen's Oversight Committee

Yuba County Government Center
Linda Conference Room
915 8th Street
Marysville, CA 95901

October 6, 2025

6:00 PM

Start: 5:59pm

End: 7:15 pm

1. Approve meeting minutes of August 6, 2025 – lack quorum, no official business
2. County attendance – Jenna Shinn, Oscar Marin, and Kevin Mallen
Committee attendance – Rich Webb and Fred Morawcznski
Fire District attendance – Chris Green, Stacy Green, Marc Zamora, Randy York, Tedd Sapp, Art Paquette, Mike Butler, Kyle Heggstrom, Landon Haack, and Brian Skehan
Members of the Public – Kim Biggs
3. Introduction of Measure K Oversight Committee members
4. Introduction of the fire districts
5. Open discussion of Measure K benefits –

Brownsville (Foothills) has been focused on equipment upgrades and operational improvements. The department is currently working on a cabin chassis build and planning for a structure engine replacement, as the existing engine is 33 years old. The body build for this replacement will take approximately five years, and Measure K funds are being earmarked to help finance that effort. There is also potential to replace their Type 3 engine in the future. In 2023, the department purchased a chief rig to assist with vegetation removal and acquired a Type 6 engine, which is highly effective in tight areas such as roadways and driveways. Measure K funds have also supported training and education expenses. The department remains 100% volunteer-based, with volunteers receiving a stipend, and has invested in new PPE, as the wildland gear prior to Measure K was significantly outdated. All purchase actions for Measure K funds require board approval.

Smartsville has made several investments to enhance its capabilities. The department purchased a water tender, currently being paid for in installments, which has been deployed by Cal Fire when needed. Additionally, a utility truck was acquired from Linda Fire, and the team is in the process of building a Type 6 engine using existing trucks. The department consists of 14 personnel, including 3

paid staff. Recent changes to PPE regulations by Cal/OSHA required the replacement of gear older than 10 years, resulting in the loss of some equipment. To improve operational efficiency, Smartsville initiated a GIS program using ArcGIS software to map its district, providing critical information such as water sources and gate codes. Any expenditure over \$5,000 requires board approval.

Olivehurst Fire has recently completed an extension to its fire station, which now includes a gym and a dedicated tool room. The department also purchased a Type 6 engine and funded a portion of a ladder truck to strengthen its firefighting capabilities. Additionally, a command truck was acquired to support operations. Olivehurst Fire currently has 25 personnel, including 9 full-time staff and 3 firefighters on payroll. Any expenditure over \$10,000 requires board approval.

Camptonville is planning to purchase a Type 6 engine to enhance its firefighting capabilities. The department recently acquired new wildland gear to ensure compliance and safety standards. Camptonville operates with 11 personnel, all of whom are volunteers. Any expenditure over \$15,000 requires board approval. Additionally, the department hosts a large annual picnic fundraiser, which generates approximately \$10,000 to support its operations.

Linda Fire Department purchased both a Type 1 and a Type 3 engine, with additional units currently on order. To enhance service capabilities, battery-operated equipment has been added, and information technology upgrades were implemented through software purchases. A water tender was also acquired to strengthen firefighting resources. In addition, Linda Fire constructed a new Administration Building, which was furnished and equipped with gym facilities. All expenditures require board action for approval.

District 10 (D10) is currently being overseen by Linda Fire and has recently purchased a drone to support firefighting operations. The department notes that the loss of Measure K funding would result in a significant reduction in staff and the elimination of mental health advisor services. Once the annexation process with Linda Fire is complete, all assets will be transferred. All expenditures require board action for approval.

Dobbins/Oregon Fire Department purchased a Type 6 engine, with another scheduled for delivery in March 2026, and converted an older rescue vehicle into an additional Type 6 engine. PPE for wildland gear is being replaced as older equipment ages out. Two sets of electric jaws of life, powered by rechargeable 6V batteries, were acquired along with a focusable entry tool to enhance rescue operations. EMT refresher courses were funded to maintain certification standards, and aging radios are being replaced with new technology required by Cal Fire. The department also upgraded its defibrillators to improve medical response. Dobbins/Oregon House remains 100% volunteer-based, with up to 18 volunteers available on a good day, though typically 5–6 respond. The team provides road rescue, emergency response services, and water rescue operations.

Plumas Brophy department currently operates with 3 full-time staff, 3 seasonal personnel, and approximately 40 volunteers. Significant upgrades include the

addition of a gym and accommodations that allow for overnight sleeping at the station. Equipment enhancements include two sets of electric jaws of life and the acquisition of a Lucas device, which provides automated chest compressions during cardiac emergencies. Expenditures are recommended by the Fire Chief and require board approval.

Loma Rica/Browns Valley contracts with Cal Fire and currently has two volunteers, though recruiting additional volunteers remains a challenge. The district has invested in equipment upgrades, including the purchase of two engines—a Type 3 and a Type 2, which are scheduled for delivery in 2027. The department also acquired new rescue equipment. Additionally, the district rents out equipment to Cal Fire, generating supplemental revenue. These upgrades have not only improved operational capabilities but also contributed to lowering homeowners' insurance rates within the district.

6. Committee member comments – The committee thanked the fire districts for sharing their updates and giving a presentation.
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