



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: FIRE DEPARTMENT
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TITLE: SALINAS FIRE DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN ADOPTION

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a resolution adopting the Salinas Fire Department Long-range Master Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Salinas Fire Department (SFD) hired AP Triton LLC to develop a data-driven, long-range master plan. This comprehensive plan represents the culmination of extensive data-driven research, analysis, and collaboration, and is intended to guide the growth, development, and enhancement of our city's fire department services over the next 10 years. This plan is the result of input from various stakeholders, including City officials, fire department personnel, community members, and experts in fire service planning. We respectfully request that the City Council review the Fire Department Master Plan and consider its adoption.

BACKGROUND:

The Salinas Fire Department Master Plan has been meticulously crafted to address the current and future needs of our community in terms of emergency response, fire prevention, public safety education, and organizational efficiency. This study takes into consideration future community conditions that include housing development, population growth, and service demand projections. In addition, future delivery system models will include the development of response standards and targets, short-term, mid-term, long-term strategies, and much more.

Key Components of the Master Plan:

Service Assessment and Response Strategies: The plan outlines an assessment of current fire department services and identifies areas where improvements are needed. It also proposes strategies to optimize response times, enhance emergency medical services, and manage resources effectively.

Infrastructure and Equipment: The master plan identifies the necessary infrastructure upgrades and equipment investments required to ensure the fire department's ability to respond to a wide range of emergencies. This includes fire stations, vehicles, communication systems, and specialized equipment.

Risk Reduction and Prevention: The plan emphasizes the importance of proactive risk reduction and prevention measures to minimize the occurrence and impact of emergencies. It includes recommendations for community outreach, education, and collaboration with other city departments and agencies.

Personnel and Training: A critical aspect of the plan is the enhancement of personnel capabilities through training, professional development, and recruitment strategies. This ensures that our firefighters are well-prepared to handle diverse and complex emergency situations.

Collaboration and Partnerships: The master plan recognizes the value of partnerships with neighboring jurisdictions, regional agencies, and non-governmental organizations to create a coordinated response network that maximizes resources and expertise.

By adopting the Salinas Fire Department Master Plan, the City Council will signal its commitment to the safety and well-being of our residents and businesses. The plan provides a roadmap for strategic decision-making, resource allocation, and service improvements that align with our community's evolving needs.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Completion of this report supports the following City of Salinas Strategic Plan goals and objectives:

Public Safety
Infrastructure and Environmental Responsibility
Effective and Culturally Responsible Government

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Completion of the master plan relied upon vast amounts of statistical data from both internal and external sources. Staff provided detailed response data from current and legacy fire department records management systems. City GIS staff provided detailed information for mapping of hazards,

and the Community Development Department provided guidance on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Corroborating Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) response data was provided by the Monterey Emergency Communication Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Implementation of the recommendations contained in this report may have initial and/or ongoing fiscal impacts that will be the subject of future action(s) by the City Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

Fire Department Master Plan
Resolution
Master Plan Presentation