



**MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
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RE: South Fork Consultants- Draft MSR Report- Mosquito Fire Protection District

As one reads the Mosquito Fire Protection District MSR, as produced by Southfork Consulting, it becomes clear that there is a predetermined outcome. That conclusion is that Mosquito is a small rural fire district that is neither financially viable nor operationally sound. Starting from that conclusion, the report goes on to seek and utilize a mix of opinion, conjecture, and data to support that claim. And there is a conscious effort to reject opinion, conjecture, and data to the contrary.

In July 2020 Jack Rosevear was appointed Fire Chief and in November 2020 a new majority was elected to the Board of Directors. In their first year together, this team has significantly increased the level of voluntarism in the District, generated a budget surplus, increased the amount of district reserves, doubled the amount of grant funds to be used in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

These facts have been shared with the consultants who have concluded they are not considered a part of their charge. So, the report reads that there was a two-year cycle of deficit spending several years ago and that is "proof" that the District is not financially viable. They know there is conflicting data, but since it undermines the predetermined conclusion, they reject it.

As a result, we encourage those who receive this report and consider acting upon its findings to seek further data as those findings are biased and inaccurate over time.

Finally, we thank Southfork Consulting for commending the District for generating a good strategic plan and wish they had pursued the purposeful implementation that has followed from that plan.

