

Monterey County Board of Supervisors
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Fire Fuel Mitigation

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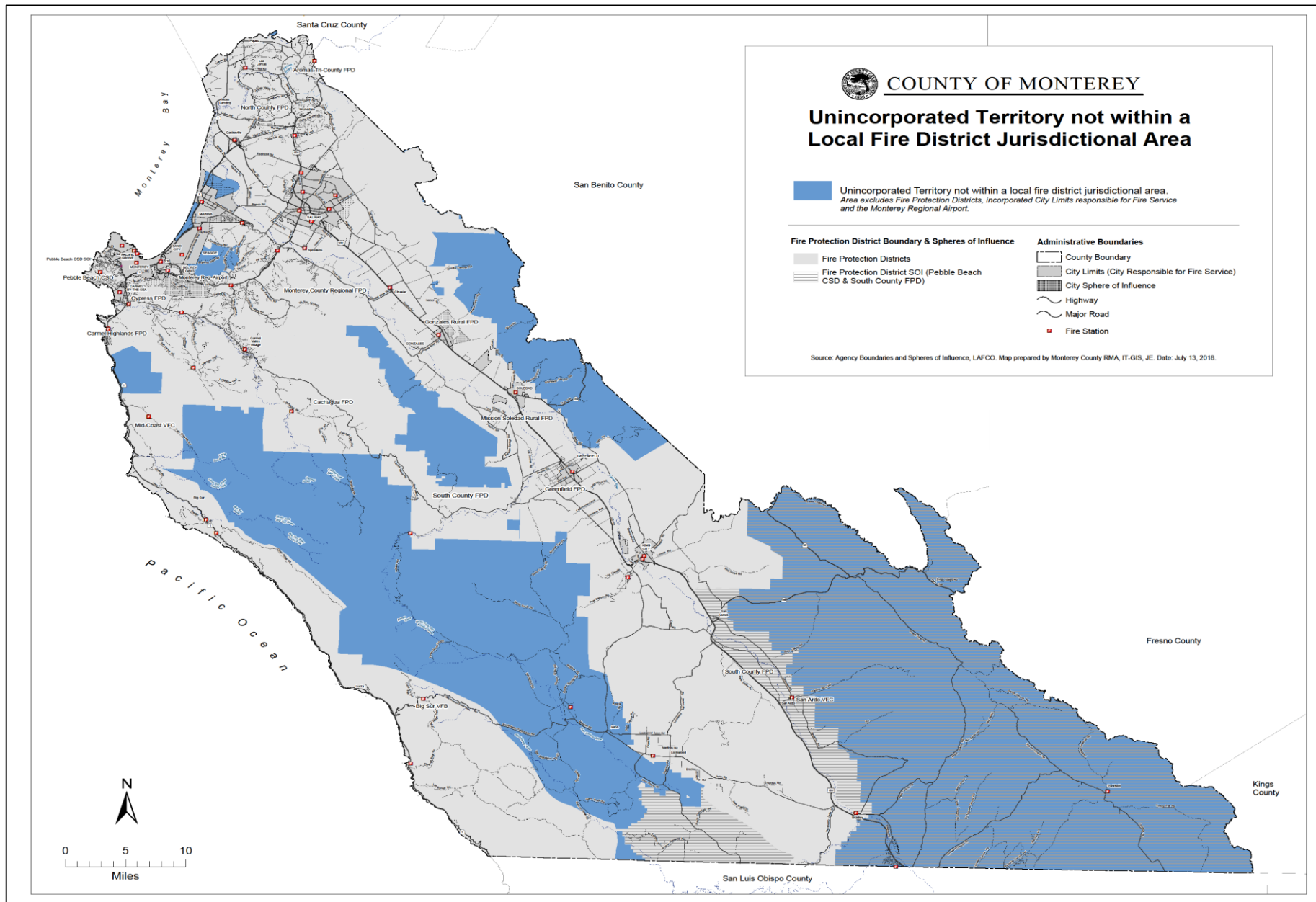
- ▶ In 2011, Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance and resolution for the positions of County Fire Warden and a Fire Fuel Mitigation Officer
- ▶ The positions remained opened for several years after the retirement of Chief Rick Hutchinson
- ▶ FY 2015, funding for \$300,000 was approved for both positions
- ▶ FY 2016, funding was reduced by one-half, \$150,000, to allow for one position

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- ▶ June 26, 2018, Board of Supervisors (BOS) held hearings to adopt the annual budget for FY 2018-2019
 - ▶ RMA submitted an augmentation for \$150,000 for fire fuel mitigation services
 - ▶ BOS directed staff to return with a report to further information on services to be provided
- ▶ Resource Conservation District (RCD) has expressed interest in contracting with the Resource Management Agency (RMA) for provisions of fire fuel mitigation services within the unincorporated areas not within the local fire district jurisdictional area

Scope of Services

- ▶ Implement objectives of the Monterey County Community Wildfire Protection Plans (MCCWPP)
- ▶ Coordination of forest fire vegetation management programs
- ▶ Grant writing and fundraising
- ▶ Development of forest vegetation mitigation programs
- ▶ Assist in preparing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents for fire protection agencies/landowners
- ▶ Identify funding to sustain staffing and fire prevention efforts
- ▶ Proactively address fire dangers
- ▶ Active participation in community meetings



Recommendation:

- ▶ Provide direction to negotiate and draft a contract with RCD
- ▶ Consider the financing options for allocating up to \$150,000 to fund costs for Fuel Fire Mitigation:
 - ▶ Allocating funds from the General Funds
 - ▶ Allocating funds from Cannabis Revenue