

Yes on Measure U Ballot Argument

Vote Yes on Measure U to support Fire Protection and Emergency Services in Monte Rio, Northwoods, Duncans Mills, Villa Grande, Jenner, and Muniz Ranch areas. Measure U will provide dedicated funding to the Monte Rio Fire Protection District that will be utilized to assure that there is a full time firefighter on duty at all times, modernize needed equipment for firefighter and community safety, and protect us from dangerous wildfires.

The Monte Rio Fire Protection District is at a crossroads. For its entire history, the citizens that rely on the valuable protections and emergency services the District provides depended on a dedicated group of volunteers to be the first to respond to almost any type of emergency.

We have relied on Chief Steve Baxman, whose volunteer dedication is unparalleled, and a dedicated group of volunteer firefighters to be our first responders. Most volunteers work out of the area and are not always available when a call comes in. Chief Baxman has at times been the only responder, and he will eventually retire. The current situation is not safe, or sustainable.

Yes on Measure U will reduce response times to all parts of our District by maintaining a paid firefighter in the station at all times, creating a 30 second to 1 minute leave time, saving precious minutes for rural residents. Measure U will generate approximately \$500,000 annually, that will be solely used for Fire and Emergency services in our district, giving us local control of these dollars. Every cent from Measure U will be spent on critical Fire and Emergency service needs.

Yes on Measure U is a community investment that will create a sustainable and dedicated source of revenue to prepare us for wildfires, decrease response times, and better serve the residents of our district.

Vote Yes on Measure U.