



EXAMPLES OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS

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GLENN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Location: Glenn County

About District: Provides wildlife prevention and fuels reduction as well as agriculture assistance through healthy soils services for a population of approximately 29,000 people; also supports farmers in meeting regulatory programs.

Confronting COVID-19: Sharing critical public information and resources within its areas of expertise.

Challenges: With no tax funding, the district is unable to meet expenses where health orders restrict the performance of grant agreements with CalFire and the California Department of Food and Agriculture, as well as fee for service projects.

Partnership Needs: Flexibility in the awarding and distribution of grants and recognition of the essential services performed by the district.



GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Location: Groveland, Tuolumne County

About District: Provides fire protection, water, wastewater, water conservation, and park and recreation services to a disadvantaged community of approximately 3,000 residents (growing to 9,000 in summer months due to tourism).

Confronting COVID-19: Operations staff has worked hard to secure personal protective equipment (PPE) and implement remote work systems to ensure water and sewer service necessary to support stay at home orders.

Challenges: Significant budgetary hardships related to purchasing remote work technologies and PPE combined with anticipated property tax revenue loss; Also experienced losses in the tens of thousands of dollars in penalty and interest charges related to non-payment of utilities.

Partnership Needs: Broadband and cellular service infrastructure for both the district and the community; improvements to limited SCADA capabilities; and other technology funding.



MONTARA WATER AND SANITARY DISTRICT

Location: Montara, San Mateo County

About District: Provides Water, Sewer, Garbage and Recycling Services to approximately 6,000 residents in Montara and Moss Beach.

Confronting COVID-19: Conducting public education on proper uses and disposal of wipes; striving to secure PPE and ensure the safety of essential workers through workplace policies

Challenges: Significant repairs needed for two \$100k sewer pumps due to the spike in the use of "flushable" wipes; Revenue reductions related to reduced payments.

Partnership Needs: Revenue relief to purchase needed supplies and equipment as well as avoid curtailment of services; infrastructure funding to restore and maintain treatment systems; new public policies to reduce the inappropriate usage of wet wipes.



FRESNO MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

Location: City of Fresno, Fresno County

About District: Provides mosquito abatement and vector control services to about 380,000 people, including rural, unincorporated disadvantaged communities.

Confronting COVID-19: Stretching resources and remaining staff in an attempt to ensure the health and safety of the community.

Challenges: Two-thirds of staff, including all seasonal staff have been furloughed as the district attempts to provide critical services during mosquito season. Also anticipated property tax revenue losses.

Partnership Needs: Funding relief to support the workforce necessary to monitor and prevent the transmission and spread of vector borne disease.

OXNARD HARBOR DISTRICT – PORT OF HUENEME

Location: Oxnard and Port Hueneme, Ventura County

About District: Imports and exports essential cargo, including produce and automobiles, to residents in Ventura County and 15 surrounding states.

Confronting COVID-19: Providing personal protective equipment, disinfectants, and additional precautions to waterfront workers as they move cargo. Supporting the hardest hit communities in the region through providing meals to farmworkers, lunches to longshoremen supporting the local restaurants, and a blood drive. Working to sustain its over \$9 billion in cargo activity that generates over \$1.5 billion in economic impact and \$119 million in taxes annually.

Challenges: Receives no tax-related revenues and anticipates \$7.1 million in COVID-19 response expenses and losses in revenue through 2021 fiscal year; experiencing a 30 percent revenue loss in 2020 due primarily to decline of auto industry sales related to the pandemic.

Partnership Needs: Financial and infrastructure funding to support the more than 15,834 direct, indirect, induced and influenced jobs regionally.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Location: Fallbrook, San Diego County

About District: Provides fire protection and emergency response to a service area approximately 92 square miles with an estimated population approaching 50,000 people, plus additional services to another 40 square mile territory.

Confronting COVID-19: Fighting to maintain the health of personnel while delivering additional disaster assistance and hazard mitigation stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Challenges: First fire organization in San Diego impacted with emergency service workers who tested positive for COVID-19. Impacts have included curtailment of services; reductions in revenue; and increased costs, especially for needed supplies and equipment.

Partnership Needs: Funding relief to support and maintain personnel through equipment and apparatus as well as covering costs related to healthcare and emergency leave.