

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
COUNTY MEASURES C AND D
BASIC AND ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT
AMBULANCE SERVICES FUNDING**

On February 22, 1988, the Colusa County Board of Supervisors (County) submitted a request to the Colusa County Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) to approve the formation of a county-wide service area for the purpose of providing ambulance service to all residents within the County, including residents of the incorporated Cities of Williams and Colusa. Since the proposal included the incorporated areas of the cities, the consent of the cities was necessary for formation. Thus, on March 2, 1988, and March 8, 1988, the cities of Williams and Colusa, respectively, approved and submitted resolutions reflecting their consent to the formation of a County-wide Ambulance Service Area which included the cities. Thereafter, LAFCO considered the proposal on formation and on June 22, 1988, at a regularly scheduled meeting, approved the formation of the County-wide Ambulance Service Area by Resolution No. 88-3, which was thereafter submitted to the Board of Supervisors. On June 28, 1988, the County held a public hearing and approved the formation of the service area. The service area is now formed.

At the public hearing, the County determined that the question of funding the proposed service should be submitted to the voters for approval. The County adopted Measures C and D to be submitted to the voters at the November 8, 1988, General Election pursuant to California Elections Code Section 23302.

Measure C pertains to basic life support ambulance service (BLS) and Measure D pertains to advanced life support ambulance service (ALS). ALS includes additional pre-hospital medical treatment capability such as IV therapy, advanced airway resuscitation, cardiovascular drug therapy (IV only), and cardiac electrode therapy monitor/defibrillation. County believes that adoption of ALS will greatly improve the quality of services within the County. For BLS, the current level of service provided, County proposes a maximum appropriations limit of \$75,000.00 per year to be collected at \$.02 per acre, \$15.00 per residential unit, and \$30.00 per commercial unit and to adopt an ordinance to implement the funding measure. Measure D provides for an appropriations limit of \$150,000.00 to be collected at \$.04 per acre, \$30.00 per residential unit, and \$60.00 per commercial unit. The ordinance to be adopted for the purpose of implementing these charges is subject to approval of the measures submitted in the November election. The proposed appropriations and charges are submitted as maximums. They do not necessarily reflect actual cost to the taxpayer for the services rendered.

County proposes to continue to contribute \$100,000.00 from the general fund for ambulance service. The balance is proposed to be collected as residential, commercial, and per-acre charges. County presently contracts for two ambulances and anticipates an upgrade to advanced life support (ALS) depending on the outcome of the ballot measures. County will be forced to reassess the level of service provided to residents if Measure C fails because the existing annual contract cost is \$137,000.00. If Measure D fails, County will seek other sources of funding, such as grants, or abandon that aspect of the proposal. Currently ALS is not a required element of ambulance service.

A "yes" vote on Measure C indicates voter approval of imposing a special tax for the purpose of supplementing the County cost for providing a BLS ambulance service. A "no" vote on Measure C indicates disapproval.

A "yes" vote on Measure D indicates voter approval of funding ALS ambulance service through imposition of a special tax. A "no" vote indicates disapproval.

DATED: July 18, 1988.

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**TAX RATE STATEMENT
MEASURES C AND D**

Measure C

Approval of Measure C will directly effect the County General Fund in the event Basic Life Support Ambulance Service is continued at its current level. Measure C will generate approximately one-half of the maximum appropriation in the first year, which will fund the current level of ambulance service without additional contributions from the County General Fund. Without the approval of Measure C the County will be obligated to increase the County General Fund's contribution for ambulance service or reduce the current level of service.

Measure D

There is no fiscal impact on Colusa County as the passage or denial of this measure will determine if Advanced Life Support is implemented or not.

**NO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED**