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Board of Directors
Ventura County Fire Protection District
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SUBJECT:

Adoption of a Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the 2023 Annual Report on the Status of All State-mandated Annual Fire Safety Inspections in the County of Ventura

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In accordance with California Health and Safety Code (Health and Safety Code) section 13146.4, it is recommended that your Board adopt the attached Resolution acknowledging receipt of the report of the Fire District's compliance with state-mandated fire safety inspections required by Health and Safety Code sections 13146.2 and 13146.3.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

There are no additional costs or fiscal impacts associated with this Board action.

DISCUSSION:

The Fire District is required to annually inspect all public and private schools, consisting of kindergarten through twelfth grade (K-12). These are known as Educational Group E occupancies. The Fire District is also required to annually inspect all hotels, motels, lodging houses, multi-family residential buildings with three or more dwelling units (apartments/condominiums), and certain residential care facilities. These are known as Residential Group R occupancies. Both types of occupancies are inspected in accordance with Health and Safety Code sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 to ensure compliance with building standards adopted by, and other regulations required by, the State Fire Marshal. Additionally, the purpose of annual fire inspections is to mitigate known hazards, reduce risk to the community, and ensure reasonable compliance with the California Fire Code.

The Fire District has completed its annual inspection of all 1239 known state-mandated occupancies for calendar year 2022. The inspections consisted of the following:

- 303 K-12 public and private schools
(Health & Safety Code § 13146.3)
- 57 hotels, motels, and lodging houses
(Health & Safety Code § 13146.2)
- 836 apartment/condominium complexes
(Health & Safety Code § 13146.2)
- 43 residential care facilities
(Health & Safety Code § 13146.2)

Further, the recommended Resolution fulfills the statutory requirements contained in Health and Safety Code section 13146.4, as enacted by California Senate Bill No. 1205.

The County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel have reviewed this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 389-9704 or Fire Marshal Massoud Araghi at (805) 947-8515.



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Attachment: Resolution – Health and Safety Code Inspection Compliance