

Summit Town Hall

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1ST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

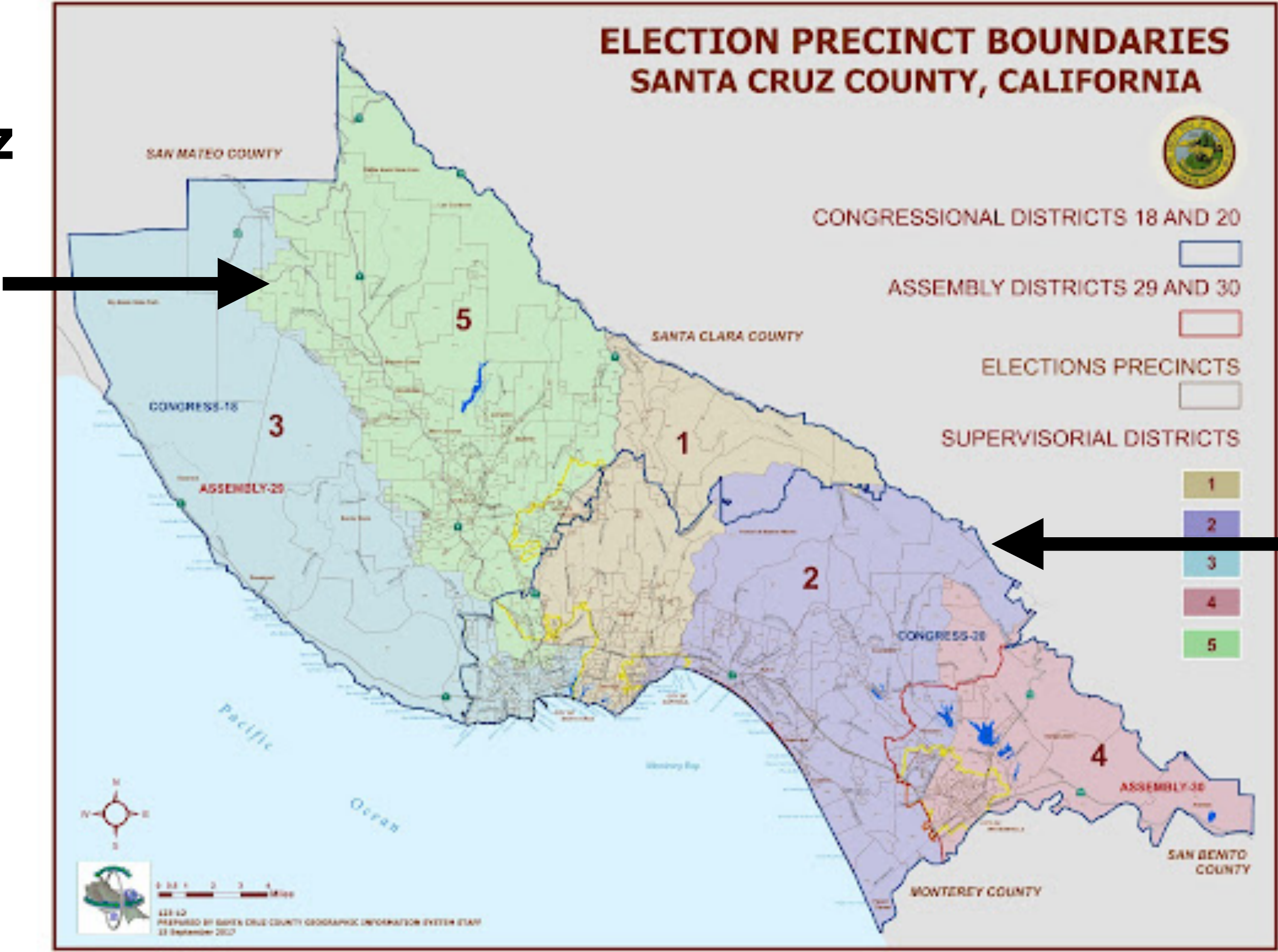
Agenda

- Election Impacts – New Supervisors, Measure Q, President
- County Fire Restructuring
- Road Funding
- Reforming County Tax Allocation
- Sheriff Substation Update



Election Impacts: New Supervisors

D5 – Monica Martinez



D2 – Kim De Serpa



Election Impacts: President Trump

- Strict 2 year enforcement on funding from Federal Highways Administration
- Medicaid/ MediCal waivers eliminated. Could lead to reduced funding for Behavioral Health and Homeless Services.



Election Impacts: Measure Q, Water and Wildfire Protection Act

Passed - 58.9%

Will raise approximately \$7.5 million per year

- 40% distributed via grants
- 20% to cities
- 20% to the County
- 20% to RCD and a local land stewardship partner

“Eligible projects include those focusing on ... development of shaded fuel breaks and reduction of hazardous fuels, forest management ...”



Next Steps

- Required to write a strategic plan
- Create a commission in 2025
- Likely to start taking grant applications in January 2026

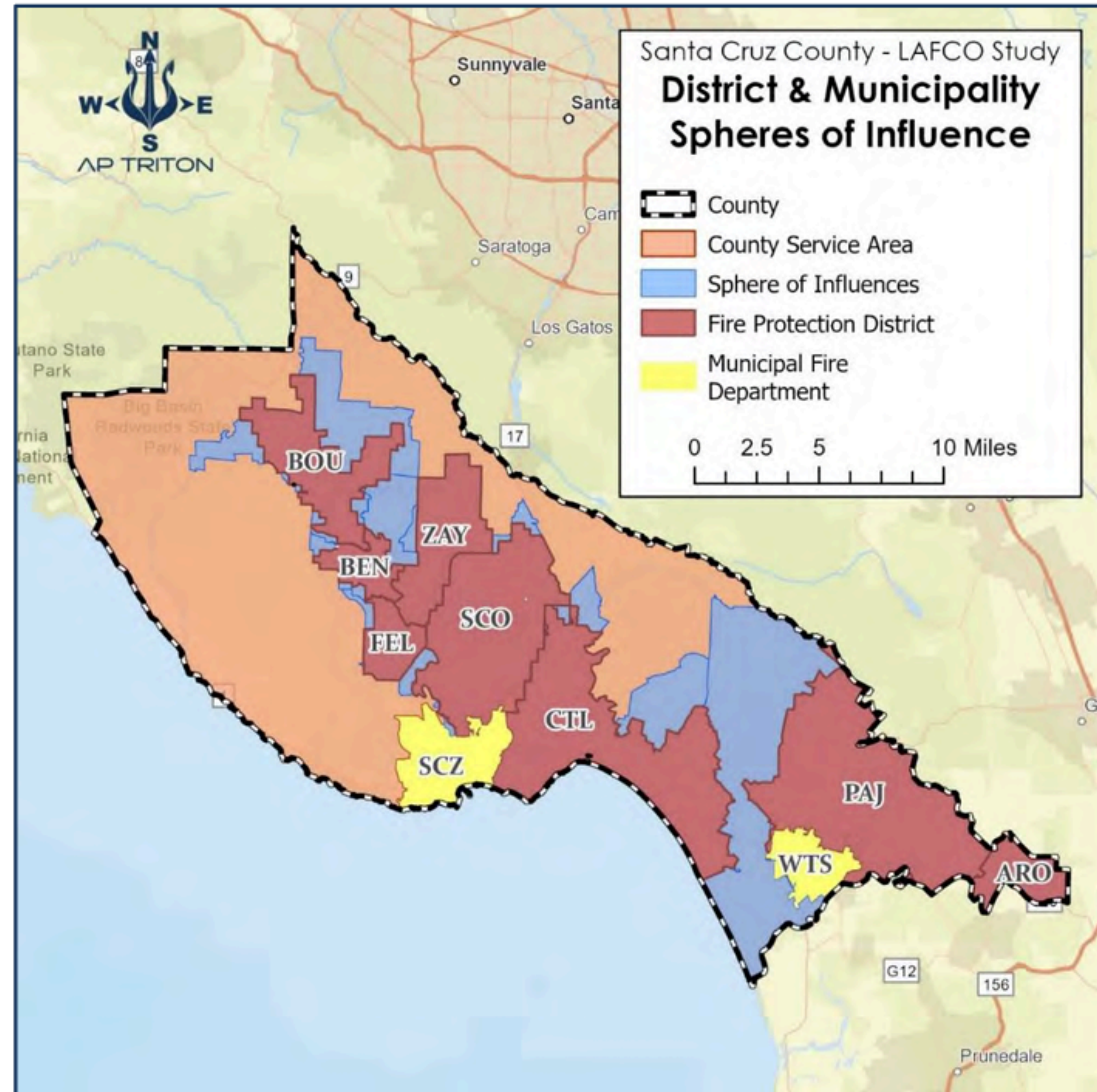


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County Fire - CSA 48 Update

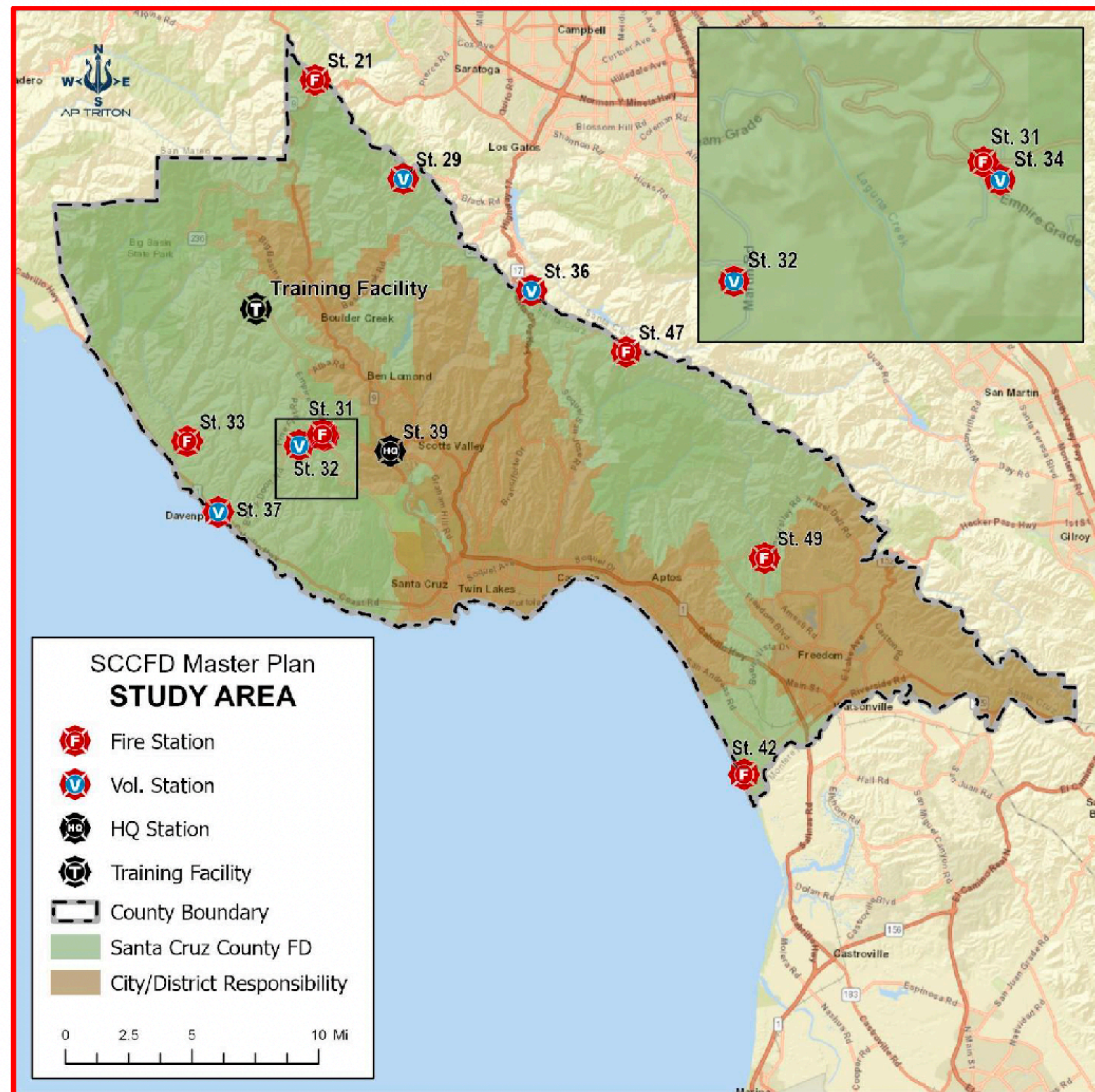
- The current Amador Contract with CalFire needs to be renegotiated.
- There are 12 fire districts within the County
- Small fire districts are struggling (including Pajaro Valley FPD and Felton FPD) due to higher costs and less volunteers.

Figure 5: Fire Service Sphere of Influence Overview



Next Steps

- Fire Department Advisory Committee dissolved.
- County and LAFCO are developing a reorganization plan for CSA 48
- Goals:
 1. 24/7 staffing at 3 stations
 2. Improved accountability
 3. Structure that can handle future mergers.



Road Funding

- **\$7 million** in new funding from Measure K
 - **\$4 million** allocated to contingencies for emergency repairs this winter, may be directed to permanent road repairs in the spring.
- Schulties repair completed
- Stetson permanent repairs postponed till the Spring due to permits and bid 2x higher than estimate





SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ROADS STORM DAMAGE: 2015-2024

SELECT PROJECT STATE

All

SELEC

All

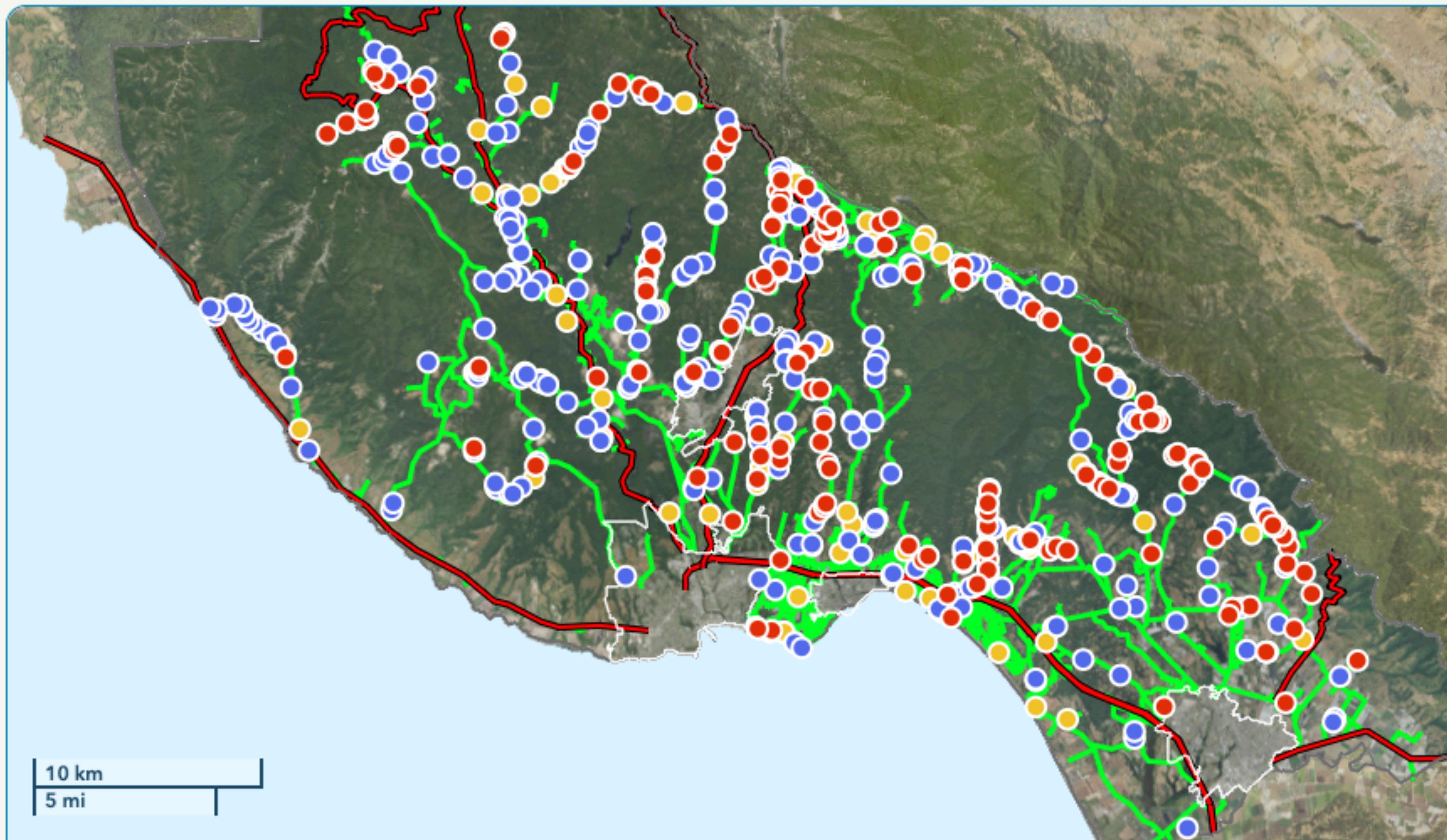
ACTIVE

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\$84.8M

COMPLETED

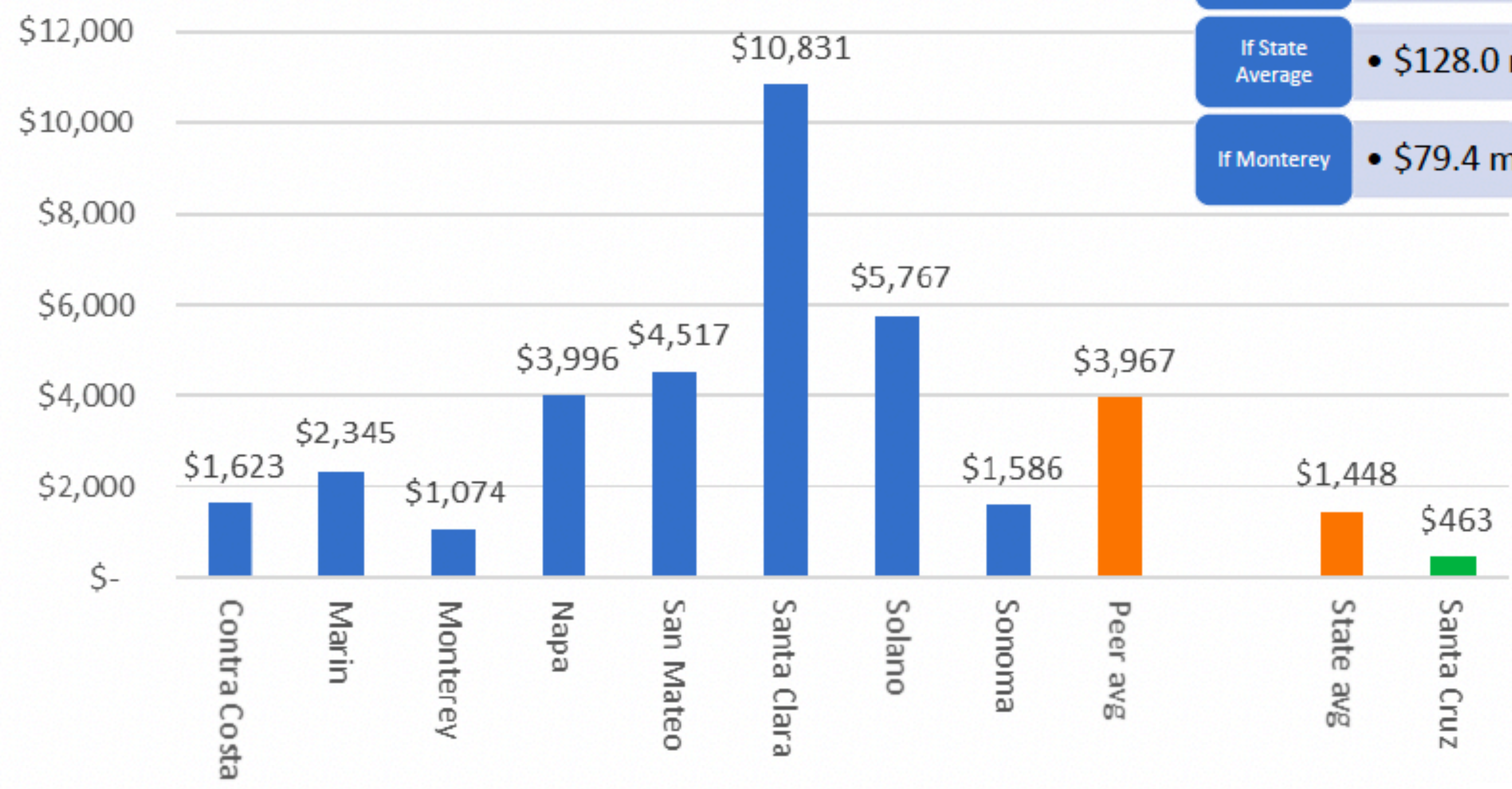
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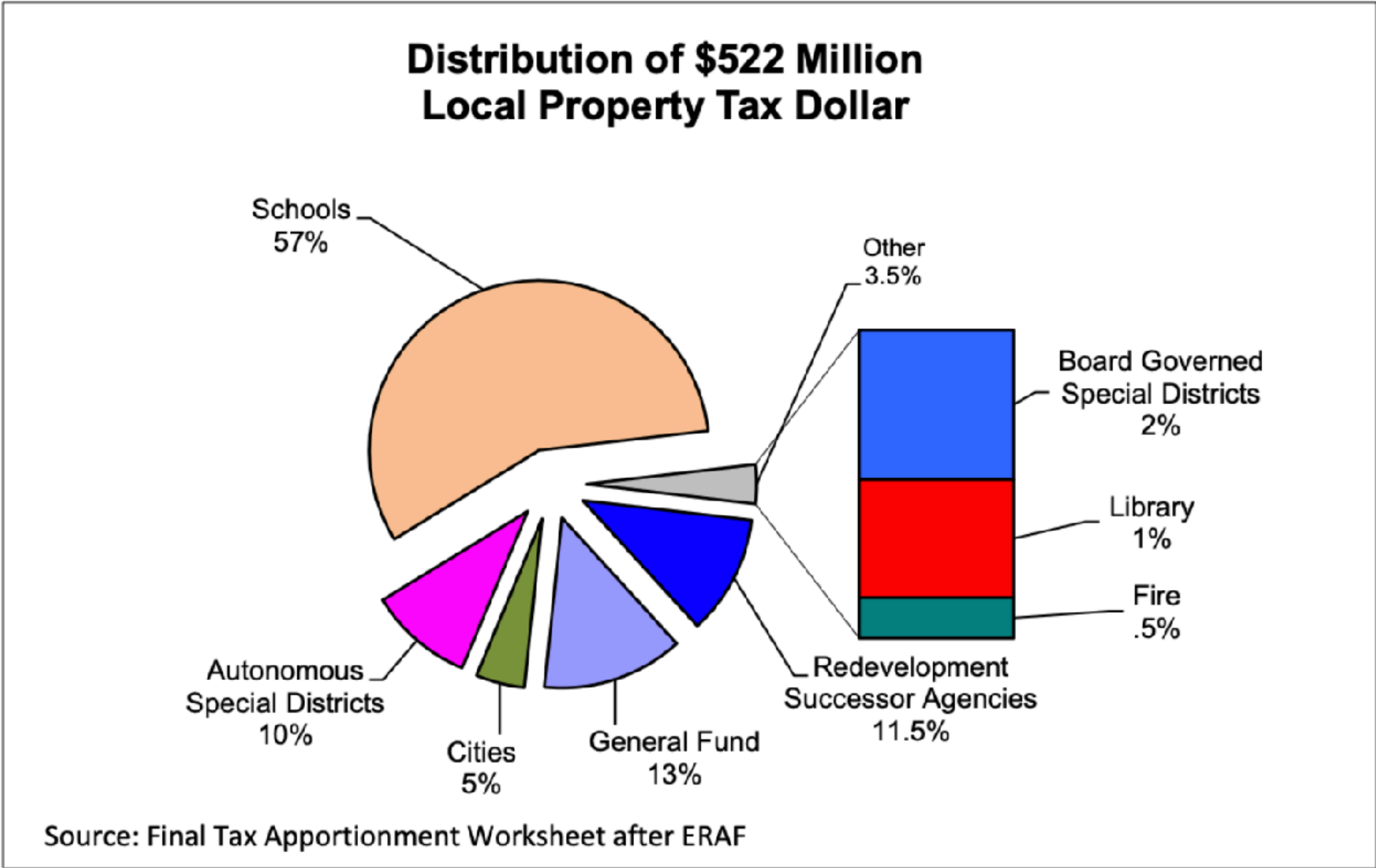
We are 3 to 10 times lower in Property Tax

How much more annually would we have if we were funded to:

- If County Peer Average • \$455.5 million
- If Sonoma • \$145.9 million
- If State Average • \$128.0 million
- If Monterey • \$79.4 million

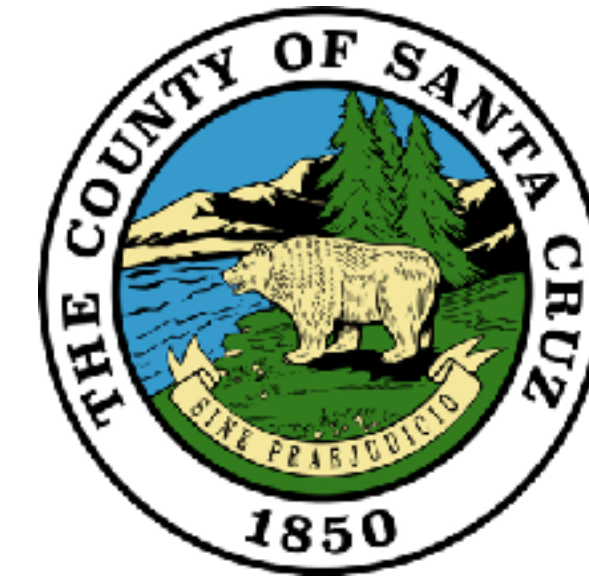


Where do your property taxes go?



Progress Towards Reform

- Monterey County passed resolution calling for reform
- Reviewed options with Legislative Analysts Office
- Constitutional amendment drafted
- Met with Santa Cruz County legislators, as well as those representing Yolo, Orange, San Bernardino, Sacramento
- Reviewing school funding implications with School Districts



Sheriff Substation on Summit Rd

- Plans under review by the Deputy Sheriffs' Association
- Submitting plans to Santa Clara County Building Dept. shortly, permits expected by May
- Start construction late 2025









Questions?

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