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To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

From: Matt Heinz, Supervisor, District 2

Date: February 13, 2025

RE: BOS Addendum Agenda 2/18/25: Fire District Funding Needs

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "M. Heinz", is written over the "To:" and "From:" lines of the memo.

Please add this item to the Addendum Agenda for February 18, 2025. As we are asking various fire chiefs and others to come present, I ask that this item be heard at a time certain of either 11:00 or 11:30AM. Thank you.

Board of Supervisors:

Discussion/Direction: While Tucson Fire Department serves the urban center of our county, numerous other fire districts provide critical services to rural, suburban and unincorporated areas. These districts face unique challenges, including limited budgets, aging equipment, and growing service demands. Ensuring they are adequately equipped and staffed is essential for the safety and well-being of all Pima County residents.

Today we will hear from Chief Bradley of Northwest Fire District, Chief Wunder of Santa Rita FD (formerly Green Valley FD), and Chief Delfs of Avra Valley FD, as well as from firefighter Ryan Ward, who serves on the Southern AZ Firefighters Association, regarding current service levels across fire districts of different sizes serving rural vs urban vs suburban areas, and what more is needed to achieve target service levels across all communities, regardless of property tax base. This discussion will build off the information we received in the 12/16/24 memo from Administrator Leshner, titled [Fire and Emergency Medical Service Response Times in Pima County](#).

At our previous meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved directing our county lobbyist to seek enabling legislation that would allow the Board to refer to the voters a countywide sales tax measure of up to 1/10 of one percent for the purpose of shoring up the finances of all Fire Districts operating within the county. It was discussed that such a measure would need to ensure that those districts that need the most support would get the most support, from this potential countywide funding source.

CC: Jan Leshner, County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Jr, Deputy County Administrator
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Sandra Espinoza, Director, Pima County Office of Emergency Management

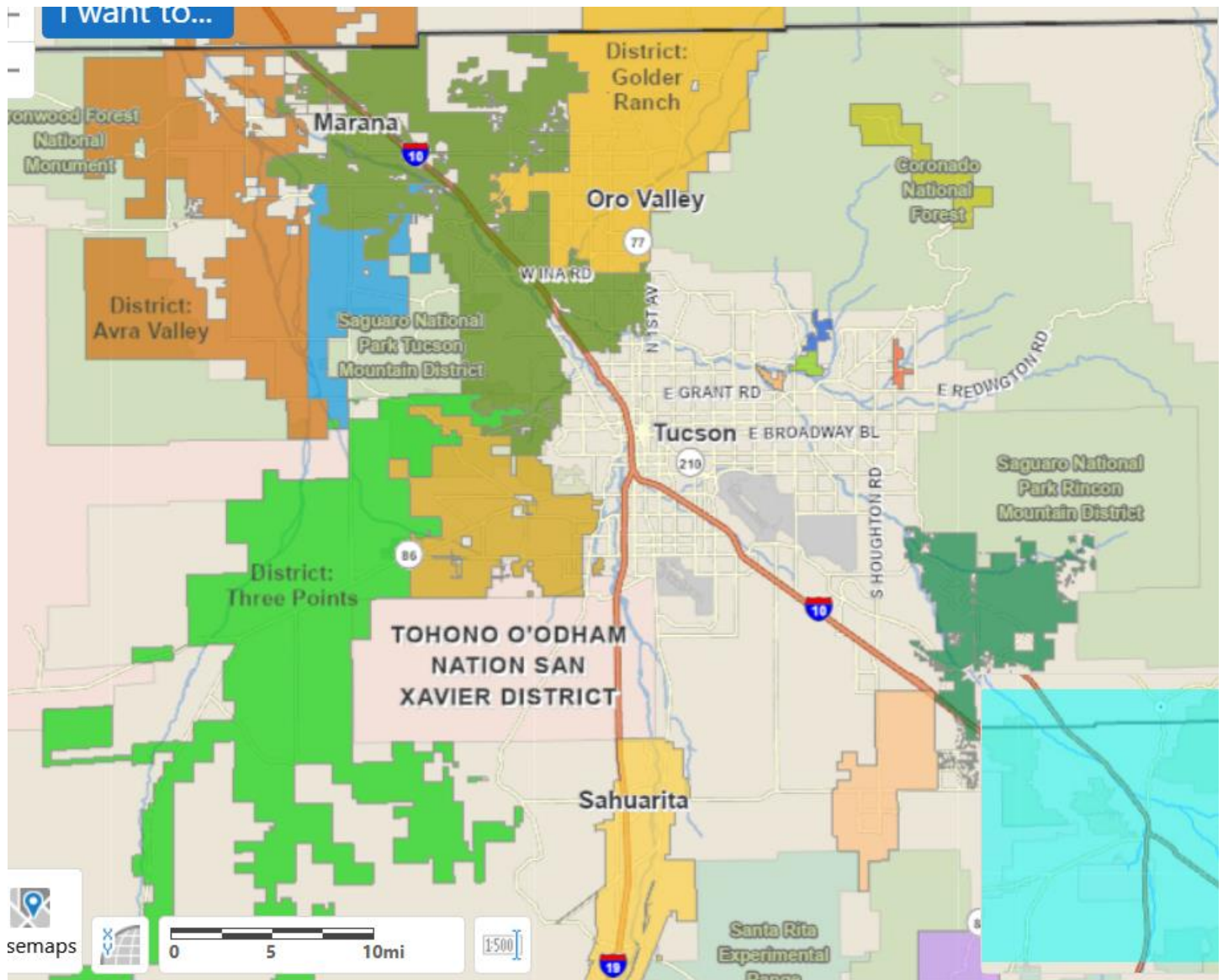
Supervisor Heinz

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Map of local Fire Districts:



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From: Rex Scott
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 3:01 PM
To: David Higuera; Kim Briggs; Kate Hiller; Cami Evans
Cc: Matt Heinz; Melissa Manriquez
Subject: Re: 2/18 Addendum - Fire District Funding Needs

Happy to add my name, David.

Rex

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From: David Higuera <David.Higuera@pima.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 3:00:07 PM
To: Rex Scott <Rex.Scott@pima.gov>; Kim Briggs <Kim.Challender-Briggs@pima.gov>; Kate Hiller <Kate.Hiller@pima.gov>; Cami Evans <Cami.Evans@pima.gov>
Cc: Matt Heinz <Matt.Heinz@pima.gov>; Melissa Manriquez <Melissa.Manriquez@pima.gov>
Subject: Fw: 2/18 Addendum - Fire District Funding Needs

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From: David Higuera <David.Higuera@pima.gov>

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From: Steve Christy
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 3:42 PM
To: David Higuera
Cc: Beth Borozan; Matt Heinz; Melissa Manriquez
Subject: Re: 2/18 Addendum - Fire District Funding Needs

Melissa,

I consent to adding to the addendum Supervisor Heinz' item (attached) for the February 18th Board of Supervisors meeting. Thank you. Steve Christy, Supervisor District 4
Sent from my iPad

On Feb 13, 2025, at 3:07 PM, David Higuera <David.Higuera@pima.gov> wrote:

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