



Fire and Safety Inspections in Santa Cruz County

Summary

Fire agencies, now numbering thirteen across Santa Cruz County, are responsible for not only responding to emergencies but assisting in their prevention. One aspect of the prevention process is ensuring fire and safety codes are complied with, especially in facilities housing the most vulnerable. At a time when both fire danger and respiratory illness are at all time highs, this responsibility is as important as it has ever been. California Health and Safety Codes mandate that fire and safety inspections be performed annually for schools and multifamily residences. The code also mandates that reporting of compliance is performed annually to the governing body. The Grand Jury has found that many of the County's agencies do not fully comply with mandated inspection and reporting. We recommend that the status of these inspections, especially those involving public facilities, be communicated to the public and that gaps in compliance or the ability to inspect be addressed in the 2021 budgeting cycle.

Background

On September 27, 2018, with a vote of 80 to 0, the California State Senate passed Senate Bill 1205, which added section 13146.4 to the California Health and Safety Code ([Appendix A](#)). Effective January 1, 2019, this requires Fire and Safety inspections, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 13146.2 and 13146.3, to be performed and reported annually.

California Health and Safety Code sections 13146.2,^[01] 13146.3,^[02] and 13146.4,^[03] shown in Figures 1–3 below, require fire agencies to annually inspect schools, and any multi family residence such as hotels, motels, apartment buildings, and care residences. Section 13146.4 requires these agencies annually report on compliance to their governing body.

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| <p>HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC DIVISION 12. FIRES AND FIRE PROTECTION [13000 - 14959] (Division 12 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.) PART 2. FIRE PROTECTION [13100 - 13263] (Part 2 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.) CHAPTER 1. State Fire Marshal [13100 - 13159.10] (Chapter 1 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.)</p> <p>ARTICLE 2. The State Board of Fire Services [13140 - 13147] (Heading of Article 2 amended by Stats. 1973, Ch. 1197.)</p> <p>13146.2. (a) Every city, county, or city and county fire department or district providing fire protection services required by Sections 13145 and 13146 to enforce building standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal and other regulations of the State Fire Marshal shall, annually, inspect all structures subject to subdivision (b) of Section 17921, except dwellings, for compliance with building standards and other regulations of the State Fire Marshal.</p> <p>(b) A city, county, or city and county fire department or district providing fire protection services that inspects a structure pursuant to subdivision (a) may charge and collect a fee for the inspection from the owner of the structure in an amount, as determined by the city, county, or city and county fire department or district providing fire protection services, sufficient to pay the costs of that inspection.</p> <p>(c) A city, county, or city and county fire department or district providing fire protection services that provides related fire and life safety activities for structures subject to subdivision (b) of Section 17921, such as plan review, construction consulting, fire watch, and investigation, may charge and collect a fee from the owner of the structure in an amount, as determined by the city, county, city and county, or district, sufficient to pay the costs of those related fire and life safety activities.</p> <p>(d) The State Fire Marshal, or the State Fire Marshal's authorized representative, who inspects a structure subject to subdivision (b) of Section 17921, except dwellings, for compliance with building standards and other regulations of the State Fire Marshal, may charge and collect a fee for the inspection from the owner of the structure. The State Fire Marshal may also charge and collect a fee from the owner of the structure for related fire and life safety activities, such as plan review, construction consulting, fire watch, and investigation. Any fee collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be in an amount, as determined by the State Fire Marshal, sufficient to pay the costs of that inspection or those related fire and life safety activities.</p> <p>(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 31, Sec. 9. (SB 85) Effective June 27, 2019.)</p> |
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Figure 1. Health and Safety Code section 13146.2^[04]

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Figure 2. Health and Safety Code section 13146.3^[05]

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC

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CHAPTER 1. State Fire Marshal [13100 - 13159.10] (Chapter 1 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.)

ARTICLE 2. The State Board of Fire Services [13140 - 13147] (Heading of Article 2 amended by Stats. 1973, Ch. 1197.)

13146.4. (a) Every city or county fire department, city and county fire department, or district required to perform an annual inspection pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 shall report annually to its administering authority on its compliance with Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3.

(b) The report made pursuant to subdivision (a) shall occur when the administering authority discusses its annual budget, or at another time determined by the administering authority.

(c) The administering authority shall acknowledge receipt of the report made pursuant to subdivision (a) in a resolution or a similar formal document.

(d) For purposes of this section, "administering authority" means a city council, county board of supervisors, or district board, as the case may be.

(Added by Stats. 2018, Ch. 854, Sec. 1. (SB 1205) Effective January 1, 2019.)

Figure 3. Health and Safety Code section 13146.4^[06]

Although the importance of these inspections may be self-evident, we would like to emphasize the inherent wildfire risk in Santa Cruz County. It is prudent and extremely high value to exercise risk mitigation activities of this nature. Many buildings are old and therefore likely lack modern fire-retardant materials in their construction. Many are located in the Wildland Urban Interface,^[07] defined as:

... a place where "humans and their development meet or intermix with wildland fuel." Communities that are within 0.5 miles (0.80 km) of the zone are included.^[08]

Inspections ensure adequate building entry and exit for both first responders and residents and help mitigate unfavorable conditions that could impede quick entry and exit. Inspections thus reduce the risk of possible prolonged exposure to smoke. When managed accordingly, the inspections of subdivision facilities such as hotels and apartments should not result in additional costs to the inspecting agency since California Health and Safety Code section 13146.2 allows collection of fees from those inspected to cover costs of the inspection.^[09]

Scope and Methodology

The scope of this investigation has been limited to assessing Santa Cruz County Fire agencies' compliance with the California Health and Safety codes referenced above based on inspection reports, interviews, inspection tracking ledgers, and governing board resolutions. It does not address the quality of the inspections. The Grand Jury may make observations based on reports and inspection frequency, citations, and re-inspections. The investigation did not address if fees were collected for inspections.

A California State Auditor's database on school populations was used to determine the number of students per school. This was done to provide context to a missed inspection. Inspection data was tabulated and assessed for compliance per the codes referenced above. In some cases, when inspection plans had fewer facilities listed than expected, Google Maps was used to identify facilities not in the plan but within the jurisdiction of the agency. The compilation of the inspection reports or ledgers is

detailed later in this document. Yearly facility inspections that were believed to be incomplete and thus non-compliant with the annual inspection requirement were highlighted in yellow or red. Red was used for schools where there was no evidence of inspection in 2020, or for residence categories where over 30% were not inspected within the last year.

Investigation

Given the importance of the fire safety inspection and reporting mandate from state law, the Grand Jury felt it prudent to assess the jurisdictions with the most facilities and their ability to be compliant with the mandate. We assessed six of the 13 agencies serving Santa Cruz County for information regarding these inspections. These six agencies were thought to have the greatest quantity of facilities requiring inspection in their jurisdiction; the six agencies include:

- Aptos-La Selva & Central Fire Protection Districts
- Scotts Valley Fire District
- Santa Cruz County Fire
- Felton Fire District
- City of Santa Cruz Fire Department
- City of Watsonville Fire Department

In most cases we were able to assess compliance or non-compliance of inspections. Compliance of reporting to the governing body by all agencies (or jurisdictions) cannot be assessed until the end of 2020 or until all boards have been reported to.

Aptos La Selva and Central Fire Districts

Aptos La Selva Fire District and Central Fire District have organizationally merged. (See [Appendix B](#)). Although they still have separate and independent governing bodies, they have restructured their organizations to perform as one, providing operational and administrative efficiencies.^[10] These efficiency gains are evident in the number of inspections, citations, and reinspections performed. The inspection report information received from this district was the most organized and provided the most insight into what appeared to be a highly robust inspection and reporting process. The two districts share a common inspection and reporting database.^{[11] [12]} All schools in the Aptos District were inspected in 2019 including preschools and daycares.^[13] Tables 1 and 2 below present a summary of inspection results for 2019 done by Aptos - La Selva and Central respectively. Even though not all inspections of non-school facilities were completed in 2019, the abundance of citations, re-inspections, and resulting improvements should pay off in the years ahead in both reduction of risk and the number of reinspections. Of particular concern is the surprising number of facilities that failed inspection for all types, shown as “non-compliant.”

Table 1

| Aptos La Selva Fire and Safety Inspections | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Facility Type | Department Identified | Inspected 2019 | Uninspected 2019 | Uninspected 2019 |
| Apartment | 33 | 26 | 7 (2) | 21% (2) |
| Residential Care | 7 | 5 | 2 (2) | 29% (2) |
| Hotel-Motel | 7 (1) | 6 | 1 (2) | 14% (2) |
| School or Daycare | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 62 | 52 | 10 (2) | 16% (2) |

(1) One large facility required 22 inspections or reinspections in 2019
 (2) Inspections performed first quarter of 2020
 Reinspections not in counts

Source: Grand Jury's Summary of Aptos-La Selva Fire & Safety Inspection Report^{[14] [15]}

Table 2

| Central Fire and Safety Inspections | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Facility Type | Department Identified | Inspected 2019 | Uninspected 2019 | Uninspected 2019 |
| Apartment | 50 (1) | 50 | - (-1) | - (1) |
| Residential Care | 7 | 5 | 2 | 29% |
| Hotel-Motel | 17 | 14 | 3 | 18% |
| School or Daycare | 51 | 36 | 15 (2) | 29% |
| Total | 75 | 105 | 20 | |

(1) Apartment facility category was not evaluated for completeness
 (2) Uninspected were of type preschool, kindergarten, or daycare facilities
 Reinspections not in counts

Source: Grand Jury's Summary of Central Fire District Inspections^[16]

Scotts Valley Fire District

The Scotts Valley Fire District serves a population of over 20,000 people, approximately twice the size of the City of Scotts Valley population.^[17] The Scotts Valley Fire District asserts that it is in compliance with mandated annual safety inspections for facility types requiring inspection (schools, hotels, care homes, etc.). This is asserted in a Board of Directors for the Scotts Valley Fire District resolution on January 8, 2020 ([Appendix C](#)) stating that the district has twenty-two of these types of facilities and that all twenty-two inspections were conducted as required. The district also sent a record documenting the results of the completed inspections.^[18]

However, the Grand Jury found 30 advertised schools, preschools, daycares, private schools, apartment complexes, and hotels/inns advertising for business. One very large

adult overnight learning center which is advertised to be able to sleep 377 guests at a time, was not on the list of 22 facilities inspected.^[19] As such, we are concerned that the inspection plan is incomplete and that the Scotts Valley Fire District may not be as compliant as it believes it is.^[20]

Santa Cruz County Fire

Table 3 presents a summary of inspection results for Santa Cruz County Fire. County Fire inspected five schools in its jurisdiction in 2019 and three schools in 2018.^[21] One school within its jurisdiction, Bradley Elementary, was not included on the inspection list. County Fire did not inspect any multi-family residences on its inspection list in 2018 or 2019.^{[22] [23]} While only two multi-family residences were listed, the Grand Jury identified nine other residences in the jurisdiction that were not on the inspection list. Also worth noting, 64 additional businesses were on its inspection list and only 11 of those businesses were inspected over the two year period of calendar year 2018 through 2019.^[24] Of the 64 other businesses identified on the County Fire inspection ledger, only two were inspected in 2019 and nine in 2018.^[25] We have no evidence that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has received a 2019 compliance report yet.

Table 3

| Santa Cruz Fire and Life Safety Inspections | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Facility Type | City Identified | Inspected 2018 | Inspected 2019 | Uninspected 2019 | Uninspected 2019 |
| Apartments | 282 | 98 | 41 | 241 | 85% |
| Residential Care | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0% |
| Hotels | 50 | 24 | 31 | 19 | 38% |
| Institutional | 9 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0% |
| Schools | 36 | 5 | 12 | 24 | 67% |
| Total | 382 | 170 | 102 | 280 | 73% |

Note: Annual requirement for inspections began Jan 1, 2019; 2018 data provided for reference. Source: Grand Jury’s Summary of Santa Cruz County Fire & Safety Inspections^[26]

Felton Fire District

With an enrollment of 2,217 students, four of the six schools of the San Lorenzo School District fall within the jurisdiction of the Felton Fire District.^[27] Felton Fire District was unable to provide a record of inspections to the Grand Jury. Inspections were performed but, as the Felton Fire District admits, performed in an ad-hoc, non-systematic manner that lacked record keeping. Felton Fire District is aware of its non-compliance and is actively taking steps to remedy this situation and be compliant by January 2021. It also has a goal of best practice transparency by publishing its inspection report on its website.^[28]

City of Santa Cruz Fire Department

The City of Santa Cruz has the largest population base of all the cities, towns and villages in Santa Cruz County. It is also a destination city and in proximity to a University of California campus, and as such has a large number of hotels and apartment buildings.

According to the Santa Cruz City Fire Department,^[29] 24 of 36 schools (67%) in its district were uninspected in 2019 and 86% were uninspected in 2018. Of the 36 schools, 16 are in the Santa Cruz School District serving 7,000 students.^[30] Of the 282 apartments on the City of Santa Cruz Fire Department's inspection list, only 41 were inspected for a non-compliance percentage of 85%.^[31] Of the 50 hotels, 19, or 38%, were uninspected.^[32] The Grand Jury did not analyze if the inspection list was in fact complete. We would like to note however that there was no change in the City of Santa Cruz Fire Department's total facility counts for calendar years 2018 and 2019. It is a concern that the count of 382 total facilities to inspect notated as "Existing" in Table 4 did not change from 2018 to 2019. We would also like to note that the facility inspections for these state mandated annual inspection categories decreased from 2018 to 2019 by 40%.

Table 4

| Santa Cruz Fire and Life Safety Inspections | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Facility Type | Existing | Inspected 2019 | Inspected 2018 | Uninspected 2019 | Non-compliance |
| Apartments | 282 | 41 | 98 | 241 | 85% |
| Residential Care | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0% |
| Hotels | 50 | 31 | 24 | 19 | 38% |
| Institutional | 9 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 0% |
| Schools | 36 | 12 | 5 | 24 | 67% |
| Total | 382 | 102 | 170 | 280 | 73% |

Note: Annual requirement for inspections began Jan 1, 2019; 2018 data provided for reference.

Source: Grand Jury's Summary of City of Santa Cruz Fire & Safety Inspections^[33]

We were unable to find a public record that the governing body, the City Council of Santa Cruz, had been notified of the level of non-compliance. As such, we are very concerned that this gap may not be addressed during the 2021 budgeting cycle.

City of Watsonville Fire Department

With over 11,000 students, the City of Watsonville has more students than any other city in Santa Cruz County.^[34] There are 16 schools on the City of Watsonville Fire Department's inspection list. Of the 16 schools, 13 were inspected in 2019.^[35] Those uninspected in 2019 were inspected in 2018. The Grand Jury identified four schools with a total enrollment of over 2,500 students that were not on the City of Watsonville

Fire Department’s inspection list and are identified in Table 5. There was insufficient time before this report publication to reconcile the absence of those four schools. ([Appendix D](#))

Table 5

| Watsonville Fire & Safety Inspections | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Facility Type | Total | Un-identified (1) | Identified | Inspected 2018 | Inspected 2019 | Uninspected 2019 | Uninspected 2019 |
| Apartment | 42 | | 42 | 23 | 29 | 13 | 31% |
| Motel/Hotel | 9 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 56% |
| Residential Care | 3 | | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0% |
| Schools | 20 | 4 | 16 | 12 | 13 | 7 | 35% |

(1) Grand Jury Identified facilities not on County Fire inspection plan

Note: Annual requirement for inspections began Jan 1, 2019; 2018 data provided for reference

Source: *Grand Jury’s Summary of the City of Watsonville Fire & Safety Inspections*^[36]

Watsonville has a large number of apartment buildings. Even though 29 were inspected in 2019, there were 13 that remained uninspected. The City of Watsonville Fire Department inspected all hotels and motels on its inspection list. However, five hotels were missing from the list, indicating the list is not updated frequently enough. Also absent from the inspection list were private preschools, kindergartens and daycare facilities.

The City of Watsonville Fire Department intends to notify its governing body of compliance status at the scheduled June 6th, 2020 City Council Session. We find that this is very late in the 2021 budgeting cycle to provide such a report for a city with such a large degree of non-compliance and safety risk.

Investigation Epilogue

As a frame of reference to provide perspective on the uninspected facilities, we tallied the inspection results for the Central Fire District. We did this to emphasize the value of inspections and the fact that robust inspections really do identify safety issues. Table 2 above shows the results for 2019 for the Central Fire District; adding the statistics for 2018 (for reference, as no compliance was required), over 200 inspections were performed in total. The Grand Jury’s analysis shows over 40% of the facilities inspected failed inspection and close to 20% were given a correction notice. Of the 51 schools inspected, 11 resulted in a failed inspection or a correction notice issued. These data highlight the importance that regular inspections be prioritized and performed by fire agencies, and that leadership hold agencies accountable for inspections and compliance.^[37]

Findings

- F1.** The City of Santa Cruz Fire Department has not adequately inspected all schools, hotels, apartments, and licensed residential care facilities for fire and safety per California Health and Safety Code sections 13146.2, 13146.3, 13146.4, and 171921(b).
- F2.** The City of Watsonville Fire Department has not adequately inspected all schools, hotels, apartments, and licensed residential care facilities for fire and safety per California Health and Safety Code sections 13146.2, 13146.3, 13146.4, and 171921(b)
- F3.** The Felton Fire District has not adequately accounted for the inspection of all schools, hotels, apartments, and licensed residential care facilities for fire and safety per California Health and Safety Code sections 13146.2, 13146.3, 13146.4, and 171921(b).
- F4.** Santa Cruz County Fire has not adequately inspected all schools, hotels, and apartments for fire and safety per California Health and Safety Code sections 13146.3, 13146.4, and 171921(b).
- F5.** Fire Agencies serving the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County have not adequately reported inspection performance and the inherent risk associated with a performance gap to residents and leadership external to the governing body.
- F6.** Fire agencies serving the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County would benefit by sharing technology and processes and at times personnel, in fulfilling fire inspection requirements.
- F7.** Reporting gaps in fire inspection performance to a governing body annually at a time when that governing body is completing its budgeting process makes making budget adjustments prior to budget adoption unnecessarily challenging and may result in delay.
- F8.** Scotts Valley Fire District resolution 2020-2 is at risk of being non-compliant based on a survey of businesses and organizations consistent with California annual inspection code requirements.

Recommendations

- R1.** Fire agencies serving the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County should comply, as soon as possible, with state health codes for fire and safety inspections and reporting. Specifically, California Health and Safety Code sections 13146.2, 13146.3, 13146.4, and 171921(b). (F1–F4, F8)
- R2.** Fire agencies serving the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County should, as soon as possible, ensure inspection plans reflect all facilities that fall under California Health and Safety Code sections 13146.2, 13156.3, and 171921(b). (F1–F5,F8)

- R3.** Fire agencies serving the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County should, by January 2021, publish a summary of annual inspection findings on their websites. (F1–F5, F7, F8)
- R4.** The County of Santa Cruz and the City Fire Departments in the County should notify appropriate County or City leadership of the resources necessary to be compliant with inspection requirements early enough to be addressed during the agency’s annual budgeting process. (F7)
- R5.** The County and City fire agencies should amend their mutual aid agreements to provide for sharing of technology and inspection resources by June 30, 2021. (F6)
- R6.** The County of Santa Cruz County Office of Education should by January 2021 begin reviewing fire inspection reports for the schools in their jurisdiction annually at a minimum and ensure that School District leadership do the same. (F1–F5, F8)

Commendations

- C1.** The Aptos and Central Fire Districts are commended for the persistence shown in their safety citations, re-inspections, and consistency of reporting.

Required Responses

| <i>Respondent</i> | <i>Findings</i> | <i>Recommendations</i> | <i>Respond Within/ Respond By</i> |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Felton Fire Protection District Board of Directors | F3, F5, F6 | R1–R3, R5 | 90 Days September 23, 2020 |
| Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors | F5, F6, F8 | R1–R3, R5 | 90 Days September 23, 2020 |
| Aptos-La Selva Fire Protection District Board of Directors | F5, F6 | R1–R3, R5 | 90 Days September 23, 2020 |
| Central Fire Protection District Board of Directors | F5, F6 | R1–R3, R5 | 90 Days September 23, 2020 |
| Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors | F4–F7 | R1–R5 | 90 Days September 23, 2020 |
| Santa Cruz City Council | F1, F5–F7 | R1–R5 | 90 Days September 23, 2020 |
| Watsonville City Council | F2, F5–F7 | R1–R5 | 90 Days September 23, 2020 |
| Santa Cruz County Board of Education | F5 | R6 | 90 Days September 23, 2020 |

Requested Responses

| <i>Respondent</i> | <i>Findings</i> | <i>Recommendations</i> | <i>Respond Within/ Respond By</i> |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Santa Cruz County Director of General Services | F1, F5 | R1–R4 | 90 Days September 23, 2020 |

Defined Terms

- **Wildland Urban Interface (WUI):** a place where humans and their development meet or intermix with wildland fuel. Communities that are within 0.5 miles (0.80 km) of the zone are included.

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Appendix A

Senate Bill No. 1205

CHAPTER 854

An act to add Section 13146.4 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to fire protection.

[Approved by Governor September 27, 2018. Filed with Secretary of State September 27, 2018.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1205, Hill. Fire protection services: inspections: compliance reporting.

Existing law requires the chief of any city or county fire department or district providing fire protection services and his or her authorized representatives to inspect every building used as a public or private school within his or her jurisdiction, for the purpose of enforcing specified building standards, not less than once each year, as provided. Existing law requires every city or county fire department or district providing fire protection services that is required to enforce specified building standards to annually inspect certain structures, including hotels, motels, lodging houses, and apartment houses, for compliance with building standards, as provided.

This bill would require every city or county fire department, city and county fire department, or district required to perform the above-described inspections to report annually to its administering authority, as defined, on the department's or district's compliance with the above-described inspection requirements, as provided. The bill would require the administering authority to acknowledge receipt of the report in a resolution or a similar formal document. To the extent this bill would expand the responsibility of a local agency, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 13146.4 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

13146.4. (a) Every city or county fire department, city and county fire department, or district required to perform an annual inspection pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 shall report annually to its administering authority on its compliance with Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3.

(b) The report made pursuant to subdivision (a) shall occur when the administering authority discusses its annual budget, or at another time determined by the administering authority.

(c) The administering authority shall acknowledge receipt of the report made pursuant to subdivision (a) in a resolution or a similar formal document.

(d) For purposes of this section, "administering authority" means a city council, county board of supervisors, or district board, as the case may be.

SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

Figure A1. **Senate Bill 1205 - California Health and Safety Code 13146.4**^[38]

Appendix B Central Fire District and Aptos La Selva Fire District

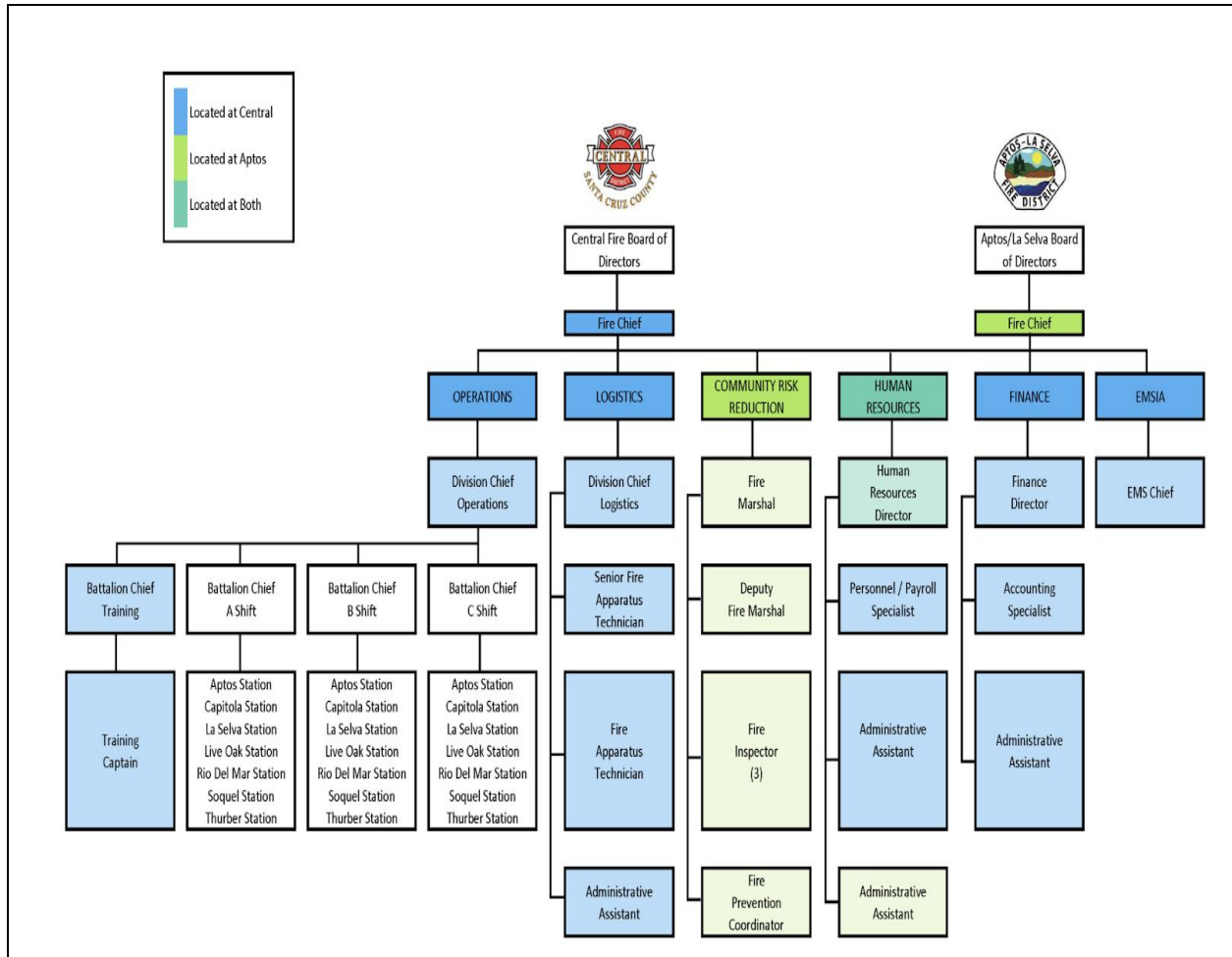


Figure B1. Merged Organization Chart ^[39]

Appendix C

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2

RESOLUTION TO REPORT STATE MANDATED FIRE INSPECTIONS


WHEREAS, in accordance with Senate Bill 1205 (SB 1205), it is the responsibility of the Fire District to report to Board of Directors the state mandated inspections identified, assigned to and completed by Fire District personnel; and

WHEREAS, the current state mandated total within the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District is identified as 22. These are comprised of E (Educational), I (Institutional), R1 (Hotels and Motels), R2 (Apartments);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that as of the date on this resolution, a total of 22 inspections have been completed for 2019. The Fire District is resolved to complete 100% of known state mandated inspections on an annual basis in accordance with SB 1205.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 8th day of January 2020, by the following vote:

| | <u>AYES</u> | <u>NOES</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| Director Robert Campbell | x | | | |
| Director Edward Harmon | x | | | |
| Director Joseph Parker | x | | | |
| Director Russ Patterson | x | | | |
| Director Daron Pisciotta | x | | | |

ATTEST: 
Steve M. Kovacs
Board Secretary



Daron Pisciotta
Board President

Figure C1. Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Resolution 2020-2^[40]

Appendix D
Grand Jury Derived
Summary of City of Watsonville Fire & Safety Inspections

| Watsonville Fire Code & Safety Inspection of Schools | | | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| School | Enrollment | Type | District | Frequency | last inspected | Compliant as of 1/1/2020? |
| Calabasas Elementary School | 653 | Public K-5th | Pajaro Valley | uninspected | unknown | No |
| E.A Hall Middle School | 682 | Public 6-8th | Pajaro Valley | uninspected | unknown | No |
| Pajaro Middle School | 553 | Public 6-8th | Pajaro Valley | uninspected | unknown | No |
| T.S. MacQuiddy Elementary | 635 | Public K-5th | Pajaro Valley | uninspected | unknown | No |
| Linscott Charter Elementary School | 279 | Charter K-5th | Pajaro Valley | bi-annual | 2018 | No |
| Landmark Elementary School | 572 | public K-5th | Pajaro Valley | bi-annual | 2018 | No |
| Green Valley Christian | unknown | Private K-8th | Private | bi-annual | 2018 | No |
| Ceiba College Prep Academy | 525 | Charter | Pajaro Valley | bi-annual | 2019 | Yes |
| H.A.Hyde Elementary School | 548 | Public K-5th | Pajaro Valley | bi-annual | 2019 | Yes |
| Pacific Coast Charter | 302 | Charter | Pajaro Valley | bi-annual | 2019 | Yes |
| Moreland Notre Dame | unknown | Private K-8th | Private | bi-annual | 2019 | Yes |
| Ann Soldo Elementary School | 553 | Public K-5th | Pajaro Valley | yearly | 2019 | Yes |
| Cezar E Chavez Middle School | 655 | Public 6-8th | Pajaro Valley | yearly | 2019 | Yes |
| Freedom Elementary School | 669 | Public K-5th | Pajaro Valley | yearly | 2019 | Yes |
| Mintie White Elementary | 658 | Public K-5th | Pajaro Valley | yearly | 2019 | Yes |
| New School Community Day | 65 | Public Continua | Pajaro Valley | yearly | 2019 | Yes |
| Pajaro Valley High School | 1524 | Public 9-12th | Pajaro Valley | yearly | 2019 | Yes |
| Radcliff Elemenatary | 570 | Public K-5th | Pajaro Valley | yearly | 2019 | Yes |
| Watsonville High School | 2300 | Public 9-12th | Pajaro Valley | yearly | 2019 | Yes |
| Rolling Hills Middle School | 711 | Public 6-8th | Pajaro Valley | yearly | 2019 | Yes |
| Starlight Elementary | 666 | Public K-5th | Pajaro Valley | yearly | 2019 | Yes |

Figure D1. City of Watsonville School Inspections^[41]

| Hotels & Inns not on Watsonville Fire Dep. Inspection List | |
|--|---|
| Comfort Inn | 112 Airport Blvd, Watsonville, CA 95076 |
| Red Roof Inn | 1620 W Beach St, Watsonville, CA 95076 |
| Resestar Residential Hotel | 15 W Lake Ave, Watsonville, CA 95076 |
| Royal Inn | 781 Freedom Blvd, Watsonville, CA 95076 |
| Economy Inn | 584 Auto Center Dr, Watsonville, CA 95076 |

Figure D2. City of Watsonville Hotels not on Inspection List^[42]