



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNEXATION APPROVED

CONCORD, CA - Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Contra Costa Fire) and Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District (Rodeo-Hercules) are pleased to announce the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has unanimously approved the annexation of Rodeo-Hercules by Contra Costa Fire.

The annexation is expected to be effective on July 1, 2025. Contra Costa Fire will absorb all of Rodeo-Hercules' firefighters, support staff, facilities, apparatus and equipment into the Contra Costa Fire operations.

"After years of careful study and deliberation, I'm very pleased and grateful for the Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission's approval of our district's annexation into the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District," said Delano Doss, chairman of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District Board of Directors. "Once implemented in mid-2025, residents in the communities of Rodeo and Hercules will receive significantly enhanced fire, rescue and EMS services provided by our firefighters, thanks to the exceptional resources of Contra Costa Fire." Doss added, "This is a huge win for everyone in Rodeo and Hercules, as well as for our dedicated firefighters—and it doesn't cost residents a single extra penny in taxes."

When the annexation occurs, residents can expect a seamless transition and a continued high level of emergency response and community connectivity. Benefits will also include increased fire services and improved firefighter safety throughout the entire

service area.

“The combining of another fire agency in west Contra Costa County into Contra Costa Fire achieves the goal of providing safe, consistent, and efficient fire, medical, rescue, and hazardous materials emergency response to all the communities we serve,” said Lewis Broschard, Fire Chief of Contra Costa Fire Protection District. “Although we’ve always worked closely with Rodeo-Hercules, this annexation will solidify and unify the emergency and non-emergency services we provide in west county under one agency.”

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About Contra Costa County Fire Protection District – Contra Costa Fire provides fire and emergency medical services to more than 770,000 residents in 12 cities and 11 unincorporated areas across our expanded 557 square-mile jurisdiction. The district comprises 34 fire stations and more than 600 employees. Through our unique ambulance “Alliance,” the district delivers EMS and ambulance transport services to much of Contra Costa County.