



**Northwest Fire District
Governing Board**
13535 North Marana Main Street
Marana, Arizona

SCHEDULED

MEMORANDUM NO. {{item.tracking_number}}

Date:	April 22, 2025
To:	Governing Board
From:	Sandy Russell, Analyst
Division:	Business Services
Type of Action:	Formal Action/Motion
Strategic Plan Goals:	Demonstrate responsible and transparent stewardship of organizational resources
Agenda Item:	Discussion and Possible Action Approving the 2025-2026 Proposed Tentative Budget and Scheduling of the Budget Hearing; All District Revenues and Expenses May Be Discussed and Acted Upon; the Budget's Potential Impact on the District Tax Rate May Also Be Discussed; Advantages and Disadvantages of Any Budget Options May Also Be Discussed; Proposed Timing of Capital Expenses May Also Be Discussed

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Tentative Budget as presented.

MOTION:

Move to accept the attached FY 2025-2026 Proposed Tentative Budget in the amount of \$106,615,515 and to set a Public Hearing for the FY 2025-2026 Final Budget adoption on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Northwest Fire District Administration Building, 13535 N. Marana Main Street, Marana, Arizona.

DISCUSSION:

This budget session will provide the Governing Board with an opportunity to review a balanced, comprehensive budget proposal, discuss details of the budget, and consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Tentative Budget. During this review, the Governing Board will be able to direct staff to make changes to the attached document. It needs to be noted that once a Proposed Tentative Budget has been approved, it sets a maximum cap on District expenditures and on the tax that can be levied. The estimated tax rates supporting the Proposed Tentative Budget are \$2.9888 for operating plus \$.2154 for debt, for a combined total of \$3.2042.

The following highlights significant items in the FY2025-2026 Proposed Tentative Budget:

1. The budget is balanced across all funds.
2. All funds and departments have been included in the attached, providing the Governing Board with a comprehensive picture of the District-wide proposed budget.
3. The budget includes step increases for all employees.
4. The Worker's Compensation and Property and Casualty Insurance costs have been updated to reflect current information.

5. The FY2025/26 \$.0169 and the FY2024/25 \$.0209 reduction of the bond debt tax rate - moving to the operating tax rate to be dedicated to future station needs - at the direction of the Governing Board on March 12, 2025, is included.
6. Per Pima County, Limited Assessed Value for the District has risen 7.05% from \$1.648 to \$1.764 billion.
7. Investment Revenue budget increased \$300,000 based on current earnings but with the anticipation the Federal Government may lower interest rates next year.
8. Ambulance Revenue increased \$700,000 based on increased services provided.
9. Medical Self Insurance increased \$347,695 to maintain required reserve minimums and anticipate the continued increase in medical claim costs.
10. Operations and Maintenance increased 14% due to continued rising costs of goods and services.

ALTERNATIVES:

Request changes to the Proposed Tentative Budget before approving.

Fiscal Impact

FISCAL YEAR:	25/26
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BUDGETED Y/N: N/A

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$106,615,515

FISCAL IMPACT: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Tentative Budget.

Attachments

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Tentative Budget with Program Appraisals