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MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT
DISTRICT POLICY
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FUND BALANCE POLICY

Purpose:
The Fund Balance Policy establishes a policy for reporting fund balance classifications, establishes prudent reserve requirements and establishes a hierarchy of fund balance expenditures in conformance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board guidelines.

Policy:
The District will report fund balance in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54. The following five components will be used:

1. Nonspendable Fund Balance
2. Restricted Fund Balance
3. Committed Fund Balance
4. Assigned Fund Balance
5. Unassigned Fund Balance

The District will maintain a Minimum Fund Balance of unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund of at least 40% of budgeted General Fund revenue at fiscal year-end with a goal of achieving a 50% year-end General Fund balance in the long term.

The District will report the following amounts as Committed Fund Balance at fiscal year-end:

- Capital Projects – Fund balance derived from the Fire Flow Tax is committed to pay for District capital improvement projects as approved by the Board of Directors. The amount is equal to the fund balance in the Capital Projects Fund.

The Fire Chief or Administrative Services Director is designated to determine and define the amounts of those components of fund balance that are classified as “Assigned Fund Balance”. The District will report the following amounts as Assigned Fund Balance:

- Budgetary Deficit – Fund balance committed to pay for the subsequent year’s budget deficit. The amount is equal to the projected excess of budgeted expenditures over budgeted revenues by fund.
- Other Assigned Fund Balance categories as determined by the Fire Chief or Administrative Services Director.

The District considers restricted amounts to have been spent prior to unrestricted amounts when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both are available. Committed, assigned and unassigned amounts, in this order, are considered to be spent when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which either is available.

The Board will review this policy on an annual basis.