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MOFD Directors, I listened to the recording of your discussion of the SOC at the January, 2026 meeting and was disheartened by your utter helplessness. This topic has been mentioned now and then for at least three years and not one of you had any notion of what it is about. Your lawyer didn't know either, but said he'd find out for the next meeting. Please, each of you, take a step back with me and ask yourself if this is how you think a serious person should prepare for a business meeting.

In a single word, the SOC is about accountability. The district was sewn together nearly thirty years ago from available resources and is overdue for a top to bottom revue of its ability to supply services, plus an assessment of what needs to happen going forward.

Your lawyer feels this could be done for a mere \$50k by someone who has never reviewed a fire agency before and has every interest in praising the status quo, someone who's primary recommendation is to replace software when it becomes outdated.

My feeling is that, just as the document you now possess is of no use to anyone, a spiffed up version of the same would be equally useless. If you are too pusillanimous to invite an impartial review or too parsimonious to pay for it, then please don't waste tax payer funds on an entirely worthless document. Just walk away and you can be fairly sure that no one will be the wiser, and clearly this last phrase applies most especially to yourselves.

~Jonathan Goodwin,
Canyon, Calif.