

February 22, 2019

Ms. Kathy Bull
Manager
Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission
1255 East Street, Suite 201
Redding, California 96001

RE: 2019-20 Property/Liability Program Rate Information

Dear Ms. Bull,

On behalf of the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Board of Directors, we sincerely appreciate your safety/loss prevention efforts and continued support of SDRMA.

SDRMA continues to make every effort to reduce operating costs and minimize rate increases while ensuring the financial integrity of the Property/Liability Program. Unfortunately, due to catastrophic fires within California and increasing liability court judgements, our excess carriers are imposing a rate increase on all their clients, including SDRMA. Based on those factors and overall pool claims costs over the past several years, after considerable review and discussion on February 6, 2019, the Board approved a 5% increase for the liability rates and a 11% increase for property rates for 2019-20. This increase will still leave a revenue shortfall that will require the use of reserves and investment income to fully fund the program.

Also, after intensive pricing review, the Board approved a change to the calculation of the Volume Discount that is applied to Property, Mobile Equipment and Auto Liability. SDRMA will no longer use a member's general liability contribution as a factor in determining the percentage of Volume Discount given.

New for 2019-20, as communicated in the Renewal Questionnaire packet, effective July 1, 2019, scheduled property values (building and contents) were automatically "trended" based on specific inflationary factors provided by Marshall & Swift. Properties added during the current policy or appraised within the last year were exempt from this process.

In addition, your agency's actual contribution amount for 2019-20 may vary compared to 2018-19 due to the rate increases, any coverage limit changes, outside policy pricing, scheduled item additions/deletions, risk factor adjustments and Credit Incentive Program (CIP) points earned.



Other Important Items to Note:

- No Longevity Distribution is declared for the Property/Liability Program this year.
- Our Multi-Program Discount provides members a great opportunity to save money. Members receive an automatic multi-program discount of 5% per program (Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation) while they belong to both programs.
- SDRMA's Spring Education Day/Annual Membership Meeting is Tuesday, March 26 at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West Hotel and is FREE to SDRMA members including meals. For more information, please visit our website at www.sdrma.org and click on "Register for a Training Workshop" on the right side of the page.
- Your annual contribution provides your agency with access to safety and loss prevention services, resources, and trainings that are provided at no additional cost, including Target Solutions, AB 1825/AB 1234 training, ergonomic assessments, and safety DVDs.
- Members considering withdrawal from coverage with SDRMA for the 2019-20 program year are required to submit a "Notice of Intent to Withdraw" by April 1 in accordance with SDRMA Bylaws.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our entire risk management team, we thank you for your continued participation in our programs! If you have any questions, please contact Heather Thomson, Chief Financial Officer at hthomson@sdrma.org or 800.537.7790.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority

Mike Scheafer, President
Board of Directors