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City of Stockton
*Measure W Citizens
Oversight Committee*



Annual Report

For the 2011-12 Fiscal Year

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Oversight Committee Review of Expenditures

In fiscal year 2011-12 Measure W funded an average of 24 police officer positions and 22 fire fighter positions. The approved Measure W tax provided \$8,577,819 in total revenues for the 2010-11 fiscal year. The expenditure budget of \$8,287,720 was approved by Council on June 14, 2011. Of this a total of \$7,896,534 was expended during the fiscal year.

Eighty-eight percent of those expenditures were for salary and benefit costs of Police and Fire personnel performing Measure W duties. Equipment and supplies accounted for 8.3% of total expenses, while the remaining 3.7% paid for Board of Equalization fees, insurance, and sales tax review services. Both the Police and Fire Departments remained under budget in their use of Measure W funds.

The role of the Citizens Oversight Committee is to determine whether the revenues and expenditures of the Measure W program are in compliance with the goals and plans presented to voters in 2004. After reviewing the audited financial reports and discussing the expenditures with the responsible staff the Committee finds that the expenditure from the Measure W fund were for the purposes of enhancing public safety and were consistent with the purposes set forth in the Measure W Program Guidelines.

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Citizen Comments

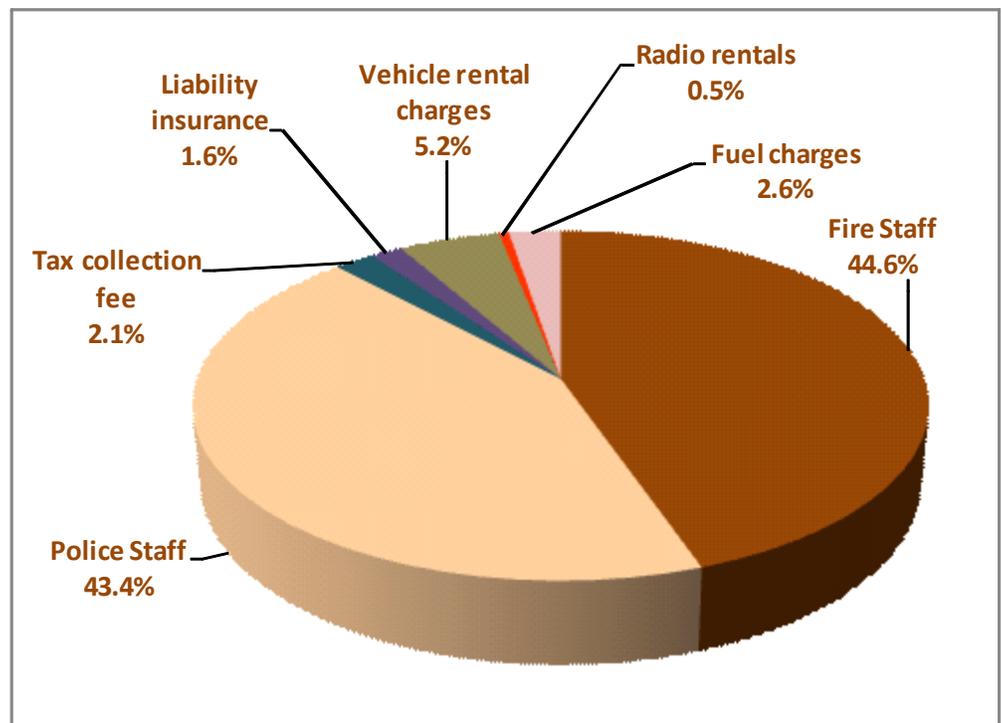
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Measure W Expenditures



Fire Department Message

The economic recession continued to have a great impact to the General Fund that resulted in reductions to funding for public safety. The City's fiscal condition worsened which required extension of the fiscal emergency declaration into FY2011-12. In July 2011 Fire sworn positions were eliminated and Engine Company No. 1 was closed in addition to already closed Ladder Truck No. 4. On the other hand, Measure W sustained significant funding for fire protection services and was able to keep the staffing at three fire companies. Measure W continued to provide staffing for Fire Engine No. 13 and provided partial staffing for Ladder Truck No. 7 and Ladder Truck No. 3. In 2012, the annual call volume at these three fire companies increased with Engine 13 responding to 1,613 emergency incidents compared to 1,544 in 2011. Truck 7 was busier in 2012 with 1,226 emergency responses, a 10% increase from prior year. Meanwhile, Truck 3 responded to 926 emergency incidents.



Measure W sustained funding for 22 firefighter positions and also provided funding for the maintenance and operation of one fire engine. This provided much needed fire protection and emergency services to the Stockton community.

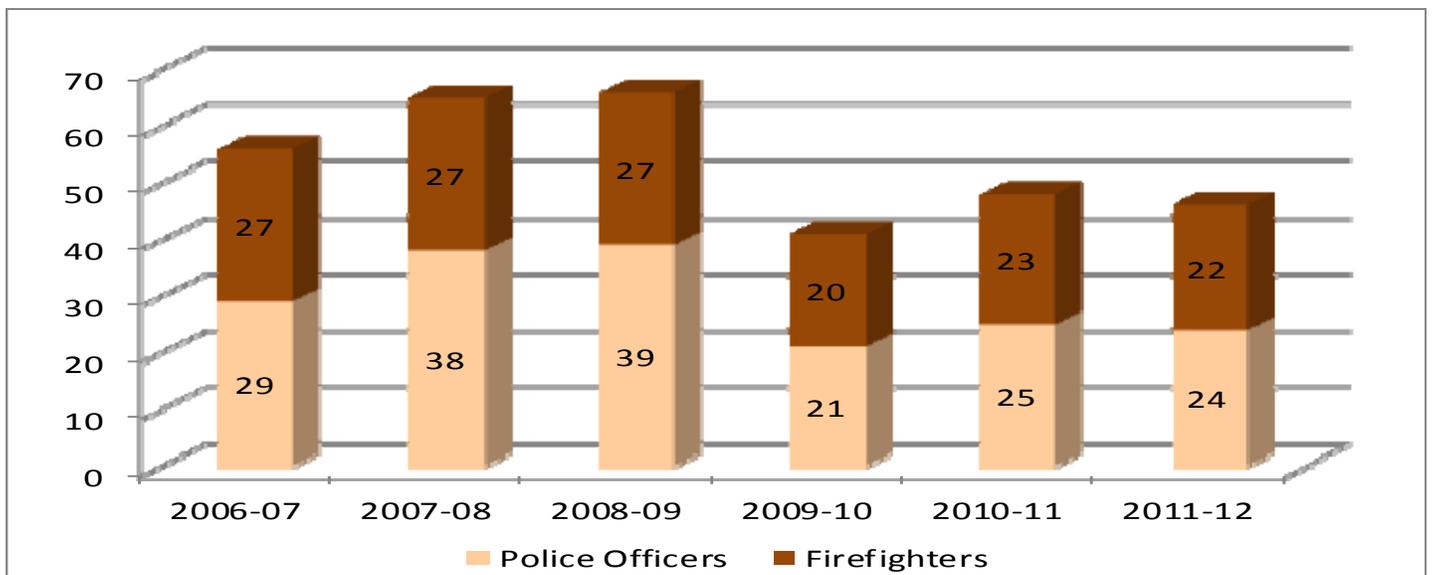
Jeff Piechura , Fire Chief

2012 Fire Incident Responses

Apparatus	Fires	Medical	Vehicle	Accident / Rescue	Hazmat / Other	Total
Engine 13	245	1,231	62	20	55	1,613
Truck 3	404	298	91	66	67	926
Truck 7	326	461	102	109	228	1,226

Public Safety Staffing

The graph below shows the average Measure W funded staffing levels for the last six fiscal years. Fire staffing was at 22 positions in 2011-12, while Police staffing was at 24 positions in the same year.



Police Department Message



Measure W funds made it possible for the Stockton Police Department to increase its presence throughout the City and better address crime and community safety issues. With the reduced officer staffing occurring over the last several years, Measure W funding remains a critical source for 24 positions that otherwise would not have been filled. The Police Department's staffing has also benefitted from a Federal COPS Hiring grant which helps mitigate some of the impacts to public safety. Measure W funds continue to be a valuable resource, providing funding for salaries, vehicles, gas, and safety equipment for 24 additional Officers in patrol. The Police Department handles an annual average of 340,500 calls for service, with about 126,000 of these calls dispatched to field patrol Officers. In Fiscal Year 2011-12, these 24 Officers handle approximately 17,688 calls per year, with an average of 737 calls handled by each officer per year.

The staffing levels funded by Measure W are closely monitored each year and as tax revenues permit, additional Police Officers will be returned to the program, providing more boots on the street to fight crime.

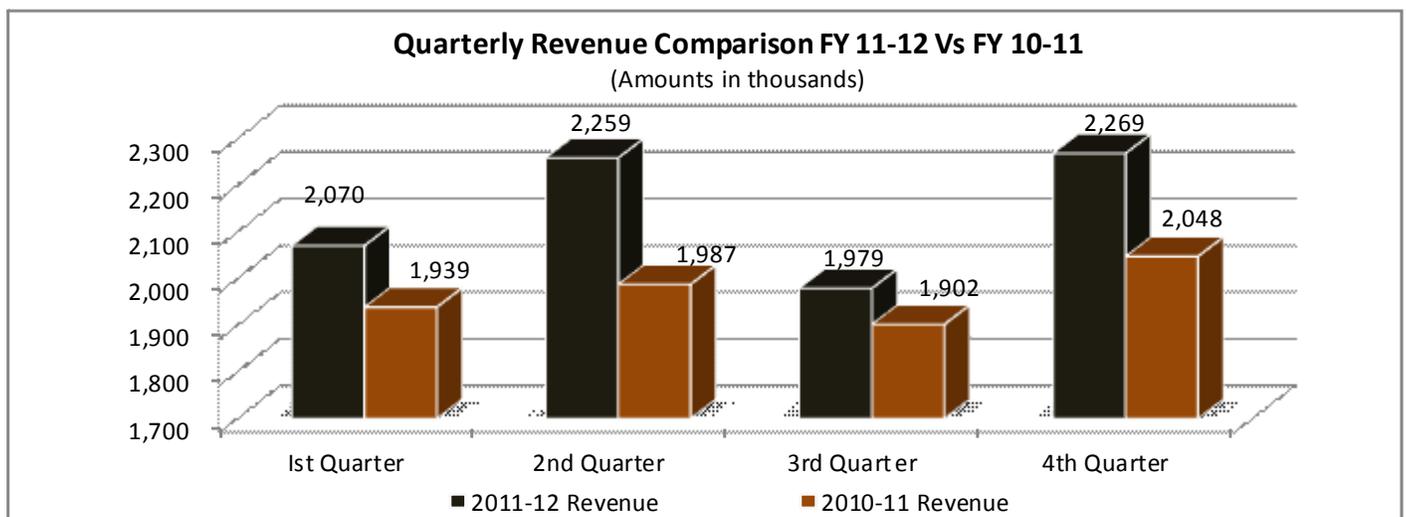
Eric Jones, Police Chief

How were Measure W Funds Spent?

	Police Expenditures		Fire Expenditures	
	Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Salary and Benefits	24 Police Officers	\$3,425,258	22 Firefighters	\$3,523,745
Vehicle Maintenance & Fuel Charges	32 Patrol Cars	547,535	1 Fire Engine	68,836
Tax Collection & Audit Fees	4 Quarters	81,493	4 Quarters	81,493
Radio Maintenance	28 Radios	39,893		-
Insurance Liability		63,379		64,902
Total Expenditures		\$4,157,558		\$3,738,976

Sales Tax Quarterly Revenues Collection

Sales tax revenues was impacted by the great recession. Between FY 2007-08 and FY 2009-10, Measure W revenues have declined over 19%. In 2011-12 Measure W revenues continue their recovery with a 8.9% increase over the prior year. The graph below compares quarterly revenues with prior year revenues.



Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance 2011-12

The annual independent audit was conducted by Pun & McGeady LLP who issued their report dated February 18, 2014. The *Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-Measure W Public Safety Tax Fund for the year ended June 30, 2012* is presented below:

	Police	Fire	Total
Revenues:			
Sales tax - Measure W	\$4,288,213	\$4,288,212	\$8,576,425
Interest income	266	1,128	1,394
Total revenues	<u>4,288,479</u>	<u>4,289,340</u>	<u>8,577,819</u>
Expenditures - Public Safety:			
Payroll:			
Salaries	1,934,617	1,932,827	3,867,444
Benefits	1,490,641	1,590,918	3,081,559
Sub-total	<u>3,425,258</u>	<u>3,523,745</u>	<u>6,949,003</u>
Products and Services Purchased:			
Tax collection fee	81,265	81,265	162,530
Sales tax review services	228	228	456
Liability insurance	63,379	64,902	128,281
Vehicle rental charges	348,687	60,284	408,971
Radio rentals	39,893	-	39,893
Fuel charges	198,848	8,552	207,400
Sub-total	<u>732,300</u>	<u>215,231</u>	<u>947,531</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>4,157,558</u>	<u>3,738,976</u>	<u>7,896,534</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	130,921	550,364	681,285
Fund Balance, Beginning of the Year	<u>212,323</u>	<u>56,176</u>	<u>268,499</u>
Fund Balance, End of the Year	<u>\$ 343,244</u>	<u>\$ 606,540</u>	<u>\$ 949,784</u>

Source: Independent Auditor's Reports and Financial Schedule for the year ended June 30, 2012

Committee Chair's Message

As Chairman for the Measure W Oversight committee I am pleased to say that I am satisfied with the information presented in this annual report. The ordinance for assuring that tax monies collected under Measure W included two primary methods of oversight. The first is an independent audit by a CPA firm and the second is by this oversight committee. The third which is not mentioned in the ordinance comes from regular Stocktonians who want to learn more. At our most recent meeting we received official reports from staff, police and fire department officials, and the CPA firm. We also heard from concerned citizens who want to become part of the solution in creating a safer community. Though the City struggled to hire the number of officers originally projected when Measure W was passed in 2004, the testimony from the Police and Fire departments officials made clear the critical need for this supplemental funding.

I adjourned the meeting after several hours feeling that the requisite transparency and appropriate use of tax monies was in place. I feel privileged to be elected Chair of this committee and to serve with my fellow committee members to ensure the proper use of Measure W funding. I want to acknowledge the excellent work done by City of Stockton staff on coordinating our meeting and to the Police and Fire Chiefs for their continued support. No doubt there are significant challenges ahead for Stockton but by working together we can and will create a better, safer standard of living for all citizens.

Phillip Herrera, Committee Chair