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Orland Releases "Measure A" Sales Tax Report

The City Council of the City of Orland on a 5-0 vote Monday night accepted and authorized for publication the City's first-ever report of its local transactions tax approved by voters in 2016 as "Measure A."

The one-page document shows how \$526,000 of the \$965,000 was spent – 3/5 (\$305,900) directly on capital equipment for the Orland Volunteer Fire Department, and 2/5 (\$220,350) on public works and police safety equipment expenditures of which several will indirectly benefit firefighting and improve maintenance of fire vehicles.

An additional \$100,000 was set aside for future purchases of fire department equipment, plus \$80,000 for unspecified future public safety capital needs.

Even after these expenditures and noted set asides, the Measure A reserve ended its first fiscal year with a \$259,285 reserve balance to carry into future years.

The City Council expressed satisfaction with the management of the funds and the ability to begin to build a reserve for future public safety needs.

Expenditures listed in this report include two payments on the new \$900,000 ladder truck, with the plan to pay off the ten-year loan in five years.

Other major expenditures included equipment for various fire vehicles, breathing tank equipment and turnout gear for fire fighters, expansion of the fire training facility, and the first phase of expansion of the City's fleet maintenance shop.

This report accounts for July 2017-June 2018, the first twelve months of Measure A revenue receipts and expenditures.

The fiscal year 2017-18 budget had anticipated receipt of \$750,000 and authorized expenditures of \$570,000 plus future set asides. The 2018-19 fiscal year budget, adopted in June, forecasts \$900,000 in revenue and \$785,000 in expenditures with the balance of \$115,000 in public safety set asides.

Measure A was placed on the November 2016 ballot by the City Council and was approved by 72% of voters.

Corning and many other California cities have similar local sales taxes collected exclusively for local use. Orland's measure was filed as a general tax with the commitment that the primary use would be new additional funding for fire equipment.

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