



## Frequently Asked Questions About McKinleyville Community Services District

**Q: What services does the McKinleyville Community Services District provide?**

**A:** The McKinleyville Community Services District is an independent special district established in 1970 by a vote of the people. Initially, the District had authority to serve water and treat sewer wastes. In 1972, the voters added street lighting powers, in 1985 recreational powers and in 1995 library powers, which allowed for the construction of the McKinleyville Library.

**Q: What is Measure B?**

**A:** Measure B was originally passed by voters 30 years ago, in 1993, and was reauthorized in 2011. It is a local assessment to help fund McKinleyville services. Measure B funded construction and maintenance of Azalea Hall at Pierson Park, McKinleyville Activity Center at Pierson Park, and Hiller Sports Complex.

**Q: What about our Sheriff Substation?**

**A:** In 1999, the Mad River Rotary Club completed the fund-raising and construction of a Law Enforcement Facility on District land adjacent to the Library and Azalea Hall. The facility was then donated to the District and is leased to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department, but rising costs are threatening our ability to maintain it and rent it for minimal costs to the County.

**Q: What's the Issue?**

**A:** Rising inflation has severely impacted our ability to adequately maintain the local services you expect and deserve. Unless additional local funding is identified:

- The local Sheriff's office may be closed, forcing deputies based in Eureka to come and service McKinleyville.
- We are at risk of being unable to maintain trails, having to close bathrooms, and reduce trash collection, which could lead to large volumes of uncollected trash.
- We will have to dramatically reduce all landscape maintenance and playfields will not be watered or mowed.

**Q: What are the community's priorities?**

**A:** In a recently conducted community survey, our residents identified the following key priorities:

- Keeping the McKinleyville Sheriff's Office open.
- Keeping park restrooms open and clean, maintaining safety lighting, playfields and playgrounds in Pierson Park and all parks.
- Keeping the Senior Center and Library open and maintaining Azalea Hall.
- Maintaining the Teen Center that gives kids a safe place to go after school.
- Keeping open space and trails open/maintained.

**Q: Is there a potential solution?**

**A:** We are currently meeting with local community groups and leaders to determine our most fiscally prudent path forward. To share your feedback and learn more, visit: <https://www.mckinleyvillecsd.com>.