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CITY OF ORINDA
SUPPLEMENTAL SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
REGULAR MINUTES

G.1 Measure R 3rd Quarter Financial Report and Mid-Cycle Budget Adjustments
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Receive report.

City Manager Linda Smith, filling in for Doug Alessio, reported current year performance on track and presented four mid-cycle budget adjustments totaling approximately \$850,000 for GIS mapping, FSMO contract, incentive program carry-forward, and evacuation software renewal, resulting in nearly \$6 million fund balance.

Extensive discussion centered on the LADRIS evacuation modeling software contract renewal, with Smith explaining the three-component structure and unique public portal development. She stated the software models five fire scenarios selected by the fire chief, including Orinda Oaks and other high-risk areas. Ember casting modeling has been refined through consultations with both fire chiefs and LADRIS' consultants with Cal Fire experience. She emphasized that the modeling assumes no fire suppression activities, making it a worst-case scenario, and real-time traffic data integration allows for more accurate modeling during actual events.

Discussion revealed concerns about evacuation planning effectiveness and whether the model accounts for Moraga residents who might evacuate simultaneously, potentially impacting Orinda evacuation routes. Smith acknowledged this limitation but noted that occupancy assumptions can be adjusted to account for additional traffic.

Lastly, Smith reported attending Senator Grayson's East Bay Wildfire Task Force Roundtable, where he advocated for regional rather than single-city responsibility for evacuation modeling. It was discussed that the current contract could be terminated if necessary. The Senator and Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan agreed that regional coordination makes more sense, potentially leading to grant funding opportunities for broader community coverage.