

Contra Costa County



Fire Protection District

September 13, 2016

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jeff Carman, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Chief's Report

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- The District continues to work with the City of Pinole and the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District on a proposal to provide administrative oversight to both agencies. In July, all agencies met to discuss the proposal in detail. On August 15, District personnel met with the Pinole ad-hoc committee for a final discussion before the proposal went to their council. A similar meeting will be held with the Rodeo-Hercules ad-hoc committee in early September.
 - Fire Station 16 in Lafayette continues to progress. District and City staff have met and finalized the design concepts, and the CEQA process was initiated in early July. The environmental process will take approximately five months during which time the architect will complete the drawings and construction documents. The design review submittal package is scheduled to be submitted to the city within the next two weeks.
 - Fire Station 70 in San Pablo is a few months behind Fire Station 16 in the design process. District staff met with County Capital Projects management and our architect to discuss and review the initial site plans. We will be meeting with the City of San Pablo in early September to discuss the site plans and any planning or design issues the city may have. Due to the size of the parcel, this will be a two-story building. The finance agreement, which includes a land swap, is currently being reviewed by the City of San Pablo.
 - Preparations for Academy #50 continue to move forward. Currently, we have 14 candidates participating in the hiring process which includes a background investigation and fitness for duty psychological and medical screenings. Academy #50 is scheduled to begin on October 3 and graduate in early 2017.
 - The District is proud to announce the hiring of two new Assistant Fire Chiefs. The Assistant Chief of Support Services is an existing position that was vacated by Chief Broschard last year upon his promotion Deputy Chief. Aaron McAlister was hired to fill that vacancy and joined the District in his new position on August 8. Chief McAlister was most recently the Fire Chief for the cities of Dixon and Winters, for the last six years, and brings with him over 20 years of fire service experience. Chief

McAlister has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from California State University at Sacramento, is a state certified Chief Officer, and is a certified Chief Fire Officer (CFO) through the CPSE. He is currently enrolled in the Executive Fire Officer program at the NFA. Chief McAlister is the OES Region II Alternate Coordinator and will continue to retain that position in support of the statewide mutual aid system.

The other Assistant Chief position, established this fiscal year, will oversee the newly formed ambulance transport program. Terence "Terry" Carey was hired to fill that position and joined the District in this role on August 17. Chief Carey brings with him over 30 years of fire service experience and was most recently, since 2014, a Division Chief with the Alameda County Fire Department. In that role, he was responsible for managing the training division, supervising one of the department's three operational shifts, and serving as the department's primary representative for the City of San Leandro. Chief Carey holds a master's degree in Emergency Administration from California State University at Long Beach as well as a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Davis. In addition, Chief Carey is a state certified Chief Officer and has completed the Executive Fire Officer program at the NFA.