



December 6, 2016

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jeff Carman, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Chief's Report

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- The Fire District held a Labor/Management Retreat on November 29 and 30 at the San Ramon Valley Conference Center.
  - On November 21, the District took delivery of a new Mobile Command Vehicle. Valued at approximately \$960,000.00, the vehicle was funded by a regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Equipped with the latest technology and designed to complement the Sheriff's Mobile Communications Unit, which was purchased last year, this vehicle is capable of supporting extended incidents. The vehicle is also a regional asset and can be utilized by any County fire agency.
  - Design documents for Fire Station 16 are still being reviewed by the City of Lafayette. There is no update available on the status of their design review process. The CEQA review is being conducted concurrently, and we expect results from that process in early December.
  - The site plan for Fire Station 70 has undergone several revisions and appears to be compliant with the City of San Pablo's planning requirements. City staff have been helpful in resolving potential plan and design concerns. Fire District staff, along with County Counsel and County Public Works Real Estate Division staff, met with City of San Pablo staff to resolve the joint funding agreement. We expect the agreement to be finalized in early December and submitted to the Board for consideration in January. Floor plans and initial design layouts were shared with the FS 70 crews in mid-November, and feedback is being collected for incorporation into the final design. In early December, title reports will be requested on the new parcel located at 1800 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. The CEQA review will be initiated in late November and should take approximately five to six months to complete.
  - Beginning the first week of December, the final four newly purchased fire engines will begin to arrive every other week. The final ladder truck and heavy rescue are expected to be in our possession by the end of February 2017. This summary includes all of the equipment we have on order to date. We are presently evaluating needs and recommendations for future purchases, including ladder trucks, water tenders, wildland engines, and wildland-urban interface structural firefighting engines.

- Earlier this year, the District contracted with a consultant to study our fleet maintenance shop and determine the most cost effective manner in which to maintain our fleet. This study was part of a comprehensive review initiated by the Fire District to ensure we are operating as efficiently as possible. As the study is in its final phases, District staff should receive an administrative draft by the end of November.
- Fire Station 87 in Pittsburg is being prepared for reopening on January 4, 2017. Battalion 8 (Baypoint, Pittsburg, Antioch) is our busiest battalion, and the addition of this engine company will improve response times and service within the District. The public opening of FS 87 is scheduled for January 7, 2017. Additional information is forthcoming.