

Contra Costa County



Fire Protection District

January 17, 2017

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jeff Carman, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Chief's Report

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- The Fire Station 16 project received approval from the Lafayette Planning Commission on December 19, 2016. The project was submitted to the Design Review Commission in late December and should be reviewed in late January or early February. The CEQA review was completed on the project, and it received a categorical exemption. Construction plans and specifications and the building permit application process can begin after approval is received from the Design Review Commission.
 - The funding agreement with the City of San Pablo for Fire Station 70 was finalized early this month and was sent to the City for final review. The CEQA review process was initiated, and we expect it to be completed in May. Our architect continues to work on finalizing the initial plans, and we are close to being able to submit to the City for planning and design review. We anticipate bringing the funding agreement to the Board at our February meeting.
 - The Fire District has completed its first year as the exclusive provider of emergency ambulance services for emergency response areas 1, 2, and 5. Thus far, the program has proven to be beneficial in many ways including the reduction of ambulance response times, the consolidation of dispatch centers, and the ability to send the most appropriate resources to emergency scenes.
 - Fire Station 87 in Pittsburg reopened on January 4. A public opening ceremony was held on January 7 and was well attended by elected officials and the community. Early in the ceremony, Engine 87 was dispatched to a nearby structure fire, an example of the overall need for an additional company in Battalion 8 which is our busiest Battalion.
 - Negotiations with the Pinole Fire Department and the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District have concluded with both agencies agreeing to enter into an administrative services agreement. The agreement is being crafted and will soon be presented to the Board. In short, the agreement provides for an assistant chief from CCCFPD to oversee the two agencies on a part-time basis, providing approximately 20 hours weekly to each agency. Efficiencies that can be appreciated through this agreement include training, fleet services, facility maintenance, and purchasing. The ultimate reward will be safer operations throughout West County as a result of greater consistency in operational philosophies and policies.