



February 14, 2017

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jeff Carman, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Chief's Report

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- The Fire Station 16 project continues to progress albeit at a slower pace than we had anticipated. The plans were submitted to the Lafayette Design Review Commission on January 3, and we have been notified that the plans will be considered at their February 27 meeting.
 - We have developed an updated site plan and floor plans for Fire Station 70 after soliciting internal stakeholder input, and we will now begin the full design process for the facility. Based on the City of San Pablo's latest review of the final draft, the funding agreement needs additional work to bring it to fruition. We will continue working together with city and county staff and all legal counsel to complete this agreement and the project will continue to move forward.
 - The contracts to provide administrative services to the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District and the City of Pinole Fire Department are still being developed. The Pinole agreement is near completion and the Rodeo-Hercules agreement will soon follow. Once agreement is reached, these contracts will be presented to the Board for discussion and approval.
 - The District's fire engine order is now complete with the arrival of four fire engines which have been placed in service in Walnut Creek, Concord, and Lafayette. This completes the order of fire engines for a total of 13 new fire engines placed in service in the last 12 months. The District still has another ladder truck and rescue truck being built, and staff have made the final inspection on those apparatus. We expect delivery in early spring with in-service dates approximately one month later.
 - The District's mobile incident command vehicle is now in service and available for response. This vehicle, funded by a regional Assistance to Firefighters grant, is available for response throughout the county and region and brings a capability that we have not had before. The Fire District responds to many complex emergency incidents throughout the year including multi-alarm fires, chemical spills, and major rescues. Until now, our incident commanders have had to function from the backs of their pickups. This new command vehicle will allow our incident commanders and agency representatives, including our Directors and CAO, to develop action plans

and other planning documents inside a larger vehicle capable of radio communications, satellite uplinks, and other advanced technological abilities.

- The new transport for the Fire District's dozer has been ordered. This vehicle will replace a donated vehicle the District has been operating for many years and will provide more reliable transport of the firefighting bulldozer. The District anticipates that this vehicle will be in placed in service prior to the start of the 2017 fire season.
- The District recently completed a comprehensive study of our fleet services division. The study was implemented to determine if it was more efficient for the District to maintain its own fleet repair facility, contract with another fleet repair facility, or develop another model to keep our apparatus maintained. The final draft has not yet been submitted.
- I want to formally thank my staff for all their hard work on the 2017-18 recommended budget proposal. We have submitted a balanced budget that supports responsible growth and keeps the District sustainable into the future.