



July 11, 2017

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jeff Carman, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Chief's Report

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- Fire Station 16: The final construction drawings were presented to the City of Lafayette on June 20. They are currently in the plan review process. The bid process for prequalified contractors will begin this month. We anticipate receiving a building permit awarding a contract for construction in September.
- Fire Station 70: We continue to finalize the CEQA process in partnership with the City of San Pablo. The CEQA process should be complete this month, and the architect will be able to continue with the construction drawings. On July 5, we received the executed MOU with the City of San Pablo.
- The District's new Hazardous Materials Response Team completed their first week of chemistry training in June. The instructor was impressed with the engagement of our personnel, and all students successfully passed the most difficult week of the training. Training will continue for approximately one week per month through November.
- The District recently succeeded in procuring a reserve firefighting bulldozer from the State surplus program. The bulldozer was retired from CalFire and was procured for \$20,000. In the coming months, we hope to also purchase a retired dozer transport at a similar reduced rate to add depth to our existing program. The District would like to extend its appreciation to Assemblymembers Baker, Frazier, Grayson, and Thurmond for their assistance in the purchase of this equipment.
- The District continues to negotiate with East Contra Costa Fire Protection District regarding mutual and automatic aid. As you know, that district closed their fourth station and are now operating under a three-station model. We hope to find a balanced agreement that will serve the needs of both districts.
- On July 21, we will be honoring Fire Captain Matt Burton and Fire Engineer Scott Desmond who gave their lives ten years ago in an attempt to rescue two civilians from a structure fire in west County. We would be privileged by the attendance of our Board of Directors as we make evident that although they have gone before us, we still remember the lessons we learned and the sacrifice made by Captain Burton and Engineer Desmond.

- On June 28, we held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the OpTerra Solar Project. We wish to thank our Board of Directors for their support. The long term energy savings from this project not only offset the cost of the solar photovoltaic equipment but will also fund the replacement of aging and ineffective HVAC equipment at many of the District's facilities.
- Truck 84, the apparatus that was recently struck on Highway 4, is being repaired and should be back in our possession by November. Estimated repair costs are approximately \$100,000.