



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jeff Carman, Fire Chief
RE: Fire Chief's Report

- Fire Station 16 (Lafayette): Interior finishes will begin pending final framing inspection. All windows have been installed. The exterior finishes are also underway with stucco and stone veneer. The emergency generator has been delivered and placed on the pad. As soon as weather permits, the concrete and asphalt will be laid in the driveway. We are on track for an April completion. Final utility tie ins (water, sewer, gas and electric) are either complete or scheduled. We will plan a ribbon cutting ceremony as the final completion date becomes clear.
- Fire Station 70 (San Pablo): The San Pablo City Council will consider an item to approve the feasibility and commitment of \$4.5 million to the project on March 5. The March 12 Fire Board agenda includes an item to award the construction bid. The District will potentially issue a notice to proceed with construction in April. Pending completion of construction contracts, we will have a kick off meeting with the project team. There will be a highly visible groundbreaking ceremony in the coming months.
- Fire Station 9 (Pacheco): We continue to meet with airport staff on the potential site layout. We are early in the CEQA process, and our goal is to have CEQA completed and architectural drawings approved by the end of 2019. We are working with Capital Projects to pre-qualify bidders in spring of 2019.
- Fire Station 86 (Bay Point): The site layout is complete and the CEQA process is in progress. The District has been meeting with neighboring property owners and sharing the site plans. We will be presenting to the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council in May 2019. Our goal is to have CEQA complete and architectural drawings approved by the end of 2019. We are working with Capital Projects to prequalify bidders in spring of 2019
- Academy 52 graduated on February 14 which added 24 new firefighters to the District. These recruits will fill existing vacancies and allow us to place Engine 16 into service in Lafayette. Academy 53 began on February 19 with 20 recruits and will graduate in late spring/early summer 2019. The District saw the need to hold back-to-back academies this year in order to keep vacancies to a minimum as we head into another wildland fire season. The District is striving for a minimal number of

vacancies as we enter the 2019 wildland fire season. We are also planning for Academy 54 which will begin on or about October 1, 2019.

- As we presented at our last Board meeting, the District met last week with a team from East Contra Costa Fire to discuss ways to reduce their dependency on ConFire and try to reduce the disparity between the aid we provide and the aid we receive. There were a number of recommendations discussed, and each team is studying the proposals to determine their value and any potential consequences. A more comprehensive report on these changes will be presented to our Board at the next meeting.
- The Fire District has been working for several years to try and reinvigorate our Reserve Program. Many years ago, our reserve program was strong, and many of our reserves graduated from the program to become firefighters with ConFire. A number of those firefighters promoted through the ranks and have retired. We hope to re-strengthen the program to provide career development opportunities for those who want to become firefighters and provide an added level of service to the Briones community.
- Congratulations to Captain and Local 1230 President Vince Wells for being sworn in as the 4th District Vice President of the California Professional Firefighters (CPF). This accomplishment follows his award as Labor Representative of the Year in 2018. Captain Wells also has the distinction of being the first African-American person to be elected to the CPF executive board.