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AGENDA
November 9, 2021

1:00 P.M. Convene and call to order.

CONSIDER CONSENT ITEMS (Items listed as C.1 through C.1 on the following agenda) – Items are subject to removal from Consent Calendar by request of any Director or on request for discussion by a member of the public. **Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered with the Discussion Items.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D. 1 CONSIDER Consent Items previously removed.

D. 2 PUBLIC COMMENT (2 Minutes/Speaker)

D.3 CONSIDER accepting a report from the Fire Chief providing a status summary for Contra Costa County Fire Protection District fire station construction projects. (Lewis T. Broschard III, Fire Chief)

D.4 CONSIDER accepting a report from the Fire Chief providing a status summary for ongoing Fire District activities and initiatives. (Lewis T. Broschard III, Fire Chief)

CONSENT ITEMS

C.1 APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute an agreement with California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the period October 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024 for reimbursement of costs for regional hazardous materials response training in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. (100% State)

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AB Assembly Bill

ABAG Association of Bay Area Governments

ACA Assembly Constitutional Amendment

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

AFSCME American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees

ARRA American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009

BAAQMD Bay Area Air Quality Management District

BART Bay Area Rapid Transit District

BayRICS Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications System

BGO Better Government Ordinance

BOC Board of Commissioners

CALTRANS California Department of Transportation

CAER Community Awareness Emergency Response

CAL-EMA California Emergency Management Agency

CAO County Administrative Officer or Office

CCE Community Choice Energy

CBC California Building Code

CCCPFD (ConFire) Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

CCHP Contra Costa Health Plan

CCTA Contra Costa Transportation Authority

CCRMC Contra Costa Regional Medical Center

CCWD Contra Costa Water District

CFC California Fire Code

CFDA Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

CEQA California Environmental Quality Act

CIO Chief Information Officer
COLA Cost of living adjustment
ConFire (CCCYPD) Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
CPA Certified Public Accountant
CPF – California Professional Firefighters
CPI Consumer Price Index
CSA County Service Area
CSAC California State Association of Counties
CTC California Transportation Commission
dba doing business as
EBMUD East Bay Municipal Utility District
ECCFPD East Contra Costa Fire Protection District
EIR Environmental Impact Report
EIS Environmental Impact Statement
EMCC Emergency Medical Care Committee
EMS Emergency Medical Services
et al. et alii (and others)
FAA Federal Aviation Administration
FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency
FTE Full Time Equivalent
FY Fiscal Year
GIS Geographic Information System
HCD (State Dept of) Housing & Community Development
HHS (State Dept of) Health and Human Services
HOV High Occupancy Vehicle
HR Human Resources
HUD United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
IAFF International Association of Firefighters
ICC International Code Council
IFC International Fire Code
Inc. Incorporated
IOC Internal Operations Committee
ISO Industrial Safety Ordinance
JPA Joint (exercise of) Powers Authority or Agreement
Lamorinda Lafayette-Moraga-Orinda Area
LAFCo Local Agency Formation Commission
LLC Limited Liability Company
LLP Limited Liability Partnership
Local 1 Public Employees Union Local 1
Local 1230 Contra Costa County Professional Firefighters Local 1230
MAC Municipal Advisory Council
MBE Minority Business Enterprise
MIS Management Information System
MOE Maintenance of Effort
MOU Memorandum of Understanding
MTC Metropolitan Transportation Commission
NACo National Association of Counties
NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NFPA National Fire Protection Association
OES-EOC Office of Emergency Services-Emergency Operations Center
OPEB Other Post Employment Benefits
OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PACE Property Assessed Clean Energy
PARS Public Agencies Retirement Services
PEPRA Public Employees Pension Reform Act
RFI Request For Information
RFP Request For Proposal
RFQ Request For Qualifications
SB Senate Bill
SBE Small Business Enterprise
SEIU Service Employees International Union
SUASI Super Urban Area Security Initiative
SWAT Southwest Area Transportation Committee
TRANSPAC Transportation Partnership & Cooperation (Central)
TRANSPLAN Transportation Planning Committee (East County)
TRE or **TTE** Trustee
TWIC Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee
UASI Urban Area Security Initiative
UCOA United Chief Officers Association
vs. versus (against)
WAN Wide Area Network
WBE Women Business Enterprise
WCCTAC West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee



**Contra
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To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
 From: Lewis T. Broschard III, Chief, Contra Costa Fire Protection District
 Date: November 9, 2021

Subject: Update on Fire Station Construction Projects - November 9, 2021

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ACCEPT a report from the Fire Chief providing a status summary for Contra Costa County Fire Protection District fire station construction projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Status report only. No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

At the request of the Contra Costa County Fire Board of Directors, the Fire Chief is providing a report on the status and progress of District fire station construction projects.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **11/09/2021** ☐ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

Contact: Aaron McAlister, Deputy Fire
 Chief (925) 941-3300 x1101

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: November 9, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of
 Supervisors

By: , Deputy

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Construction Projects Update - November
2021



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

November 9, 2021

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Lewis T. Broschard III, Fire Chief

RE: Update on Fire Station Construction Projects

- **Fire Station 86 – Bay Point**

The building, including the roof, is completely framed. This was completed just in time for the rainy season. Exterior stucco preparation is in progress and soon work will begin on the interior of the building. The anticipated completion date remains December 2022.



- **Fire Station 9 – Pacheco**

The District is currently working with Capital Projects and environmental staff in order to update and modify the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a few National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) components based on the new and preferred location. The architect has completed a new schematic design. Following completion of environmental analysis, we will move to construction drawings and formal FAA approval. We intend to achieve these milestones by the end of 2021.



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To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
 From: Lewis T. Broschard, III, Chief, Contra Costa Fire Protection District
 Date: November 9, 2021

Subject: Fire Chief's Report - November 9, 2021

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ACCEPT a report from the Fire Chief providing a status summary for ongoing Fire District activities and initiatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

At the request of the Contra Costa County Fire Board of Directors, the Fire Chief is providing a report on the status and progress of the various District initiatives.

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 Chief (925) 941-3300

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Fire Chief's November
Report



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

November 9, 2021

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Lewis T. Broschard III, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Chief's Report

- Annexation Update. With approval of annexation resolutions by both our Fire Board and the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District board of directors in September, we began in earnest to implement the planning processes that will support the merger of the two organizations. We are following the Incident Command System for this complex undertaking and have developed a comprehensive Incident Action Plan to guide our collective activities. While we begin to address the administrative, logistical, and financial actions needed to complete the annexation process, application to the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for annexation approval was made, and we have been informed a hearing is likely to occur in January or February. We conducted our first all-employee webinar late last month and implemented a series of scheduled communications and webinars designed to educate and inform our members on the progress of the annexation efforts.
- Future Fire Stations Update. The District received the keys to Fire Station 4 from the City of Walnut Creek at the beginning of the month, and we are assessing needed upgrades to return it to operational status after years of closure. We are planning on a July 2022 reopening date.

We have also entered into preliminary discussions with Lafayette on replacement timing for Stations 15 and 17. This is driven, in part, by the need for a ladder truck in Lafayette and a station that will physically accommodate it.

- EMS Update. Annual flu vaccines were offered to all employees in multiple sessions in October. In addition to administering flu vaccines, we used these sessions to review their continuing education course status.

We continue working with the LEMSA to gain permission to utilize Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances as augmentation to Advanced Life Support (ALS) units currently deployed. This would provide much needed additional transport capacity to our current delivery model which continues to be strained due to high call volume and staffing issues at the paramedic rank.

Con Fire has purchased ballistic protection for Alliance ambulance crews. Delivery and deployment of this important protective equipment is expected in late November.

The annual LEMSA audit of our ambulance operations is underway with expected completion of the report provided to the LEMSA by mid-November.

- Logistics Update. In October, we acquired two surplus emergency generators and two skid steers along with other valuable federal government surplus equipment. Several of our apparatus orders have been delayed into December. We have attempted to hire additional mechanics for our apparatus shop, but have been unsuccessful due to the current compensation structure of our Mechanic positions relative to both private and public sector employers.



Fire Station 86 construction is progressing well with walls up and roof on ahead of the early rains in October. Project continues on schedule and is on track for completion in spring 2023.

- Communications Update. Our dispatch center remodel project continues in the design phase and assessment of inherent challenges of using an existing building along with functional needs of the center into the future.

The Fire Communications Manager recruitment continues with interviews tentatively set for the second week of November. The Information Systems Technician II and Fire Dispatcher recruitments were opened in late September and late October, respectively. Fire Dispatcher Gerard Heidkamp was promoted to Senior Fire Dispatcher effective October 2, 2021, filling a vacancy due to a retirement.

The District is in the final stages of a successful major transition to the Google Workspace platform. This project moved all employees from Microsoft Office to Gmail, Google Calendar, and other related Workspace tools. The transition was a massive undertaking over the course of several weeks and was effected with minimal disruption to operations. It is interesting to note that 586 end users were migrated to include multiple training sessions and the transfer of 6.34 terabytes of data. The District is now beginning to enjoy the many communications and functionality upgrades the new Google Workspace provides.

Communications Division staff have embarked on a test project to establish LAN connections for operational mobile data computers (MDCs) in all apparatus to provide more consistent and reliable connectivity between the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and all fire resources in the field.

- Fire Prevention Update. The communities of Clayton, Lafayette, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek, including Rossmoor, have all gone live in the Zonehaven digital evacuation tool project. Unincorporated areas are being worked on currently.

Evacuation plans for a major evacuation of Rossmoor have been reviewed, and preplanning work has resulted in significant improvements based on work with Rossmoor public safety and Walnut Creek police.

The Diablo energy storage project in Pittsburg, which presents specialized hazards and training needs for firefighters, is being closely monitored and a training program for fire responses has been developed in conjunction with the developer. First responder training was completed earlier this month as a prerequisite for startup of the facility. Commissioning of the project is expected to occur soon.

- Operations/Fire Weather Update. With the arrival of early rains in late October, we were able to reduce our response profile to reported vegetation fires earlier than in recent years. The weather allowed us to take advantage of a few remaining weeks of our seasonal hand crew availability to turn their attention to future wildfire risk mitigation. Partnering with County Public Works, for unincorporated areas, and city public works departments, Crew 12 spent the last several weeks clearing vegetation along likely wildfire evacuation routes and reducing the fuel load on public land in high threat zones in El Sobrante, East Richmond Heights, Morgan Territory, Lafayette, and Martinez.



Staffing in the Emergency Operations Division has been impacted by higher than normal levels of vacancies due to injuries throughout the summer. Like many local fire agencies throughout the state, our responses and commitment to statewide mutual aid was reduced this summer. We did send two engines and a team leader to assist with the Caldor fire that endangered South Lake Tahoe; deployed one member briefly to a FEMA rescue task force responding to the hurricane in Louisiana; and also provided several overhead management resources to fill state positions at multiple incidents throughout California. More recently, we briefly deployed a water rescue team to El Dorado County in support of FEMA Task Force 4.

To aid in our strategy to improve staffing levels, we opened lateral firefighter and firefighter-paramedic recruitments in September. This academy (Academy 57) is planned for spring 2022 and would consist of 30 firefighters. These positions are necessary to maintain critical staffing capacity heading into next year's peak fire season and to provide for additional personnel to reopen closed fire stations in 2022.

- Training Update. Last month, Con Fire's recruit academy was reaccredited as a State Certified Firefighter Academy by the Board of California Fire Services. Con

Fire is among only 25 departments in the state to hold this distinction. The reaccreditation process, led by Captain Jesse Ingram, involved a detailed self-assessment, site inspections, and a presentation to the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee.

Academy 56 recruits began their training on October 18. Twenty-eight recruits, consisting of 11 firefighter-paramedic recruits and 17 firefighter-EMT recruits, were ushered into their academy experience with a family night and orientation the week prior. Graduation is scheduled for early March 2022. These recruits will assist the District in gaining ground on our current staffing shortfalls, filling vacancies as a result of retirements, and providing necessary personnel to begin the process of reopening fire stations in 2022.

- Legislative Update. In early October, AB389 was signed into law by Governor Newsom. AB389 provides clarity to the “Alliance” model of subcontracting for emergency ambulance services as being a legal and approved method for a county to consider for serving their communities. Additional components of the final legislation provide for necessary elements in emergency ambulance RFP processes. The bill was carried with significant support by Assemblymember Tim Grayson. The California Professional Firefighters Association and the California Fire Chiefs Association also provided much needed support for our efforts in making AB389 a success.



**Contra
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To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
 From: Lewis T. Broschard III, Chief, Contra Costa Fire Protection District
 Date: November 9, 2021

Subject: Regional Hazardous Materials Response Training Reimbursement Agreement

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute an agreement with California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the period October 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024 for reimbursement of regional hazardous materials response training in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The District may be reimbursed up to \$100,000 for costs associated with hazardous materials response training.

BACKGROUND:

Select Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (District) firefighters are trained to staff the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Type II Haz Mat Response Team. The Team assists the District with responses to hazardous materials releases within the State of California.

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Contact: Charles Stark, Assistant
 Chief, 925-941-3300

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: , Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The agreement will provide reimbursement for hazardous materials response team members to attend hazardous materials training. It also includes reimbursement of annual physicals, backfill, overtime, travel, lodging, and per diem costs for attending the training. Moreover, it includes reimbursement to attend and complete several associated courses (certified Hazmat Technician A thru D, Hazmat Specialist F & G, Assistant Safety Officer (ASO), Hazardous Materials Continuing Challenge Workshop, Terrorism for the Hazardous Materials Technician/Specialist, Hazardous Materials Incident Commander (HMIC), Hazardous Materials Refresher, Rail Car, Terrorism / Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)).

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District will be unable to receive reimbursement for costs associated with hazardous materials training.