



Staff report for meeting date 4/20/2023

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Agenda item 4. a) Correspondence since last meeting

**Incoming:** Notices from PG&E re: planned power outages, letter from Cai Sorlien re: corrections to address list.

**Outgoing:** Follow-up notices regarding fire dept. equipment returns from non-active firefighters. Form 700s sent to clerk-recorders office, application papers sent to Pam Davis

#### **Agenda item 4. b) 5 Board member/Staff reports**

- Correction to last month's mutual aid call income summary. There was a \$53 discrepancy between the amount of the deposit made in February for \$41,735.17 and the amount on my report which showed \$41,682.17. The amount on my report was the invoice amount. I noticed this shortly after I put the packet out last month and I emailed Cal-OES to see why we got an extra \$53 but they never responded.

#### **Agenda item 4. b) 7 Firehouse Projects and ADA compliance (placeholder)**

#### **Agenda item 4. b) 8 Pending Grants**

- ❖ CDF 50/50 grant for Fiscal year 21/22 – The EMS turn-outs finally arrived. This grant is completed.
- ❖ CDF 50/50 grant for Fiscal year 22/23 – Final payment for the hose packs deposited in March. This grant completed.
- ❖ CDF 50/50 grant for Fiscal year 23/24 - The application is due by May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Additional siren for Alleghany. – nothing new to report

#### Pending items not addressed on this month's agenda:

(Staff needs more time to work on them before presenting to the board, more info needed, or conditions not right to proceed)

- Water Tender Upgrade (defined as highest fleet priority first by the Chief(s) then the board in Sept. 2022 with letter to USDA Rural Development). Rae Bell to talk to USDA rep. plus Chris Dorn has some leads that he is working.
- Fund Policy revision (need to create simplified tracking sheet)
- MOU with non-profits (name changes) We are waiting on documentation from the AVFD non-profit corporation.
- Engine Bay conversion to ADA friendly space Pike firehouse (need cost estimate).
- Signage for firehouses (Need signs with updated department names and updated district logo)
- Long-term plan for adding two larger engine bays in Pike (defined as highest capital improvement priority first by the Chief(s) then the board in Sept. 2022 with letter to USDA Rural Development)
- **Repair to west wall of Station 1 in Alleghany. The metal siding was purchased last April, arrived last summer and is sitting in the County Yard. Waiting for good weather to do it.**
- Proposed changes to Ordinance #1 discussed in Feb. 2023 – Larry Allen found additional code that would allow us to bill for environmental spills & clean-up. More legal research is needed before a new draft will be ready for the first reading.
- ISO survey done in 2019 ~ I have not been able to get a copy of our survey docs from 2019. Every time that I contact them, they tell me to create a user account on their website, which I do, and get a message that a confirmation email will be generated but it never happens. I have contacted the person who did the survey and he said that I am not the only one having problems and that he would get back to me, but he never has. **The ISO survey will be due again next year.** It is a very involved process that I spent well over 40 hours on last time, but we did manage to get a better ISO rating for the district as a result of the work.
- Free attorney consult: I was authorized a long time ago, to inquire about the borrowing limits for CSD's to see if there is any additional information (legal precedence) besides the code but haven't done it.