



Staff report for meeting date 8/18/2022

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Agenda item 4. a) Correspondence

**Incoming:** biannual conflict of interest code review docs from Sierra County, \$50 donation from James Blanton, Jr., Notice of credit increase from credit card company (was \$15,000 now is \$17,400), building permit for electrical installation for sign at Pike Firehouse

**Outgoing:** get well card to VP Bruce Coons, signed biannual conflict of interest code review doc returned to Sierra County, electronic sign building permit fee waiver request sent to Sierra County BOS, Thank you card to James Blanton Jr. for \$50 donation, USFA Fire Dept. registry annual update submitted, updated Salary Survey sent to State OES

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

- NFIRS (National FIRE Incident Reporting System) – still no update, keeping this as a placeholder.
- Signage for firehouses (placeholder) nothing new to report.
- Fire Risk Reduction Communities List, as reported last spring: The state is putting together a program to prioritize grant funding recipients based on legislation passed a couple of years ago. Entities on the newly created Fire Risk Reduction Communities List will have an advantage when applying for specific types of funds. **PLIOCENE RIDGE CSD MADE THE LIST!** Only 27 entities in the entire state made the list on its inaugural publication. Our participation in the firewise communities and due diligence on the paperwork is what made this possible. Hopefully we can take advantage of the opportunity it provides to secure grant funding.

**Agenda item 4. b) 6 Firewise Communities** – An update was typed for the Pike Community Support Foundation's most recent newsletter – All firewise expenses and my time through June 30, 2022 (end of the fiscal year) were submitted to Sierra County for reimbursement and it was paid. Total \$567.54 (see July deposits). All work submitted to-date by community members has been entered in the online portal for each community along with the public outreach that has been done. Both communities have exceeded the minimum requirements to renew with Firewise USA for calendar year 2022.

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

I am actively working with the Sierra Business Council again to try and take advantage of their partnership with PG&E for energy efficient upgrades for public entities. The Sierra Business Council acts as a liaison between PG&E and independent providers of the upgrades. The first company that we tried didn't work out very well, and the person who I was working with, with the Sierra Business Council moved onto another job. Hopefully we aren't back at square one and can utilize the information already provided to the other independent contractor. The project previously identified is looking into installing mini-split pump heaters in the Rescue Engine Bay in Pike and at Station 1 in Alleghany.

Ned can provide an update on the new metal siding for Station 1 in Alleghany.

Status of building permit for making the rescue bay at the Pike Firehouse ADA compliant. Report to be provided at meeting.

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

- ❖ CDF 50/50 grant for Fiscal year 21/22 – The hose and one set of turn-outs arrived in June. (Items were ordered in February!) Invoice in the amount of \$4,272.61 was submitted to CDF and paid in July. We are still waiting for the EMS turn-outs, but they have been paid for.
- ❖ CDF 50/50 grant for Fiscal year 22/23 – An application for equipment for 10 hose packs was submitted timely. This will be split 50/50 between both depts. if awarded. Notifications of award or denial usually go out in August. Total projected cost \$10,328. (half to be paid by CDF)

#### **Agenda item 5. a)3 Surplus Truck Sales**

The sale of the 1968 Structure Truck from Alleghany and the 1971 International Brush Engine from Pike are not completed as of this writing (8/15).

As reported in June, the 1968 Structure Truck from Alleghany (old 7180) was listed on the govdeals.com website after it failed to sell utilizing classified ads and craigslist. It was listed on govdeals for 2 weeks with a minimum reserve of \$10,000 then for two weeks with a minimum reserve of \$7,500. In both instances the maximum bid was \$5,000. One of the earlier bidders then offered PRCSD \$6,000 with a June 24<sup>th</sup> expiration date. After consulting both the PRCSD resolution made to sell the trucks and the auction site which specializes in government sales, it was determined that district management could accept the offer of \$6,000 without having to call a special meeting. A bill of sale was issued to the buyer after the check was deposited in July. The purchasing party has not set a date to get the truck yet, but either Ned Cusato or Bob Hale will meet with the buyer once a date is set. All the equipment has been removed from the truck and it is ready to go.

The party that purchased the 1971 international that is parked in Jim Buckbee's yard has not had an opportunity to pick it up. In June Jim told them to send the money and if we got that, there was no hurry to pick up the truck. A check was mailed to PRCSD on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and the buyer went on a 4 week vacation the same day that he mailed it. A month went by and no check. I contacted the person and when he got back from vacation on July 28<sup>th</sup> he called me and said that the check had not been returned at his end either. He mailed a new check and put a stop payment on the old check. Amount paid \$2,267.89

Well, the first check dated June 23<sup>rd</sup> arrived the following Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>! The second check finally arrived later that week, and it was deposited on August 12<sup>th</sup> along with PRCSD's 3<sup>rd</sup> and final tax instalment from the County for Fiscal Year 21/22.

**THE FUNDS MASTER SHEETS** will be updated and included in next month's meeting packets. (I cannot finish the fiscal year until the final check from the county arrives, to calculate the changes to the streetlight fund).