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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 14, 2011
To: Board of Directors
From: Robert Leete, Administrative Services Director
Subject: Revised Implementation Resolution
Health Insurance Benefits-Elected Officials

Background:

Staff was asked to research and develop a health insurance option for elected officials that could be implemented at no cost to the District. Staff has worked with the California Public Employees Retirement System's health insurance department to create a plan that would allow Directors to have access to the CalPERS health plans. The Board approved the plan at the meeting of August 24, 2011, and a revised resolution was adopted on September 28, 2011.

After reviewing the District's implementation resolution, CalPERS has again requested revised wording to conform to CalPERS standards. The revision does not change the program as approved by the Board in August.

The PERS recommended language is in the second "resolved" paragraph as follows:

RESOLVED, that the employer's contributions for each active or retired employee or survivor shall be the amount necessary to pay the full cost of his/her enrollment, including the enrollment of family members, in a health benefits plan or plans up to a maximum of the minimum employer contribution amount per month plus administrative fees and Contingency Reserve Fund assessments—pursuant to Government Code 22892; and be it further

All other wording/ provisions of Resolution 2011-08 remain unchanged.

The effective date of this program will be January 1, 2012.

Recommended Board Action:

Rescind Resolution 2011-08 and adopt the attached revised CalPERS implementation resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-09

RESOLUTION ELECTING TO BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF A SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION AND FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION AT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THAT PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 22892(b) OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 22922(b) provides that a contracting agency may elect upon proper application to participate under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act with respect to a recognized employee organization only; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 22920(b) defines any Special District as a contracting agency, and

WHEREAS, a Special District is hereby defined as a non-profit, self-governed public agency within the State of California, and comprised solely of public employees performing a governmental rather than proprietary function, and

WHEREAS, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, hereinafter referred to as Special District is an entity meeting the above definition; and

WHEREAS, the Special District desires to obtain for the members of the Board of Directors, who are active and retired employees and survivors of the agency, the benefit of the Act and to accept the liabilities and obligations of an employer under the Act and Regulations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Special District elect, and it does hereby elect, to be subject to the provisions of the Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the employer's contribution for each active or retired employee or survivor shall be the amount necessary to pay the full cost of his/her enrollment, including the enrollment of family members, in a health benefits plan or plans up to a maximum of the maximum of the minimum employer contribution per month plus administrative fees and Contingency Reserve Fund assessments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District has fully complied with any and all applicable provisions of Government Code Section 7507 in electing the benefits set forth above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the executive body appoint and direct, and it does hereby appoint and direct, the Administrative Services Director to file with the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System a verified copy of this Resolution, and to perform on behalf of said Special District all functions required of it under the Act and Regulations of the Board of Administration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that coverage under the Act be effective on January 1, 2012.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED upon motion of Director _____ seconded by Director _____ at a regular meeting on this 14th day of November 2011, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dated: November 14, 2011

Susan F. Brooks, District Clerk
San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT

William D. Ross, District Counsel

Richard Price, Fire Chief

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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 14, 2011
To: Board of Directors
From: Robert Leete, Administrative Services Director
Subject: Annual Financial Audit/Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Background

On an annual basis the District engages a certified public accountant to audit the financial records of the District for the fiscal year ending June 30th. The District's Finance Division has prepared the appropriate financial statements and those statements have been audited by Maze & Associates. Maze & Associates has also prepared a Memorandum on Internal Control and Required Communications and Agreed Upon Procedures Report on Compliance with the Proposition 111 2010-2011 Appropriations Limit Increment. These reports have been reviewed by management and the recommendations will be implemented. Katherine Yuen from Maze & Associates will present their audit findings to the Board.

In addition to the audited financial statements, the District prepares a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that is designed to meet the requirements of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR Program) in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure. The GFOA then recognizes individual governments that succeed in achieving this goal. The District began its participation in the CAFR Program in 2001 and has achieved certification every year.

The District's CAFR for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 will be submitted to the GFOA for consideration of a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The CAFR will also be posted on the District's website.

Recommended Board Action

Staff recommends the Board receive the CAFR, the Memorandum on Internal Control and the Agreed Upon Procedures Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

Enc.: CAFR for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

Memorandum on Internal Control and Required Communications for the Year Ended June 30, 2011

Agreed Upon Procedures Report on Compliance with the Proposition 111 2010-2011 Appropriations Limit Increment

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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 14, 2011

To: Board of Directors

From: Robert Leete, Administrative Services Director
Gloriann Sasser, Finance Supervisor

Subject: General Fund Update Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and Long Term Forecast Update

Background

In January 2011, Staff presented the District's Long Term Forecast to the Board. At that time, the Long Term Forecast showed expenditures in excess of revenue. Consequently, the Board directed Staff to identify expenditure reduction alternatives in order for the District to continue to meet minimum reserve requirements.

In May 2011, Staff presented an updated Long Term Forecast to the Board. The Long Term Forecast continued to show a structural imbalance.

Today fiscal year 2010-2011 is complete and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report has been prepared and audited by the District's independent auditors. Staff has again updated the Long Term Forecast with the latest available financial information. The Long Term Forecast allows us to take a broad look at the District's current and long-term financial picture based on the most recent information. A copy of the current Long Term Forecast is attached for your information. The Long Term Forecast has been prepared using the most recent revenue and expenditure projections for the next five years.

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 General Fund Update

During Fiscal Year 2010-2011, the District spent \$1.086M of General Fund reserves. General Fund revenue exceeded budget \$868k or 1.7%. This additional revenue was primarily due to property tax revenue that exceeded budget (\$1.155 M or 2.4%) and intergovernmental revenue that was less than budgeted (\$251k or 82%). General Fund expenditures were less than budget

\$706k or 1.4%. This was due to less expenditures than budgeted for salaries and benefits (\$420k or 1.0%) and professional services (\$276k or 13.9%).

Minimum Fund Balance – June 30, 2011

The District's Fund Balance Policy requires the District to maintain a minimum fund balance of at least 50% of the operating revenues in the General Fund at fiscal year-end. At June 30, 2011, fund balance in the General Fund was \$33,193,311 and fund balance in the Capital Projects Fund was \$3,190,457. Fund balance exceeded the minimum required by \$10,386,011.

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 General Fund Revenue

Total budgeted General Fund revenue for fiscal year 2011-12 is \$51.055M. On October 28, 2011, the District received unsecured property tax revenue in the amount of \$1.731M. This exceeded budget by \$65k or 3.9%. Property on the unsecured property tax roll is primarily tenant-owned personal property (such as office equipment and machinery), boats and aircraft. Secured property tax revenue, which is the District's single largest revenue source at approximately \$47.2M, will be received beginning in December 2011. Property on the secured property tax roll is land, commercial and residential buildings and structures.

Through October 2011, ambulance services revenue for the fiscal year is projected to exceed budget by \$390k.

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 General Fund Expenditures

Total budgeted General Fund expenditures for fiscal year 2011-12 are \$50.885M. Salaries and Benefits costs comprise 91% or \$46.5M of the General Fund budget. The District hired thirteen firefighters effective October 1, 2011. The estimated cost for these positions was included in the current year budget. Through October 31, 2011, some Salaries and Benefits expenditures are trending less than budget (employee health insurance), and some are trending more than budget (overtime). The hiring of the new firefighters may affect Salaries and Benefits cost trends in a number of ways. At this time, the new firefighters have been on the District's payroll for only one month and are still in the Firefighter Academy. Once they are assigned to shift work, we will be able to begin to see the effect on overtime costs. Staff will continue to monitor Salaries and Benefits expenditures compared to budget throughout the fiscal year.

The General Fund will need to fund costs for equipment for the fire engines purchased in the prior year in the estimated amount of \$125k. This is a carryover from the prior year and is included in the updated Long Term Forecast.

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Use of General Fund Reserves

The current District budget includes use of General Fund reserves in the amount of \$2,974,746. Based on the additional unsecured property tax revenue, projected secured property tax revenue at 2010-11 levels, projected increase in ambulance services revenue and additional vehicle equipment expenditures, use of General Fund reserves for the fiscal year may be \$1,810,000.

Long Term Forecast - Assumptions

An updated Long Term Forecast is attached. The Long Term Forecast covers the five-year period from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2016. The national and State economies continue to experience significant challenges. A long, slow economic recovery is projected. The Long Term Forecast makes several significant assumptions:

- Property tax revenue for 2011-12 will be the same as the prior year, plus \$65k increase for unsecured property taxes; property taxes will increase 2% per year in each subsequent year.
- No salary adjustments are included in the projection.
- Pension contribution costs are actual for 2011-12; actual for 2012-13 (Safety 63.55%, Safety New Hires 59.81%, Non Safety 39.73%); then increase as follows based on CCCERA projected increases: 4% in 2013-14, 4% in 2014-15, 1% in 2015-16.
- Employee health insurance costs are projected to increase 6% each year.
- Retiree health insurance costs are projected using actuarial estimates. The District's actuary estimated costs based on actual current employee and retiree ages. The increases are as follows due to the projected increase in the number of retirees: Budgeted amount in 2011-12, \$338k in 2012-13, \$361k in 2013-14, \$397k in 2014-15 and \$461k in 2015-16.
- All other expenditures are projected to increase 2% each year.
- A firefighter recruit academy is planned as follows: \$105k in 2013-14, \$107k in 2015-16.
- OPEB contribution is \$0 in each year.
- A debt issuance is projected for 2012-13 in the amount of \$5.05M. Proceeds would be used to pay for Station 32 construction costs.

Long Term Forecast – Expenditure Reductions

As discussed previously, the District has an adopted Fund Balance Policy. Minimum fund balance reserves are required to meet District cash flow needs and to ensure fiscal health. Based on current expenditure patterns and the most recent economic information, District fund balance is projected to fall below the minimum required amount at June 30, 2015. Continued use of District reserves is still projected. Expenditure reductions are necessary to adopt balanced budgets and meet the requirements of the District's Fund Balance Policy.

Recommended Action

This is an informational report. In January 2012, an updated Long Term Forecast will be prepared and presented as part of a comprehensive Mid-Year Budget Review.



**SAN RAMON VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
LONG TERM FORECAST
FISCAL YEARS 2011-12 THROUGH 2015-16
As of November 14, 2011**

	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>
Estimated beginning fund balance	\$36,383,768	\$33,223,324	\$31,413,722	\$28,807,629	\$26,025,564
Revenue forecasts:					
Property taxes	49,250,000	50,235,000	51,239,700	52,264,494	53,309,784
Other revenue	3,097,300	3,159,246	3,222,431	3,286,880	3,352,617
Sale of District property		750,000	750,000		
Debt proceeds		5,050,000			
Total Revenue	<u>52,347,300</u>	<u>59,194,246</u>	<u>55,212,131</u>	<u>55,551,374</u>	<u>56,662,401</u>
Expenditure forecasts:					
Public safety	50,884,573	52,020,129	53,723,951	55,546,583	56,712,896
Debt service - existing debt	2,414,160	1,324,708	1,329,261	1,321,843	1,327,297
Debt service - new vehicle lease	534,011	534,011	534,012	534,012	534,011
Debt service - new COPs		500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
East Bay Regional Communications System	0	1,375,000	81,000	81,000	81,000
Refinery property tax adjustment claim		900,000			
OPEB contribution	0	0	0	0	0
Capital outlay:					
Fire Station improvements	40,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Fire Station 32 relocation	1,050,000	4,000,000			
Equipment and vehicle purchases	285,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Training Site improvements and expansion	300,000				2,700,000
SCBA replacement			1,300,000		
Total capital outlay	<u>1,675,000</u>	<u>4,350,000</u>	<u>1,650,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>3,050,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>55,507,744</u>	<u>61,003,848</u>	<u>57,818,224</u>	<u>58,333,438</u>	<u>62,205,204</u>
Net Increase/Decrease	<u>(3,160,444)</u>	<u>(1,809,602)</u>	<u>(2,606,093)</u>	<u>(2,782,064)</u>	<u>(5,542,803)</u>
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GENERAL FUND RESERVE

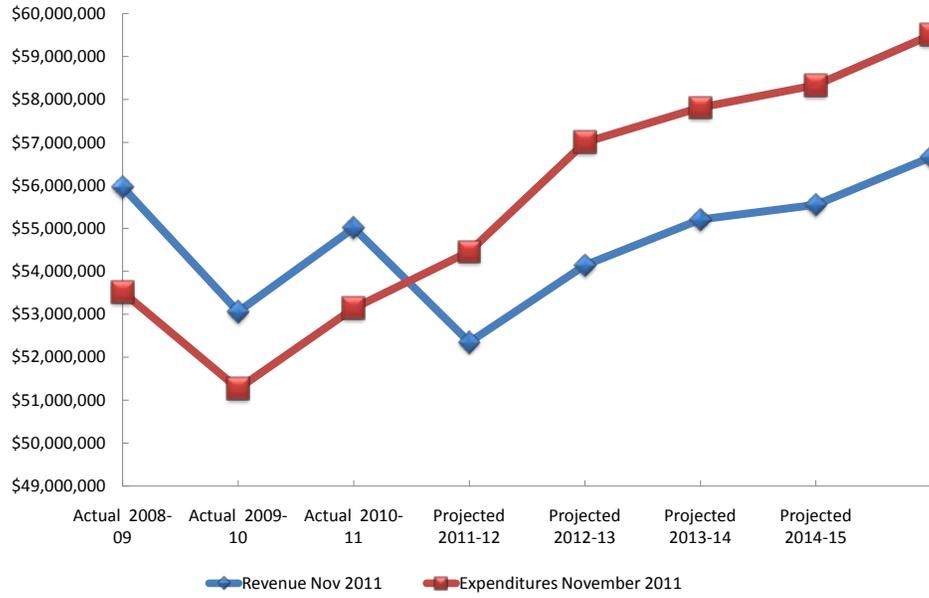
Projected Fund Balances	\$33,223,324	\$31,413,722	\$28,807,629	\$26,025,564	\$20,482,761
50% of Revenues (General Fund Only)	26,173,650	26,697,123	27,231,065	27,775,688	28,331,202

Over (Under) Minimum Reserve	\$7,049,674	\$4,716,599	\$1,576,563	(\$1,750,123)	(\$7,848,440)
Projected as of November 2011	26.93%	17.67%	5.79%	-6.30%	-27.70%

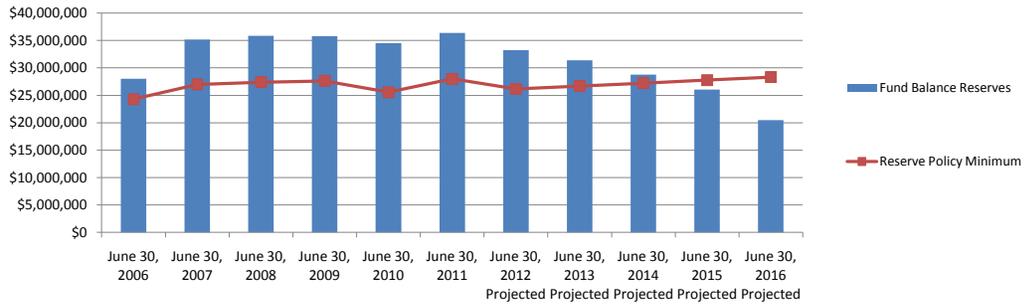
Over (Under) Minimum Reserve	\$9,711,828	\$433,541	(\$1,363,662)	(\$3,924,253)	N/A
Projected as of May 2011	38.03%	1.66%	-5.13%	-14.48%	N/A

Over (Under) Minimum Reserve	\$7,230,870	\$1,677,557	(\$872,524)	(\$3,823,961)	N/A
Projected as of January 2011	28.51%	6.48%	-3.31%	-14.21%	N/A

San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District Revenue and Expenditures



Fund Balance Reserves



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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 14, 2011
To: Board of Directors
From: Steven J. Hart, Assistant Fire Chief, Support Services
Subject: Disposition of Surplus Property, Fire Station 32
1101 Stone Valley Rd., Alamo, CA

Background:

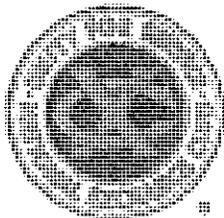
For the past several years, the District has been working towards obtaining land use authority for relocating Fire Station 32 to 2100 Stone Valley Rd. On November 1, 2011, the District received land use authority to proceed with the new fire station construction and relocation efforts.

There are requirements under District policy and State law with regard to the process for disposing of surplus governmental property, specifically in this case the fire station and land. Once property is declared to be surplus property, it must be offered for fair market value to other qualified Local Agencies (Government Code Section 54222).

Also, pursuant to Government Code section 65402, there are requirements with respect to a prospective sale including a determination of consistency of the involved property with the General Plan, a process which Staff would like to begin.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board declare Fire Station 32, located at 1101 Stone Valley Rd., Alamo, CA, to be surplus District property.



EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY

October 2011

Chief Richard Price
1500 Bollinger Canyon Road
San Ramon, CA 94583

Dear Chief Price:

We are so appreciative of your leadership in encouraging so many firefighters to share the influence of their role in valley to help other understand the impact of 9-11. We so enjoyed working with you to program the 9-11 Community Remembrance in your role with the Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley in hosting the ceremony and in your leadership role for our highly credited fire department . Thank you for helping us reach out to more people by inviting so many individual guests (Sue Brooks), by providing and setting up seating, by printing our special programs, by hoisting a giant American Flag on the Hook and Ladder, by serving as chaplain to offer the invocation (Jeremy Mann), by concluding with Taps (Clinton Pruit), by filling the air with memorial bagpiper music (Erik Falkenstrom and his team), by honoring our flag by posting the colors (John Youngblood and his team), by processing in with the wreath of honor (Captain Martin), and all of the scheduling changes that you made happen (storing the wreath and many more!)

We were so honored to have you participate in our ceremony this year—standing for so many fallen firefighters and honoring #343. You impacted over 1,500 people—over 340 of them scouts who so value citizenship. The student essays that came in from students who were much too young to remember September 11 reflected the power of the ceremony that day—thanks to your participation.

Thank you for drawing upon your personal resources to help America understand the impact of that day 10 years ago on our security and lives today.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen G. Stepper".

Karen G. Stepper, President
Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley
Mayor, Town of Danville
srvexchangeclub.org

Contact: 925-998-8865



ALAMEDA COUNTY
Meals on Wheels



Alameda County Meals on Wheels was incorporated in 1987 under the laws of the State of California as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.

October 25, 2011

Fire Chief Richard Price
Battalion Chief Sean Grayson
Interim Communications Center Manager
San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District
1500 Bollinger Canyon Road
San Ramon CA 94583

Dear Chief Price & Chief Grayson,

I am writing to thank you for the tremendous support we received from SRVFD for the Wheels for Meals Ride held October 22, 2011. Chris Quirk is the safety & communications specialist that has coordinated this event all three years. I greatly appreciate having the communications vehicle and 3 reservists at Shadow Cliffs. It made the riders know that their safety was a priority, provided light in the area at the crack of dawn, and was visited by several current and retired firefighters and police, kids and some young ladies looking for young firefighters to chat with.

The Wheels for Meals Ride benefits the six Meals on Wheels delivery programs in Alameda County. We had over 1000 participants and raised \$100,000. I could not have done it without Chris and all his volunteers. Thanks again to you and the SRVFD for being a big part of our success!

Warm regards,

Cindy Houts
Executive Director

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26 October 2011

Chief Richard Price
San Ramon Valley Fire Protection
6001 Bollinger Canyon Road
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Dear Rich

The ability to predict earthquakes is still in its formative stage, and predictions of minutes, hours, or days is not yet possible. But recent work in Japan, paralleled by work at UC Berkeley Seismological Institute, has yielded progress in warning times from a few to many seconds. New instrumentation and analytical techniques have demonstrated even such short warnings are possible and they can be very consequential. The recent catastrophic earthquakes and tsunami in Japan provided a real-world test of these predictive techniques: the Bullet Trains in Japan were quickly shut down, and thus saved from derailments and damage; and the next day they were up and running. Unfortunately the nuclear facilities were not yet connected, or they too might have promptly shut down. This is a technology with great potential, but only a modest (and experimental) implementation.

In essence, this new technology uses about the first one second of earthquake activity to predict the magnitude of the quake, the arrival of the shaking at a distant point, and the level of anticipated shaking. The nature of earthquakes is that the first shock wave arriving at a point (the P wave) is abrupt and generally of short duration. This first wave is followed by a second shock wave (the S wave) which moves slower (thus arriving later—and the further the source of the quake, the later the arrival, and the more the warning time). This second, longer-lasting, wave is responsible for much of the dramatic high-amplitude shaking and destruction wrought by earthquakes. Many structures can withstand a one-time “pop”, but few can withstand sustained jerking back and forth. There are also other slower waves which contribute to the destruction, but these are not important to this technology at this time

Yesterday, earthquake prediction and warning system research received a major financial boost with a grant from an unnamed foundation. This will increase by about 500% the funding for this work, both here in California and the Pacific Northwest. This in turn will permit the Seismological Institute to enter into agreements with certain groups as “early-adopters” to test their system in the community. The Institute is using an existing state-wide system of seismic detectors coupled with advanced GPS instruments, and these are connected to an analytical computer which provides warnings. The system is fully operational on an experimental, non-public basis. It has been sufficiently demonstrated that BART is intending to use it to automatically shut down their trains. (Human intervention and shut-down is too slow.) At worst, the trains will stop, and can then start up again. At best, trains will not enter tunnels nor derail nor toss passengers about.

When one considers whether these few seconds of warning would be of use to emergency first-responders such as the Fire District, I would suggest the following:

- Shock waves may cause building distortions, preventing bay doors from opening, thus trapping equipment. Bay doors could be automatically opened at the first warning.
- Emergency equipment in motion would be warned to pull off the road, and avoid overpasses and underpasses.
- Quick reaction by personnel may enable them to get away from falling objects, duck and cover, or out of a building, thus preserving their ability to act as emergency responders.
- Other personnel could be automatically warned to stand-by for emergency activation.

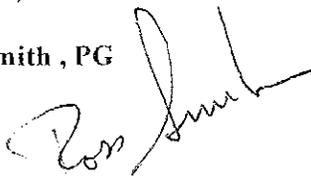
I'm sure there are many more, but this is off the top of my head.

My understanding is the Institute is seeking groups to actually deploy the warning system on an experimental, non-public, basis to see if it is adequately functional and useful. I imagine you would have to invest in a computer to load their software, as well as a certain amount of intellectual capital. I do not know what else, if anything, would be necessary. But it is something the District may wish to consider. If you and your Board feels this would be worthwhile pursuing I would be glad to provide the appropriate introductions (and then back away).

I should say I have no financial or professional connections or interests in the UC Berkeley Seismological Institute. As a professional geologist and engineer I am fascinated by the potential to avoid certain major consequences of earthquakes. And as a public member of the District, I believe the District could make an inexpensive but substantial contribution to activating this technology for the great benefit of their constituents.

Regards,

Ross Smith , PG

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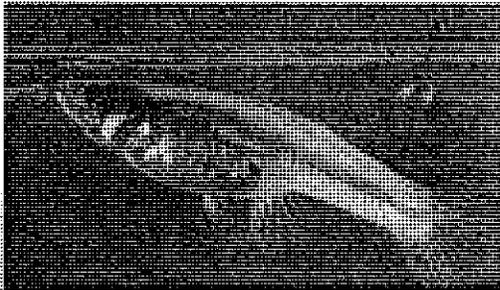
California Special Districts Association Contra Costa Chapter Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2011

October 2011

MOSQUITO FISH: A MAINSTAY OF MODERN MOSQUITO CONTROL

Unique Mosquito Fish Program Still
Thriving After All These Years



The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District (CCMVCD) currently raises more than 1 million mosquito fish (*Gambusia affinis*) for placement in public water sources and distribution to Contra Costa County residents for use in private water features. The mosquito fish are an extremely efficient fish, devouring up to 500 mosquito larvae per fish, per day. However, the mosquito fish are not a native California fish, so the District is careful to introduce it to specific water sources.

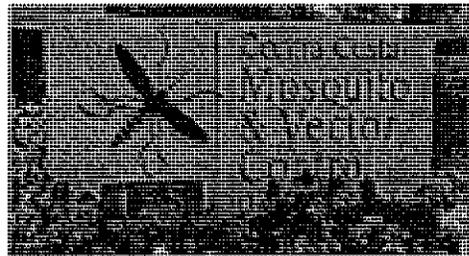
By finding a native fish, the District would have an important new weapon in our arsenal to stop mosquitoes where they are produced, and that could potentially be used in new areas better suited by a native fish.

In 1978 CCMVCD created a specific program to produce large numbers of mosquito fish in a controlled environment. This involved constructing a greenhouse and specialized raceways to allow the fish room to swim and reproduce. The creation of the greenhouse-based program has been beneficial on many levels including providing the fish with more reliable temperatures, and allowing for year-round production. The enclosure protects the

fish from possible predators and allows the District to maintain a fish population free of diseases found in natural habitats.

In 1989, the program's current supervisor, Biologist Chris Miller, began a redesign of the greenhouse facility to promote production of the existing mosquito fish while conducting research on other native fish that could possibly assist in mosquito prevention. He has regularly partnered with UC Davis scientists. Miller's research has been published in two scientific journals.

Today, the program produces one million mosquito fish each year for District distribution in specific areas of water that produce mosquitoes and for free distribution to members of the public for use in decorative ponds and water features and large containers including horse troughs.



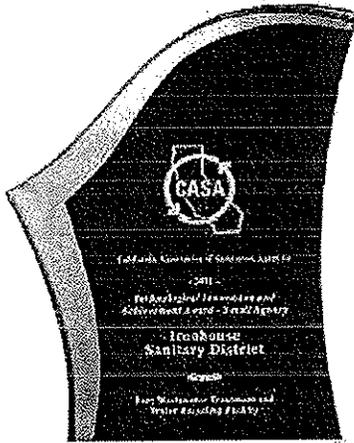
Byron-Brentwood-Knightesen Union Cemetery District News

Barbara Fee, the former District Secretary is now the District Manager. The District Assistant Manager/District Secretary will be Cecilia Larez, who is the former Assistant Manager at the Alamo-Lafayette Cemetery District in Central County.

News of our local districts is of interest to us all. Please send news stories to newsletter editor Stanley Caldwell. Stan can be contacted by phone at (925) 228-8922 or by email at stan_caldwell@comcast.net.

CASA Technological Innovation and Achievement Award

The California Association of Sanitation Agencies announced its 2011 achievement award recipients at the Annual Conference in San Diego on August 13. The awards recognize the achievements of publicly owned wastewater agencies throughout California.



The Technological Innovation and Achievement Award honored Ironhouse Sanitary District (small agency winner) for their new "Wastewater Treatment and Water Recycling Facility".

"It is such a great honor to be recognized with this award," said ISD General Manager Tom Williams. "It's recognition from our peers in the industry of ISD for the thoughtful planning that went into this new facility."

Since its inception in 1996, the CASA Achievement Awards Program has recognized exceptional public agency clean water services, programs and projects. The Achievement Awards Program helps motivate members to improve services, programs and projects by showcasing the best of the best. Awards are given annually in four different categories.

The Technological Innovation and Achievement award is given to individual agencies in recognition of an innovative application of existing technology or the development of new cutting-edge technology applied to wastewater collection, treatment, wastewater and biosolids recycling, and renewable energy production.

DSRSD provides help for Low Income Residential Customers

Dublin San Ramon Services District customers that are currently enrolled in PG&E's CARE program may also qualify for DSRSD's new Low Income Assistance program. Customers who enroll will receive a credit on each water bill equal to amount of the fixed water service charge, \$16.18 bimonthly.

Residential customers that meet qualifying income criteria for PG&E's CARE program can be enrolled. The name and address on the PG&E bill must match the name and service location on the DSRSD bill. The DSRSD account must be in good standing. If the account is past due, our Customer Services department can work with customers to bring the account current so they can qualify for assistance.

The Low Income Assistance program credits the amount of the fixed water service charge only. Customers in the program still pay for water consumption and all other charges on their bills. DSRSD is using unrestricted revenue from property taxes and cell tower lease payments to fund the Low Income Assistance program. As required by law, funding does not come from other DSRSD customers.

CSDA Board of Directors: Seat C, Region 3 Election Results

Stanley Caldwell, Mt. View Sanitary District was elected to serve for the 2012-2014 term. CSDA is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors elected by mail ballots. The Board consists of three directors from each of the six regions throughout California. The Board meets bimonthly in Sacramento to guide the Association's legislative and member benefit programs.

EBRPD Names New Assistant General Manager

On September 1, 2011, East Bay Regional Park District General Manager Robert E. Doyle announced the selection of Jim O'Connor as the new Assistant General Manager of Operations. He will replace John Escobar, who will retire at the end of September 2011. O'Connor has over 34 years of parks and recreation experience.

Financial Reporting Honors WCWD HONORED FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

As a public agency, the West County Wastewater District (WCWD) has a fiscal responsibility to keep its financial records accurate, up-to-date and file a yearly audit report.

WCWD goes a step further and prepares a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Designed to be user-friendly, the CAFR includes color graphs and charts to more easily explain WCWD's financial program, as well as a financial outlook for the next year and such features as a brief history of WCWD, an organizational chart, a 10-year financial history and other miscellaneous statistics and facts.

On February 24, 2011, the WCWD received the Certificate for Outstanding Financial Reporting by the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers for its CAFR for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010. The District has received an award for its CAFR for 12 consecutive years.

A copy of the 2010 CAFR can be found in the District's website.

Sanitary District Wins National Award - 180 Billion Gallons of Wastewater Treated Without a Glitch

The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's outstanding wastewater treatment processes have once again earned national recognition.

The District recently received the coveted "Platinum 13" Peak Performance Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). The award means that the District achieved 100% success in ensuring every drop of more than 180 billion gallons of treated wastewater met stringent federal, state and regional water quality standards as it was discharged into beautiful Suisun Bay during the past 13 consecutive years.

David Contreras former MVSD Manager is new Ironhouse Director

Ironhouse Sanitary District has a new member on its board. On June 7th, 2011 David Contreras was sworn in and introduced as the new board member. The Ironhouse Directors chose David Contreras from among 10 candidates to fill the opening created in April 2011 when former board member Don Lew died. Contreras, a 24-year-resident of Oakley, is retired (former Manager) from Mt. View Sanitary District (MVSD) in Martinez, where he worked for 32 years, 22 of them as the district manager.

See pictures from the 20th Anniversary Celebration



On April 11th, 2011 the Contra Costa Special Districts Association celebrated its 20th Anniversary at a dinner party at the Pleasant Hill Community Center in Pleasant Hill. If you visit the CCSDA website you will be able to view pictures of this event.

[Http://bit.ly/ContraCostaChapter](http://bit.ly/ContraCostaChapter)

CCWD observes its 75th Anniversary!



For 75 years, the Contra Costa Water District has upheld the principle that customers are its priority and meeting the needs of customers at all times is the goal of its operations. Looking forward, the District is committed to this concept and will continue to do the right thing in the right way at the right time for its customers.

Jay James has served 28 years on the Stege board and is retiring to teach in Korea

Jay James and wife Beverly have lived in Kensington since 1975. In 1981 Jay was on the board of the Kensington Property Owners Association. Each KPOA director would attend the meetings of some local government agency and report back to the rest of the board at KPOA meetings. Stege Sanitary District was Jay's beat.

In 1981 a new majority was elected to the Stege board and started sweeping clean. The long-time Stege manager, Al Baxter, was dying from cancer. He couldn't imagine a Stege district without him, so he recommended to the new board that the district be dissolved and made part of the City of El Cerrito. This looked like a good deal to El Cerritans, since the city would gain the \$1.2 million construction fund and the district's rate-setting power. It wasn't a good deal for Kensingtonians, who would be disenfranchised.

El Cerrito had three times as many registered voters as Kensington, so it seemed like an easy play. Jay reported back to the KPOA board, and we got the word out to the Kensington voters. When the dust settled, El Cerrito had voted 2-to-1 for taking over Stege, and Kensington 9-to-1 against. But the voter turnout in El Cerrito was 25%, and in Kensington it was 95%. Stege continued as an independent district.

Jay continued to attend the Stege board meetings, generally as the only member of the public present. In 1983 one of the Stege directors died suddenly, and the remaining directors appointed Jay to replace him. Jay filed for reelection in the next scheduled election that fall, but nobody ran against him. Neither has anyone run against him in the seven elections since then.

Jay is resigning after 28 years on the Stege board. He says he will miss the fellowship with the directors and managers (five during his tenure), the stimulating policy discussions, and CASA conferences. He indicated he would even miss the Stege booth duty at the annual El Cerrito Fourth of July Fair.

In the early 70's after serving in the Peace Corps and after a two-year stint at Bechtel, Jay enrolled for a Master's in nuclear engineering at UC Berkeley. He worked part-time at Kaiser Engineers in Oakland, who had landed a nuclear power planning contract for the Republic of South Korea. Jay did the economic evaluation of reactor types in 1974 for the study, and recast it in 1975 as his Master's thesis. After three years at the Electric Power Research Institute, in 1979 he formed a small consulting firm with Beverly in El Cerrito. In 1988, his former thesis adviser asked Jay to fill in for a retiring professor by teaching the Probabilistic Risk Assessment course. Jay continued to teach as a lecturer in Berkeley's Nuclear Engineering Department for thirteen years. He later created and taught online courses for Excelsior College in New York. Meanwhile, in 2000 Beverly and Jay decided that their engineering firm wasn't making enough money, so they shut down the firm and got "real" jobs. Jay retired from his job at the Oakland Airport at the end of 2009.

In the fall of 2009, at the American Nuclear Society's Winter Meeting, Jay attended a talk given by Dr. Kun-Mo Chung of the Korea Electric Power Company (KEPCO). He described a new school, called the KEPCO International Nuclear Graduate School (K-INGS) that he and a committee of prominent Koreans and Americans were trying to start up.

Jay was very excited about the project. Since he and greatly enjoys teaching, and knows nuclear engineering, and the school would be sited next to the first Korean nuclear power plant, which he had helped plan back in 1974 (see above). One of the Americans on the committee is a long-time associate in American Nuclear Society, so he wangled an introduction to Dr. Chung and said he would like to apply for the K-INGS faculty. They interviewed in April 2010 and selected Jay in September 2010.

Jay will start work on October 1, 2011 in the school's temporary headquarters in Seoul, since the residential buildings at the school site are still not yet finished. Instruction will start March 5, 2012. There's a lot to be done before then, preparing course materials, lectures, problem sets, and exams. Jay's contract is initially for two years, but it's renewable. Jay is hoping to continue at K-INGS for as long as he can teach.

Stege Manager Doug Humphrey Retires

Douglas C. Humphrey, Stege Sanitary District Manager/Engineer since May 2000, retired effective June 29, 2011.

Prior to assuming his position with the District, Mr. Humphrey spent 20 years in sanitary engineering and management positions with Creegan and D'Angelo Engineers, City of San Jose, Oro Loma Sanitary District and Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District, developing exceptional skills and experience in all aspects of water and wastewater engineering.

Mr. Humphrey's management and engineering talents have enabled the District to provide high quality services to the District's customers while finding ways to make those services more efficient and cost effective, resulting in cost savings to the customers of the District.

Mr. Humphrey has made outstanding contributions to other prominent public service organizations such as the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA), the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA), the California Sanitation Risk Management Authority (CSRMA), the California Water Environment Association (CWEA), the East Bay Collection System Advisory Committee (EBCSAC), and the Technical Advisory Board to the Joint Power Agency of the East Bay I/I Correction Program (TAB); in all of these positions, Mr. Humphrey has given extensively of his time, energy, expertise and, especially, his leadership skills.

Welcome new Stege Manager Rex Delizo

Stege Sanitary District Board approved the hiring of Rex Delizo as District Manager effective July 1, 2011.

Rex has been a long term employee of Stege Sanitary District he began his career there as Staff Engineer in July 1997, became the districts Associate Civil Engineer in April 2000, and Senior Civil Engineer/Deputy District Manager in July 2007.

Rex is a Registered Professional Civil Engineer, State of California, and received his education at

San Jose State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree (B.S.), Civil Engineering. Rex graduated in 1995 Cum Laude with concentration in Structural, Construction and Transportation Engineering with a minor in Business Administration.

The Stege Sanitary District is located in the San Francisco Bay Area and was originally formed in 1913 to provide public health services to a then lightly populated area of southwest Contra Costa County. The District currently provides sanitary sewer services to about 40,000 people with a total of about 13,000 sewer connections. The District service area comprises 5.3 square miles and includes the communities of El Cerrito, Kensington and a portion of Richmond known as the Richmond Annex. The sewage collection system includes 147 miles of collection lines and two small pump stations.

CCCSD Named Agency of the Year by Western Region of International Public Management Association - Human Resources

The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) has been named the winner of the Agency Award for Excellence by the Western Region of the International Public Management Association - Human Resources (IPMA-HR). The Western Region includes 16 chapters of IPMA-HR in California, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico/West Texas.

The Western Region Agency Award for Excellence recognizes the overall quality, accomplishments, and contributions of an agency human resources program that exceeds the normal operation of a good government human resources program.

"The Western Region received many qualified applications for this year's award, and it was a very difficult decision," said Western Regional IPMA Vice President Kelli Williamson. "Congratulations to CCCSD for an outstanding program that incorporated automation in the interactive and return-to-work process! It is truly innovative."

CCCSD will now be entered into the competition for the national IPMA Award.

Darnell Turner appointed to serve on the ACHD

Los Medanos Community Healthcare District is proud to announce that Darnell Turner, Board President of Los Medanos Community Healthcare District has been nominated and appointed by the Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) to serve on the Association's Program and Development Committee. This committee has direct oversight of ACHD Annual Meetings, the Leadership Program, Trustee Education, and the Community Services Committee, as well as the website and membership directory. Mr. Turner will attend the ACHD Board and Committee Meeting on Dec 02, 2011 at the Langham Huntington Hotel Pasadena.

Contractor Selected for new Pleasant Hill Senior and Teen Centers

The first visible step in the construction of Pleasant Hill's new Senior Center and new Teen Center took place in mid January as Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District carefully removed selected trees in Pleasant Hill Park.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors on Friday June 3, 2011 the board unanimously selected McFadden Construction of Stockton, California from the ten bids that were received to construct the new Pleasant Hill Senior Center and the new Pleasant Hill Teen Center.

Construction began in earnest in July. The contractor erected fencing around the construction area and demolished both the Teen Center and the Senior Center; they are projected to be completed in late 2012. The Community Center closed public operations on April 17th, 2011, and it is expected to be complete in summer of 2013.

Byron Bethany Irrigation District News

Byron Bethany Irrigation District is Celebrating 96 Years serving the Agricultural, Municipal and Industrial Communities in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Joaquin Counties.

Ironhouse Water Recycling Facility



Ironhouse Sanitary District celebrated the grand opening of the new Water Recycling Facility Oct. 15th, 2011 with a celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony. A complimentary free lunch was provided, along with tours of the new state-of-the-art facility. There was entertainment, games for the kids, and pumpkin painting. There were over 500 guests in attendance.

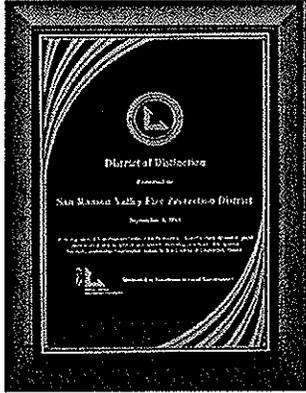
Ironhouse Sanitary District commissioned the new Water Recycling Facility to provide advanced wastewater treatment and disposal capacity to meet state standards and to accommodate planned growth within the district's service area. The previous treatment facilities were unable to meet current regulatory requirements and were operating at capacity. Planning for the new plant began 10 years ago. It was designed in-house and financed with a combination of ratepayer funds, revenue generated through the district's cattle ranching operation, and an Interest-free state loan. Construction cost was \$54.5 million, which was about \$12 million less than budgeted. The plant uses advanced membrane bioreactor technology, and is the first facility of its kind in Contra Costa County. The project was recognized with the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) 2011 Technological Innovation and Achievement Award for using advanced membrane filtration technology and ultraviolet light for disinfection to help protect the sensitive Delta environment. The new plant produces effluent that meets the highest California Department of Public Health Title 22 standards as an unrestricted and non-potable, reclaimed water source. The new facility will serve the community for decades to come.



**California Special
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Districts Stronger Together

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District Wins Award



The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District became one of two new Districts of Distinction as named by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and the Special Districts Leadership Foundation (SDLF). To date, the Fire District is the largest district to receive this honor. The Award was presented to Fire Board Director Matt Stamey during the annual CSDA conference in Monterey.



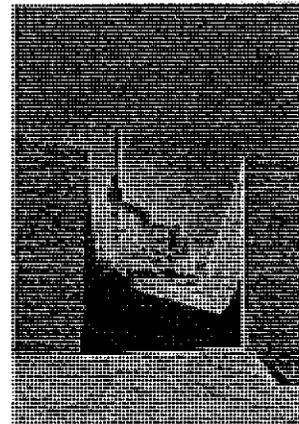
The "District of Distinction" is one of the most prestigious local government awards in the State of California. This accreditation validates the Fire Districts commitment to good governance and to ethical and sound operating practices. The accreditation criteria included the submission of financial audits, current and relevant policies and procedures, and proof of training completed by each of the District's Board of Directors and executive management team in ethics, governance, and leadership.

"This accreditation demonstrates our resolve to provide the highest level of service to our community," said Fire Chief Richard Price. "We are honored to receive this designation." The Special District Leadership Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special districts. The District of Distinction Program was designed to showcase special districts that are committed to excellence and transparency.

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District is an internationally-accredited special district that provides all-risk fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the communities of Alamo, Blackhawk, the Town of Danville, Diablo, the City of San Ramon, the southern area of Morgan Territory and the Tassajara Valley, in Northern California (Contra Costa

Updates on Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Construction

The capacity of Los Vaqueros Reservoir is being expanded from its current 100,000 acre-feet to 160,000.



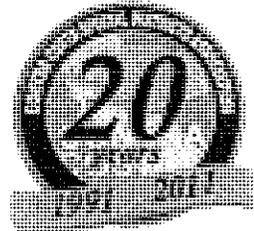
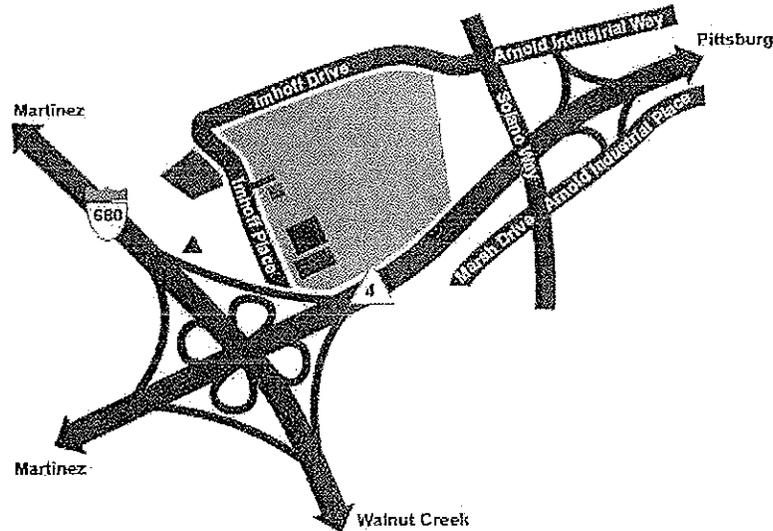
Activity is now centered on building the new spillway and processing the immense amount of rock and soil (more than 1 million cubic yards) needed for the expansion.

The North side of the Los Vaqueros Watershed near Brentwood is closed for expansion; the South side near Livermore is open for some hiking and limited shoreline fishing. The Marina and boat rentals are closed.

Mark your calendars with our future Chapter Meeting Dates:

January 23rd 2012, April 16th 2012, July 16th 2012, and October 15th 2012.

At the October 17th, 2011 meeting it was decided by the membership that for 2012 we will meet in the morning with an optional lunch following each of our meetings. If there is enough interest an evening meeting could be arranged, possibly for a tour of a facility. At the October 2012 meeting we will review adjusting meeting times and decide if we want to return to the alternating schedule of morning and evening meetings. For now we will meet at Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, 5019 Imhoff Place, Martinez, CA.



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Brooks, Sue

From: Price, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 11:22 AM
To: Brooks, Sue
Subject: FW: Sacramento Bee's State Worker Blog - California group moves to put pension overhaul on 2012 ballot

For packet

From: Ralph Simoni [mailto:RSimoni@caladvocates.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 11:19 AM
To: Price, Richard
Cc: Leete, Robert; William Ross
Subject: Sacramento Bee's State Worker Blog - California group moves to put pension overhaul on 2012 ballot

Rich – attached is an article announcing the submission of to pension reform proposals to the Atty. Gen. for proper title and summary.

There are two important matters to keep in mind. First, these proposals (especially option 1) take a much more aggressive stance on current employee pension reform. This group has undertaken a tremendous amount of legal research and is willing to press the envelope to allow the judiciary to make the ultimate decision as to what, if any, changes to existing employee pensions may be addressed. Second, unlike many groups such as the organization promoting the "Pension Solvency Act", the California Pension Reform folks are well respected and likely to obtain sufficient funding to place one or both of their initiatives on the November 2012 ballot – these folks are serious about their effort.

Since this group is pursuing the initiative approach, it may have an impact on how the legislature ultimately responds to the Gov.'s 12 point pension reform proposal which is receiving mostly negative reaction from various public employee groups.

I'll continue to keep you posted.

Ralph



Chronicling civil-service life for California state workers

November 2, 2011

[California group moves to put pension overhaul on 2012 ballot](#)



California's current and future state and local employees would pay more for their pensions under two ballot initiative proposals submitted to the state attorney general today with the intent of putting one of them to a statewide vote next year.

"Seventy percent of voters think it's time," said Dan Pellissier, president of California Pension Reform, referring to public opinion polls on public pensions.

His group, which includes a former chairman of the California Republican Party, Duf Sundheim, former GOP Assemblyman Roger Niello, Marcia Fritz, president of the Citrus Heights-based president of the California Foundation for Fiscal Responsibility, and Schwarzenegger finance director Mike Genest, is filing the measures for an official ballot title and summary today, less than a week after Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown rolled out a pension reform agenda last week.

Once the measures are labeled, summarized and packaged with fiscal impact analyses from the state's Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office, the pension reform group will conduct polling, select one proposal and launch a signature collection campaign to get it on the **November 2012 ballot**.

"We admire the governor's tenacity, but we have little faith that the Legislature will adopt anything of substance," Pellissier said in an interview with The Bee. "And we fill in some of the gaps" in the governor's proposal.

The largest, say critics of Brown's plan, is that the governor's plan only makes current costs cheaper and skips the more difficult task of paying down down the unfunded liabilities that pension systems have built up in the last decade. Estimate on how the spread between the funds' assets and their obligations vary widely. The worst-case scenarios peg the obligations at \$500 billion for California's three largest public pension funds.

California Pension Reform's first ballot proposal, dubbed the "**Government Employee Pension Reform Act of 2012, Option No. 1**," prohibits pension funds from incurring new debts or unfunded liabilities. "Defined contribution plans would be the most likely option" for new workers, according to the proposal's language, "though defined benefits and annuities underwritten by third parties would be allowed."

The plan caps **employer contributions** for new employees' retirement accounts at **6 percent of base pay for non-safety workers** and **9 percent for safety employees** such as police and firefighters. Employees would have to make up the difference.

Current employees and employers would split contributions equally under Option No. 1 unless the value of a fund's assets fell below 80 percent of its obligations. Then the 6 percent and 9 percent employer contribution caps would kick in **for everyone** until the fund's asset values regained the 80 percent funding threshold. (This provision is also part of the second ballot initiative proposal.)

New employees who don't participate in Social Security -- public safety workers and teachers -- would receive a guaranteed "**replacement benefit**" equal to the Social Security payment they would otherwise earn. Most would have to wait until **67** to receive the full benefit, just like Social Security. Full-career public safety workers would receive their full benefit at **age 60**, up from the current age of 50 or 55.

Brown's plan doesn't nail down the full retirement age for police, firefighters and other public safety workers. Brown's Labor Secretary, Marty Morganstern, said during a conference call with reporters last week that the administration hadn't settled on an age.

Option No. 1 from the pension reform group also mandates that **current and future employees'** pensions be calculated on a **three-year average** of an individual's highest base wages. **Brown's plan** includes that same anti-spiking provision, but **restricts it to new hires**.

Public employee unions and many legal experts believe that unilaterally downgrading any detail of pensions promised to current employees violates state and federal laws that protect property rights and contracts.

Pellissier said there's wiggle room.

"We've spent a tremendous amount of money on legal fees. There's a good legal case for changing benefits that are earned in the future," Pellissier said. "We're not going to spend a minute arguing about it. We'll let the court decide. Tell it to the judge."

Option No. 1 includes other provisions in Brown's plan or versions of them, including a **ban on retroactive benefit increases** and a provision that **prevents felons from collecting full government pensions** if their crimes were connected with their public duties.

Like Brown's plan, both proposals call for government employers and their employees to equally share the cost of retirement benefits. But the reform group's plan puts a bigger burden on employees if their fund's assets equal less than 80 percent of its obligations. If that happens, the government's cost would be capped at 6 percent of an employee's base pay while the worker's contributions would increase to make up the difference until the fund recovers.

Unlike Brown's proposal, neither of the reform group's plans address "**double dipping**" that allows retirees to return to work and collect both a pension and a government paycheck. Nor do today's proposals ban "pension holidays" that allow government employers to skip pension payments when their pension funds have more in assets than obligations.

Brown also wants to lengthen how long employees have to work to qualify for the state's retiree health benefit subsidy. California Pension Reform's proposals stick to pension policies.

"**Government Employee Pension Reform Act of 2012, Option No. 2**" is "a lot like the governor's proposal," Pellissier said, particularly its mandatory "hybrid" pension for new hires.

Hybrids combine a smaller defined benefit with a professionally-managed 401(k)-style defined contribution and Social Security. Option No. 2 provides a larger defined benefit component for employees who don't participate in Social Security.

The federal government adopted a hybrid retirement plan for its employees in 1987. The policy benefits employers by cutting their contribution costs and making the expense somewhat more predictable.

Employees bear the losses when defined contribution investments fall short.

The Option No. 2 hybrid intends to provide new hires with **75 percent of their working income after a full career**. For **safety workers**, that would translate into **30 years ending at age 58**, Pellissier said.

A full career for all other employees hired in the future would be **35 years, ending at age 67**, the same as Social Security and Brown's hybrid plan. Workers could retire five years earlier with a lesser benefit.

PHOTO: Dan Pellissier / Courtesy Dan Pellissier

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Posted by Jon Ortiz

Read more: http://blogs.sacbee.com/the_state_worker/2011/11/california-group-moves-to-put-pension-reform-group-submits-initiative-proposals-for-ballot.html#ixzz1cZVfACxd



San Ramon Valley Fire Chief Richard Price Named 2012 American Heart Association Heart of Gold Honoree

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District is proud to announce that Fire Chief Richard Price has been selected by the American Heart Association as the 2012 "Heart of Gold" honoree. The Heart of Gold Award honors an individual who has made significant contribution to the advancement of cardiovascular disease protection and has enhanced the welfare of the Greater Bay Area community.

In January 2011 the San Ramon Valley Fire District, lead by Fire Chief Richard Price, released an innovative new location-aware mobile phone application that empowers everyday citizens to provide life-saving assistance to victims of Sudden Cardiac Arrest. Application users who have indicated they are trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can now be notified if someone nearby is having a cardiac emergency and may require CPR.

If the cardiac emergency is in a public place, the application, using sophisticated location-based services, will alert citizens in the vicinity of the need for CPR. The application also directs these citizen rescuers to the exact location of the closest public access Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Since its release earlier this year the application has received worldwide attention and acclaim.

"Each year, we search for an individual who stands out in the fight against cardiovascular disease and stroke to honor with our Heart of Gold award," said Jill DiGiacomo, Executive Director of the American Heart Association's Greater Bay Area Division. "Our hats are off to Chief Price for developing this cutting-edge and innovative technology."

"A phone app that alerts CPR-trained citizens to respond to an emergency will literally save lives. For the American Heart Association, it doesn't get any better than that. We applaud Chief Price and look forward to honoring him at our Heart of Gold Ball on June 2 at Livermore's Wente Vineyards."

A 32-year veteran of the Fire Service, Chief Price joined the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District in 2006 as the Assistant Fire Chief of Operations and was named Fire Chief in 2008. Price is also the President of the PulsePoint Foundation. Price holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University Hayward. He is a California State Certified Fire Chief and is an internationally certified Chief Fire Officer. In 2009 Price completed the four year Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy in Maryland. Price is a graduate of the Harvard University Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at the Kennedy School of Government and the Strategic Management of Public Organizations Program at the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley. In 2011 Price graduated from the Center for Homeland Defense and Security Executive Leaders Program at the Naval Postgraduate School.

"I am extremely honored to receive this level of recognition from the American Heart Association," said Chief Price. "I'm also very excited to be in a position to enable citizen superheroes by extending the reach of the CPR/AED mobile application worldwide through the PulsePoint Foundation."

"Every day nearly 1,000 people die from Sudden Cardiac Arrest in the U.S. alone – one every two minutes," continued

Price. "I believe this app can significantly improve that outcome through increased citizen engagement and awareness."

The Heart of Gold Ball raises funds that support the American Heart Association's mission to build healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. Money raised at the gala pays for research, development programs and community outreach efforts.

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Benefitting the Families of Fallen Police Officers & Firefighters

October 28, 2011

Dear Chief Price,

As you know, ***Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes*** is a nonprofit organization committed to aiding families of fallen police officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty in California. This year, we took on the responsibility of organizing the pregame event for the October 23rd Police and Fire Appreciation Game, Raiders vs. Chiefs.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the following individuals from your department who volunteered their time to walk onto the field and represent police and fire agencies during this tribute game:

1. Andy Swartzell
2. Erik Falkenstrom
3. Chris Parsons

I would also like to give special acknowledgement and my sincere thank you to Battalion Chief Mike Picard from your agency. I have been working with BC Picard on this project from the onset. He came on to coordinate the "pipes and drums" component of this event. I have found BC Picard to be extremely easy to work with and dependable. Chief Picard is a team player, a true professional and an outstanding representative of your fine agency.

Our organization owes them a debt of gratitude for their selfless donation of time which showed not only the crowd at the stadium, but also the millions who tuned-in for the CBS and cable broadcasts, the dedication that police officers and firefighters have for their job and their communities.

We are appreciative of your members and we look forward to a continued relationship with your department and these honorable individuals.

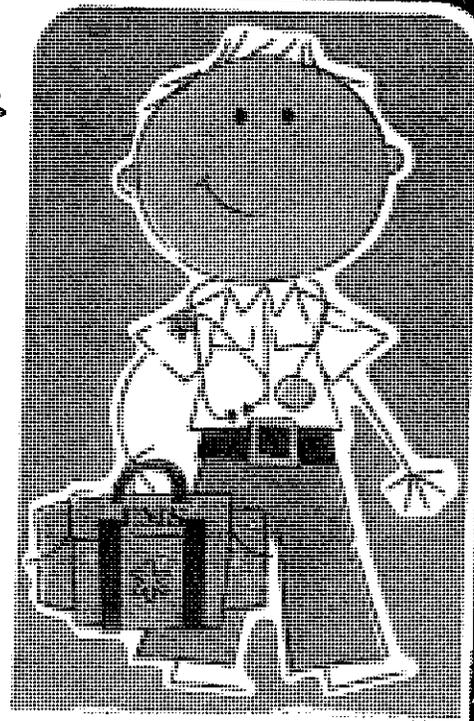
Gratefully,

Thomas D. Gallinatti
CEO/Chairman

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"Serving Those Who Served"

Mr. Price,
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not enough.
Your personnel
that came to my
son's aide was
just amazing...
I appreciate all
that was done
that day & the
kind hearts that
were involved. →



My son is on his way to a full
recovery from his peanut allergy
reaction.

Thank you for the
staff & Thanks to
all involed that day.

Warmest Regards
Nicole Robinett
"mom" to
Tyler Robinett

thank
You

Standards of Cover Policy Compliance Report

October 1, 2011 - October 31, 2011

	SOC Goal 1, 5, 6			SOC Goal 2, 5, 6			SOC Goal 3, 5, 6		
	Urban (Count = 236)			Suburban (Count = 92)			Rural (Count = 8)		
	Goal	Actual	Y-T-D	Goal	Actual	Y-T-D	Goal	Actual	Y-T-D
First Unit Response	07:00	7:22	7:34	08:00	9:11	8:52	15:00	9:49	20:12
		96%	94%		88%	93%		100%	97%

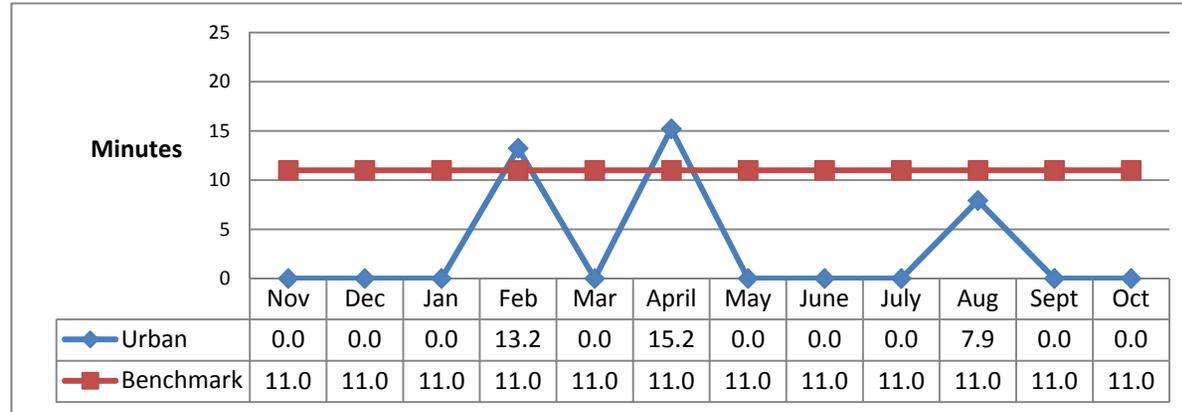
	SOC Goal 4								
	Urban (Count = 0)			Suburban (Count = 0)			Rural (Count = 0)		
	Goal	Actual	Y-T-D	Goal	Actual	Y-T-D	Goal	Actual	Y-T-D
ERF Fire Response	11:00	00:00	15:13	12:00	00:00	17:20	21:00	00:00	16:28
		0%	33%		0%	33%		0%	100%

	SOC Goal 8								
	Urban (Count = 78)			Suburban (Count = 23)			Rural (Count = 2)		
	Goal	Actual	Y-T-D	Goal	Actual	Y-T-D	Goal	Actual	Y-T-D
ERF Medical Response	9:00	9:54	10:46	10:00	10:19	11:32	21:00	11:31	13:55
		96%	90%		86%	89%		100%	100%

SOC Goal 7					
Call Processing Time			Turnout Time		
Goal	Actual	Y-T-D	Goal	Actual	Y-T-D
01:00	0:52	0:51	02:00	2:47	2:41
	100%	100%		77%	77%

ERF Fire Response

Urban



Goal 1

Distribution of Fire Stations for Built-up Urban Areas of Greater than 2,000 People per Square Mile

To treat and transport medical patients and control small fires, the first-due unit should arrive within 7 minutes total response time, 90 percent of the time from the receipt of the call in fire dispatch. Total response time equates to 1 minute dispatch time, 2 minute crew turnout time and 4 minutes travel time spacing for single units.

Goal 2

Distribution of Fire Stations for Suburban Areas of 1,000 to 2,000 People per Square Mile

The first-due fire unit should arrive within 8 minutes total response time, 90 percent of the time.

Goal 3

Distribution of Fire Stations for Rural Areas of Less than 1,000 People per Square Mile

The first-due fire unit should arrive within 17 minutes total response time, 90 percent of the time.

Goal 4

Effective Response Force (First Alarm) for Urban Areas of Greater than 2,000 People per Square Mile

To confine fires near the room of origin, to stop wildfires less than 5 acres in size when noticed promptly, and to treat up to 5 medical patients at once, a multiple-unit response of at least 18 personnel should arrive within 11 minutes total response time from the time of 911 call receipt, 90 percent of the time. This equates to 1 minute dispatch time, 2 minutes crew turnout time and 8 minutes travel time spacing for multiple units. Suburban areas should receive the full first alarm within 12 minutes total response time, 90 percent of the time with the goal to limit the fire spread to the area already involved upon the arrival of the effective response force. For rural areas, this should be 21 minutes, 90 percent of the time. Outcome goals in these areas would be to confine fires to the building of origin, to care for medical patients upon arrival, and to initiate operations on serious wildland fires.

Goal 5

Hazardous Materials Response

Respond to hazardous materials emergencies with enough trained personnel to protect the community from the hazards associated with the release of hazardous and toxic materials. Achieve a total response time consistent with Goal 1, Goal 2 and Goal 3 with the first company capable of operating at the California OSHA First Responder Operations (FRO) level. After size-up and scene evaluation is complete a determination will be made whether to request the on-duty District Hazardous Materials Team and/or other appropriate resources.

Goal 6

Technical Rescue

Respond to technical rescue emergencies with enough trained personnel to facilitate a successful rescue. Achieve a total response time consistent with Goal 1, Goal 2 and Goal 3 with the first company capable of operating at the California Rescue System 1 (RS1) level. After size-up and scene evaluation is complete a determination will be made whether to request the on-duty District Rescue Team and/or other appropriate resources.

Goal 7

Call processing and turnout times

A concentrated focus will be placed on systems, training and feedback measures to crews to lower dispatch and turnout time reflex measures to national best practices of 1 minute for dispatch and 2 minutes for fire crew turnout, 90 percent of the time.

Goal 8

Effective Response Force for Advanced Life Support (ALS) Medical Emergencies

To treat medical patients requiring advanced procedures and skills (defined as Charlie, Delta or Echo), a two-unit response consisting of one paramedic-staffed ambulance and one additional paramedic-staffed unit for a response force of at least five personnel should arrive within 6 minutes travel time in urban areas and 7 minutes travel time in suburban areas, 90 percent of the time. For rural areas, excluding Mt. Diablo State Park, personnel should arrive within 18 minutes travel time 90 percent of the time.

Support Services October 2011
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Facilities

1. Station 32: Preparing for Supervisors Meeting, November 1.
2. Training Site Remodel: Preparing for Bid.

Fleet

1. Annual Engine / Truck services in progress.
2. Assembling new Apparatus in progress.
3. Participated in Driver Operator class with Academy.

Communication Center

1. Transitioned Sean Grayson into Interim Communications Center Manager.
2. New Dispatcher, Trisha Klink, started training.
3. Provided Incident Command System (ICS) training to the recruit fire academy.
4. Reserves assisted with communications for:
 - The Mount Diablo Bike Challenge
 - The Primo's Run
 - The Meals on Wheels Bicycle Race
5. Reserves provided public outreach and education in the Communications Support Unit at:
 - The Pacificon Event

Information & Technology

1. Upgraded Zetron software and firmware to latest version.
2. Converted to managed print services with Give Something Back.
3. Provided radio communications training for the fire academy.
4. Conducted mobile software refresher training for suppression personnel.
5. Performed proof of concept testing on the backup software solution.

Current Projects

1. Working through Fiscal Year 11/12 budgeted projects.
2. AED – Ongoing project for District Aides/Support Services. Confirming location, address, contact info, lat/long, etc.
3. Listed fuel tank and pumps (located at Training Site) on Public Surplus auction site – Sold. Highest Bidder paid and removed equipment from site.
4. Demo work - removing bollards and remaining material from tank/pump location at Training Site.
5. Station Inspections commenced.
6. District Aides assisted in various preparation projects for the Academy.

Fire Prevention Summary of Monthly Activities October 2011

What Went Well

Website Enhancements

The District website now includes a "Senior Safety" section and a "Be Ready SRV" section. The Be Ready SRV section is dedicated to emergency preparedness in cooperation with the SRV Citizen Corps Council. In addition, customers can register for classes and station tours via the website.

Fireworks Public Displays

Fire Prevention staff provided inspection and fire safety standby services for the fireworks public displays at each of the three high schools homecoming football events.

ICC Annual Business Meeting

Fire Marshal Jamison attended the International Code Council annual business meeting. California code officials played a vital role in the successful election of seven open Director Seats on the Board of Directors. Two candidates of particular interest and support included a California code official candidate and a fire official candidate both successfully elected for three year terms.

Danville Fall Crafts Fair

On Saturday, October 22, Fire Prevention staff member "Sparky" led the Halloween costume parade during the Danville Fall Crafts Fair. Staff members also staffed a fire and life safety booth and provided educational information and materials to attendee's. The Heartsafe Committee hosted a "Sidewalk CPR" booth and successfully trained 171 people on Saturday of the event.

Morgan Territory Community Preparedness Meeting

On November 17, District Staff will host a Community Preparedness Meeting for Residents of Morgan Territory Road. Staff will collect and review home risk assessment forms and will respond to questions and concerns discussed at the previous meeting. Fire extinguisher training will also be provided. The District will continue to building a partnership with residents and encourage their continued involvement in education and preparedness.

Press Releases

Press releases available at the District website www.firedepartment.org

Potential Issues

None at this time.

Upcoming Public Education Classes and Events Scheduled

Personal Emer Prep	Admin Building	November 16
Danville Tree Lighting	Downtown Danville	November 25

Fire Prevention Summary of Monthly Activities
October 2011

Plan Reviews Completed

See below for a list of plan reviews completed in October.

Plan Review Address	Type	Plans In	Result	Reviewer	Plans Out
Week of 10/3/2011- 10/7/2011					
770 San Ramon Valley Blvd.	Const./Reno	9/9/11	Approved	IH	10/31/11
Gale Ranch Phase 2 SD8689	Improvement Plan	11/1/10	Approved	IH	10/26/11
Gale Ranch Phase II SD9245	Improvement Plan	11/1/10	Approved	IH	10/26/11
2305 Camino Tassajara	Const./Reno	8/10/11	Approved	DS	10/5/11
2651 Finley Rd.	Extinguishing System	8/26/11	Resubmittal	JB	10/7/11
	Extinguishing System		Required		
2651 Finley Rd.	Extinguishing System	8/26/11	Approved	JB	10/12/11
			Resubmittal		
160-154 E Prospect Ave. Ivy Hill Way	Const./Reno	8/29/11	Required	NK	10/4/11
Clubhouse & Bldgs. 1-15	Detection System	9/1/11	Approved	IH	10/6/11
9100 Alcosta Blvd.	Const./Reno	9/20/11	Approved	IH	10/6/11
Weber Ln. & Matadera Way SD8919 Plans 1,2,3,4,7,8 & Cottage	Const./Reno	9/21/11	Approved	IH	10/18/11
Weber Ln. & Matadera Way SD8919 Plans 1,2,3,4,7,8 & Cottage	Extinguishing System	9/22/11	Approved	IH	10/18/11
6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd. Bldg. A	Detection System	9/22/11	Approved	IH	10/13/11
6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd. Bldg. A Cafeteria	Const./Reno	9/26/11	Approved	IH	10/13/11
2270 Camino Ramon #120	Misc. Planning Application	9/29/11	Approved	JB	10/7/11
	Extinguishing System				
6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd.	Extinguishing System	9/30/11	Approved	JB	10/3/11
Ivy Leaf Springs Rd.	Development Plan	10/3/11	Approved	JB	10/3/11
9846 Alcosta Blvd.	Land Use Permit	10/3/11	Approved	JB	10/4/11
109 Vista Del Diablo	Const./Reno	10/4/11	Approved	JB	10/7/11
3000 Pine Valley Rd.	Const./Reno	10/5/11	Approved	IH	10/5/11
2005 Crow Canyon Pl. #140	Extinguishing System	10/5/11	Approved	JB	10/6/11
	Detection System				
6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd. Bldg. K	Detection System	10/5/11	Approved	IH	10/18/11
3124 Crow Canyon Pl. Suite A2	Const./Reno	10/6/11	Approved	IH	10/6/11
3124 Crow Canyon Pl. Suite A	Const./Reno	10/6/11	Approved	IH	10/6/11
471 St. Francis Dr.	Photovoltaic	10/6/11	Approved	IH	10/6/11
1008 Ocho Rios Dr.	Photovoltaic	10/7/11	Approved	IH	10/7/11
6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd. Bldg. T	Detection System	10/7/11	Approved	IH	10/13/11
1320 El Capitan Dr. #400	Extinguishing System	10/7/11	Approved	IH	10/18/11
	Extinguishing System				
1320 El Capitan Dr. #410	Extinguishing System	10/7/11	Approved	IH	10/18/11

1320 El Capitan Dr. #440	Extinguishing System	10/7/11	Approved	IH	10/18/11
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Week of 10/10/2011- 10/14/2011

2600 Bishop Dr.	Extinguishing System	10/10/11	Approved	IH	10/18/11
4000 Golden Bay Ave.	Misc. Planning Application	10/10/11	Approved	IH	10/26/11
2255 Stone Valley Rd.	Const./Reno	10/11/11	Approved	IH	10/28/11
135 Haven Hill Ct.	Photovoltaic Misc. Planning Application	10/12/11	Approved	RE	10/12/11
945 Forest Ln.	Misc. Planning Application	10/12/11	Approved	NK	10/28/11
18070 San Ramon Valley Blvd.	Misc. Planning Application	10/13/11	Approved	JB	10/17/11
18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd.	Const./Reno	10/13/11	Approved	IH	10/31/11
1382 Brookside Dr.	Photovoltaic	10/14/11	Approved	RE	10/14/11
1463 Paseo Nogales	Extinguishing System	10/14/11	Resubmittal Required	IH	10/28/11

Week of 10/17/2011- 10/21/2011

421 Montcrest Pl.	Photovoltaic	10/20/11	Approved	IH	10/20/11
502 Bolero Ct.	Photovoltaic	10/20/11	Approved	IH	10/20/11
1600 Peters Ranch Rd.	Photovoltaic	10/20/11	Approved	IH	10/20/11
101 Sycamore Valley Rd.	Extinguishing System	10/20/11	Approved	IH	10/20/11

Week of 10/24/2011- 10/31/2011

330 Borica Pl.	Photovoltaic	10/26/11	Approved	NK	10/26/11
350 Victorian Ln.	Photovoltaic	10/26/11	Approved	NK	10/26/11
2000 Crow Canyon Pl. #270	Extinguishing System	10/27/11	Approved	RE	10/27/11
1592 St. Helena Dr.	Photovoltaic	10/28/11	Approved	RW	10/28/11

**Administrative Services Department
October, 2011**

Finance:

Financials

- Balance Sheet (October 31, 2011)
- Revenue/Expense History
- Statement of Expenditures
- Revenues: Budget v Actual
- Expenses: Budget v Actual
- General Fund Expenditures
- General Fund Revenues
- Capital & Equipment/Vehicle Fund
- Total Overtime
- Staffing/Overtime Analysis

Meetings/Activities:

Finance:

- Completed 2010-11 State Controller's Report.
- Completed Government Compensation of California Report for 2010.
- Attended CalPERS 457 Plan Administration Webinar.
- Attended Local Agency Investment Fund conference.
- Attended Leadership San Ramon Valley.
- Supported labor negotiations.
- Hired and trained a temporary Finance employee to work during a leave of absence.

Human Resources:

- Supported labor negotiations.
- Attended grievance mediation.
- Opened "Employee of the Year" process.
- Conducted debrief on 2011 FF/PM recruitment/selection process.
- Processing Health Insurance Open Enrollment.
- Prepare 2012 property/liability insurance renewal data.
- Prepare 2012 dental/life insurance renewal data.

Employee Illness/Injury Report for October 2011

Reportable Injuries – October 2011:

1. September 4, 2011. A Firefighter/Paramedic injured their left shoulder lifting equipment onto an engine during a medical call (reported 10/5/11). No Lost Time.
2. October 18, 2011. A Firefighter strained their left knee stepping off a ladder during training. Lost Time: 8 hours.
3. October 20, 2011. A Captain experienced hip pain during a physical fitness session. Lost Time: 20 hours
4. October 9, 2011. An Engineer sprained their left toe while working out at the station. Lost Time: 135 hours.
5. October 28, 2011. An Engineer strained their left shoulder lifting weights during a workout at the station. No Lost Time.

Note: As of October 31, 2011, there was one (1) employee absent from their regular work assignment. Lost time related to prior month/year injuries totaled 240 hours.