

**EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 03

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, THE CITY OF OAKLEY AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRE AND MEDICAL SERVICES TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (District) provides fire prevention and fire and medical emergency response services to the District, which covers 249 square miles and a population of over 110,000; and

WHEREAS, the District's jurisdiction is comprised of the entire cities of Brentwood and Oakley, as well as several unincorporated communities in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the District is funded primarily by property taxes, receiving an average of 7 cents per dollar paid, and lacks a dedicated funding source sufficient to provide requisite fire and medical emergency prevention and response services; and

WHEREAS, District voters and property owners have not passed a parcel tax or benefit assessment measure to increase funding for the District; and

WHEREAS, a lack of sufficient funding has required the District to reduce fire and medical response services, including with the recent closure of two fire stations, despite continuously increasing call volumes; and

WHEREAS, the District is currently served with only three fire stations and nine firefighters for any given shift, relying on neighboring agencies and CalFire for additional resources; and

WHEREAS, a task force (Task Force) was formed to identify and recommend both short-term and long-term solutions to improve fire and medical emergency response capabilities within the District; and

WHEREAS, Task Force members include the Fire Chief for Contra Costa Fire Protection District; the Fire Chief and a Battalion Chief for the District; the Chiefs of Staff from County Supervisors Mary Piepho's and Karen Mitchoff's offices; the President, Vice-President and Board Member for Firefighters Association Local 1230; the City Manager for Oakley, and the City Manager for Brentwood; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force met on multiple occasions, discussed various challenges hampering the District, and identified short- and long-term solutions to improve fire and emergency medical responses within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force developed specific recommendations (Recommendations) that were ultimately adopted by the governing bodies of the participating entities in the manner further described below; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2015, the District's Board of Directors adopted the Recommendations and authorized preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to implement the Recommendations by Resolution 2015-22; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2015, the City Council of Brentwood adopted the Recommendations and authorized preparation of the MOU by Resolution 2015-167; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2015, the City Council of Oakley adopted the Recommendations and authorized preparation of the MOU by Resolution 127-15; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2015, the County Board of Supervisors adopted the Recommendations and authorized preparation of the MOU by Resolution 2015/424; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2015, the District's Board of Directors adopted revised Recommendations and reauthorized preparation of the MOU by Resolution 2015-25; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief recommends the Board approve, and authorize execution of, the proposed MOU between the District, the City of Brentwood, the City of Oakley and Contra Costa County to formally memorialize and implement the Task Force's Recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District Board of Directors hereby:

1. approves, and authorizes the Board President and Fire Chief to execute, a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the City of Brentwood, the City of Oakley and Contra Costa County to implement the final recommendations of the fire and medical services task force; and
2. authorizes the Fire Chief to take any other steps necessary to give effect to this Resolution, including negotiating and agreeing to any pre-execution revisions to the MOU consistent with the previously-approved Task Force Recommendations, and in a form approved by Legal Counsel, so long as such changes do not increase the District's overall financial commitment to the Task Force Recommendations.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District board of Directors held on the 1st day of January, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES: Barr, Bryant, Kenny, Morgan, Pope, Stonebarger, Young

NOES:

ABSENT: Michaelson, Johansen

ABSTAIN:


Joel Bryant
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Hugh Henderson, Clerk of the Board