

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-22

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF A TASK FORCE FORMED TO IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE FIRE AND MEDICAL RESPONSE WITHIN THE EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

WHEREAS, District voters have not passed a parcel tax nor approved a benefit assessment to increase funding for the District; and

WHEREAS, a lack of sufficient funding recently required the District to reduce fire and medical response services with the closure of two fire stations; and

WHEREAS, the District is currently served with only three fire stations and nine firefighters for any given shift; 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 response within the District; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Task Force developed specific recommendations that are set forth in this Resolution.

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

A. Accepts the following Task Force recommendations:

1. A fourth fire station within the District will be commissioned and fully staffed;

2. Under the cost allocation schedule attached as Exhibit "A", two years of funding for additional and temporary services will be provided by the District; County of Contra Costa; City of Oakley; and City of Brentwood;
3. The District Fire Chief will determine which fire station will be commissioned;
4. A grass roots, community-based group will be formed to educate the public on fire and medical response risks and requirements;
5. Consultant(s) will be engaged to explore the possibility of a 2016 ballot initiative to bring more funding for fire and medical response services in the District; and
6. The Task Force will continue to work on long-term solutions for adequate fire and medical response services in the District.

B. Agrees to work in good faith with the member agencies of the District in developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to memorialize the Task Force recommendations set forth in this Resolution.

C. Acknowledges that the failure of the District or any member agency of the District to adopt a resolution in substantially the same form as this Resolution and/or the failure of the District or any member agency of the District to agree to the MOU described in section B above, will mean that the Task Force recommendations will not be implemented.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District at a regular meeting held on the 2nd day of November, 2015 by the following vote:

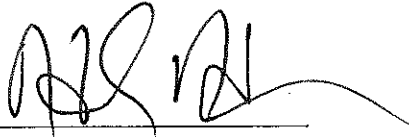
AYES: Bryant, Cooper, Johansen, Michaelson, Pope, Smith

NOES: Kenny, Young

ABSENT: Morgan

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:



Hugh Henderson
Clerk of the Board



Joel Bryant
President, Board of Directors