



MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville, CA 95667

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Jose, as all are aware, fire and emergency medical services on the Georgetown-Divide and rural fire district throughout El Dorado County continue dealing with increase risks of wildfires, rising costs of employees, increased operations costs, legislative dictated compliance, deferred building/equipment maintenance and impacts of homeowners' insurance changes.

The Mosquito Board of Directors does not oppose 'a no cost to the district' LAFCO initiated study. Such a study can provide a neutral perspective and insight into the feasibility and desirability of reorganization of the three fire and emergency agencies.

This in no way suggests support for the aforementioned consolidation but allows for the undertaking by LAFCO of an extensive evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of consolidation. This endeavor will provide the information platform from which the board and community members can make an informed decision.

I have attached a summary of Mosquito Fire Protection District actions to address district challenges.

Respectfully,

Barbara Mikel, President
Mosquito Fire Protection District

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cc: LAFCO Commission Chair, Shiva Frentzen
GFPD Fire Chief, Glenn Brown
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Board of Directors, Georgetown Fire Protection District
Board of Directors, Garden Valley Fire Protection District



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The Mosquito Fire Protection District has undertaken a five-year rebuilding of district governing and service structure. We have taken multiple actions to ensure the continued delivery of fire and emergency services with our limited resources.

We have accomplished:

We have successfully pursued grant monies for installation of the health and safety equipment for district personnel. (\$45,000.00)

We have successfully pursued grant monies for recruitment and retention of volunteers (\$698,618) and an additional \$179,000.00 for this endeavor.

We successfully pursued grant monies for personnel hiring (\$1,089,977.00). Unfortunately, we couldn't accept the grant. Our \$677,567.00 nonfederal contribution could not be abated since we lacked enough local current demographics. We did outreach to the El Dorado County for support for these.

We have successfully reinstated participation in California Statewide Master Mutual Aid Agreement and the California Fire Assistance Agreement.

We have successfully updated our District's Fire Impact Fee Nexus Study at a district expense of \$8,200.00.

We have successfully purchased a Squad (\$10,000.00) equipped for paramedic response which is languishing in the JPA/Emergency Services Delivery & CSA 7 conundrum. We have a budget shortfall of (\$7,500.00) from removal of a historical JPA supplies stipend by a vote of the JPA Board of Directors.

We unsuccessfully, (expense of approximately \$3,200.00) solicited a district vote for an additional \$266.00 parcel assessment levy. While unsuccessful (56.74% Yes vote fell short of the 67% requirement) the vote was supported to higher percentage than any subsequent revenue proposals by any fire district in the county.

We are still drawing on district reserves for operations, but the district has no debt.

The district can attract talented and skilled professionals with retirement and medical benefits despite our non PERS status.