



# Rescue Fire Protection District

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Mrs. Sue Hennike  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
County of El Dorado  
330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667

**Re: Use of Development Fees to provide for an OSHA Compliant Sleeping Quarters for 24-hour Firefighter Occupancy for current and future growth within the Rescue Community**

Dear Ms. Hennike:

The Rescue Fire Protection District (District) is requesting \$400,000 of development impact mitigation funds to add a sleeping quarters at Fire Station 83 located at 5221 Deer Valley Rd., Rescue, CA 95672.

Rescue Fire Station 83 was built in 1977 as a Volunteer Fire Station and never intended for 24/7 firefighter occupancy. Over the years, the station has allowed firefighters to occupy the station and respond to calls for service throughout the community. This facility has been assessed, and it has been determined that it needs to be expanded to accommodate for future fire protection and emergency response services. In the past 3 years the District has processed several single family residential projects and one large commercial project. This commercial project alone presents several challenges to the District given the size and complexity of the operation as well as it's proximity to our wildland urban interface. Additionally, the rate of project submittals continue to rise in the Rescue Community.

The District has included a "Station 83 Sleeping Quarters" as part of the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) identified on page 13 of the 2015 Fire Impact Nexus Study. The growth of the District over the last thirty years or so has changed and expanded the numbers and types of incidents to which we must be prepared to respond. Our District includes an urban-wildland interface, challenging topography, limited north-south, and east-west thoroughfares and other challenges. Our District has experienced continuous growth over the past thirty years, growing from a single volunteer station to a fully staffed career fire station and second fire station that can be staffed based on planned or expected environmental conditions.

The Rescue Fire Protection District is committed to protecting the lives, properties, and environment of the citizens of the Rescue Community. With the addition of an OSHA compliant sleeping quarters, the District will have the capacity to provide environmentally safe conditions for our firefighters to work while continuing to provide a high level of service to the community.

I look forward to discussing this further with you.

*Serving the Communities of El Dorado Hills, Latrobe and Rescue*



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Sincerely,

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