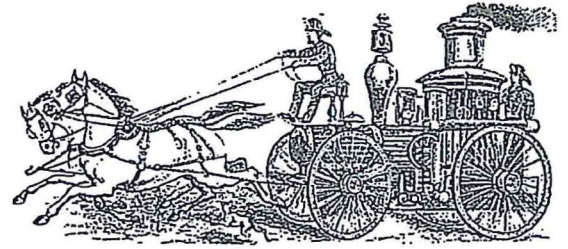


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Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of Georgetown Fire, I would like to thank you for your support of the County's fire and rescue services through the 'patch funding' program. As stated in our request, the \$300,000 went to the purchase of a new water tender (fire truck) and augmenting staffing. In addition to the two (2) funded programs, we are working with our neighboring fire agencies to explore efficiencies.

The water tender specification committee was empowered in mid-July to produce an economical Type 1 tactical water tender that would meet the specific needs of suppressing wildland interface fires within the West Slope of El Dorado County. After Board approval, the bid process began in mid-October with an award being extended to a vendor in early January. This puts the anticipated delivery time in May, giving us time to train on the new equipment. The estimated cost is \$190,000, and a requirement of the vendor to provide the same low price to any other El Dorado agency.

The rest of the funding was dedicated for staffing; immediately after the 'patch funding' was awarded, 24 hour staffing Monday—Thursday was established (the first time in our District's history) at a cost of \$240,000. We are currently working towards a staffing model will provide 24/7 that is sustainable and should implement in December. Additionally, we have been extremely creative in helping staff the stations during the King Incident, inclusive of 'loaning' employees to Garden Valley Fire. Chief officer coverage is routinely shared with our partners at Garden Valley Fire.


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Under Board direction, full-consolidation efforts have been made with Mosquito Fire and Garden Valley Fire. Garden Valley Fire and Georgetown meet weekly until a 'LAFCO' ready consolidation (or annexation) proposal is hammered out. This will be the permanent funding solution for a locally governed, financially sustainable, fire protection district on the Divide.

Please fund the second installment of 'patch funding' for Garden Valley, Falling Leaf Lake, Mosquito, Pioneer, and Rescue; maintaining public safety for our citizens and visitors is directly linked to this vital financial aid. All of the agencies have demonstrated their ability to cooperatively serve their communities, search out grants and donations, and work towards restructuring.

For over 160 years Georgetown Fire has been serving our community as an all-risk agency with a primarily volunteer workforce. Again, we thank you for your much needed financial assistance in meeting our commitment to our community – *Neighbors helping Neighbors!*

In safety,



GREG SCHWAB, Fire Chief

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