



Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District Fire Department

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Dear Board Members:

The Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department respectfully requests El Dorado County funding assistance for their 2011/12 budget in the amount of \$38,690.00.

Ad valorem funding had been negotiated throughout 2010 when an agreement to augment small fire districts was reached through CSA 7 funding. The Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department boundaries are not within CSA 7 and were therefore not eligible; however, the board of supervisors and the CAO presented the expectation that funds could be distributed from the General Fund.

The Fallen Leaf Lake CSD Board of Directors had to adopt a budget for the coming year, and without funding yet secured from the county, created an increase in parcel fee to cover the deficit until the county supervisors could vote to approve staff recommendations. It was the only option the CSD board could implement at the time. Countywide fire districts were shocked and disappointed when the board of supervisors voted 3-2 against funding for the Fallen Leaf Fire Department.

The Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department is heavily dependent upon the county funding that was designated for upgrades in communications and equipment. The current budget cannot be supported by parcel fee alone.

As presented, the Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department 2011/12 is not balanced without assistance from the county. As with every small fire district, it was and remains our expectation that the county will fulfill their negotiated agreement for funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary B. Gerren
Fire Chief / General Manager