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October 23, 2014

Supervisor Brian Veerkamp  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors District 3  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Supervisor Veerkamp,

I am writing to update the board on how we have spent the first round of patch funding, and to request the second round for fiscal year 14/15. First, we started the year with two vacant Firefighter/Paramedic positions a vacant Fire Chiefs position, station 31 closed and a water tender that was out of service. Since receiving the patch funding we have been able to:

- Fill both open positions with a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic and Firefighter/EMT.
- Put our water tender back in service. Instead of purchasing a new Water Tender we chose to refurbish our current one at a significant reduction in cost.
- Hired six additional Reserve Firefighters to re-open Station 31 on Grizzly Flat Rd. 24/7 with two Firefighters. We were able to accomplish this with the cost savings from refurbishing the water tender.

Station 31 re-opened on July 24th 2014 the day prior to the Sand Fire. Having this added company made a huge difference on Saturday July 26th when the Sand Fire moved into our Fire District. We had E38, E238, WT-38, SQ-35 and a Chief Officer all deployed in River Pines Estates as well as Painted Pony Rd. Without the patch funding, our resources would have been limited to staffing one engine company that day. As the Acting Fire Chief and a tax payer in El Dorado County, the patch funding is much appreciated and has made a difference in not just our district but many others.

As you know, we have chosen not to fill the vacant Chief position as I currently serve a dual role as Engine Captain and Fire Chief. This has saved the district significant money and allowed us to pursue discussions with El Dorado County Fire for consolidation. I am currently in preliminary discussion with Chief Hardy and his board to begin the lengthy process, and determine if consolidation is a viable solution for both our districts.

I have also begun moving our agency to El Dorado County Fires training standards, mirroring their hose loads and standard company evolutions, in an effort to streamline the services we provide our districts. We are not as far along in the process as we would have hoped due to the significant Fires that have impacted both Fire Districts this summer. Our discussions will resume within the next few weeks as we need to find a solution for our vacant Chief Officer position as well as our ability to keep all permanent positions funded.

In short, we have used the patch money in a very responsible manner and have significantly improved service levels not only to our district but to the entire county. Adding a company and the ability to deploy the Water Tender rapidly has been a huge asset. I hope the board realizes how much we appreciate the assistance and how valuable it has been to the citizens of El Dorado County. We are requesting that you continue assistance to our agency as we will not be able to continue our enhanced service levels without it. The \$75,000 the county approved for us will allow another 12-14 months at our current service levels.

Sincerely,

Jack Daniels  
Fire Chief

Cc Supervisor Ron Mikulaco



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February 26, 2015

Dear Ms. Knorr,

I am responding to the request from your office in regards to Agreement 525-F1411 –Patch Funding Update. Attached you will find a spreadsheet that shows specific expenses on how we spent the patch money. You will also notice a staff report which outlines some basic information on how the funds were used. When the patch money was received, I wrote a specific business plan on how the funds were to be used and presented to our district board for approval. All funds spent went directly to the hiring of eight Reserve Firefighters and one Full-Time Paid Firefighter/Paramedic and the direct expenses for operating Squad 31. These additional staff were hired to fill one open Full-Time position we could not afford as well as to reopen station 31 on Grizzly Flat Road which was closed in 2009.

Since reopening station 31, we have reduced our response times by just over 10 minutes to the community of Grizzly Flats and added a much needed staffed squad company with two Firefighter/EMT's. This unit has been used all over El Dorado County and responded into all of our neighboring districts as well as Amador County. We held a Grand Reopening BBQ at station 31 on October 24<sup>th</sup> 2014. This was delayed due to the Sand and King Incidents as station 31 actually reopened on July 24<sup>th</sup> 2014, the day before the Sand Incident. We extended invites to all of the staff at the CAO's office and the board of Supervisors in an attempt to give a detailed look into how we were spending the patch money.

We chose to refurbish our aging Water Tender as opposed to purchasing a new one, our thoughts were to save as much money for staffing as possible and it has been a real success for not only our district but to the neighboring districts as well. We could not have accomplished any of these success's without the patch money and recognize the efforts and hard work of not only the board of Supervisors but also the staff in the Auditor Controllers office and the CAO's office.

We have formed a formal committee to pursue functional consolidation and/or shared services as requested by the board. We have also chosen not to fill the open Chiefs position in an effort to make a possible consolidation and/or shared services agreement more attractive. We have sent formal correspondence to El Dorado County Fire and had a few meetings on this topic. Our district has adopted the same training standards and hose loads as El Dorado County Fire and have been working with their administrative staff as it pertains to training. I realize these may seem like very small steps towards our goal of combining our agencies at some level however, I feel we have made good progress in building a relationship with El Dorado County Fire. Without these first basic steps, our success could be very limited.

In short, I feel we have exceeded the expectations of the board of supervisors as it relates to the contract we entered into for the patch money. We will not only continue to the terms that we agreed to with El Dorado County but exceed them. I would be happy to present this information at a County Board meeting and offer a tour to any and all staff in your office. We are very proud at what we have accomplished. Without the second round of patch money, we will be forced to close station 31. We ask that you come see for yourselves what we have done with the patch money.

On behalf of our Fire District and Citizens we serve, we want to thank El Dorado County for the much needed financial support. Please feel free to contact me with any additional requests and/or requirements on my personal cell phone anytime at 530-417-2109

Thank you,



Jack Daniels  
Interim District Fire Chief



## PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### Agreement #525-F1411 – Patch Funding Expenditures

#### Narrative Report

Based on the agreement we had several things we wanted to accomplish.

- Open station 31 located at 7960 Grizzly Flat Rd., Somerset to provide vital services to our community. The expenses incurred to open St. 31 include hiring employees, employee salaries, necessary improvements to the station as well as the day to day operations.
- Repair and maintain operation of our Water Tender. We have been able to use the tender in mutual aid many times over the past 6 months, providing needed services to our community as well as the county overall.

I.	Personnel	
A.	Reserve/FF Paramedic Payroll Payroll for station 31 Reserves and FF/Paramedic for July 2014 thru June 2015. Amounts for pay 5-14 are estimated not based on actual payroll already processed.	\$102,336.20
B.	Reserve Interviews OT paid to perform interviews for the Reserve positions to staff station 31.	\$ 1,230.52
C.	Reserve Captains paid to date	\$ 2,000.00
D.	Reserve Captains pay for Feb-June 2015	\$ 4,500.00
E.	Amount paid for pre-employment physicals for the Reserves hired for station 31.	\$ 4,222.00
F.	Uniforms purchased for Reserves hired for station 31	\$ 3,277.83
G.	Turnouts purchased for Reserves for station 31	\$ 10,416.75
II.	Utilities - Utilities paid to operate station 31 to date.	\$ 2,376.06
III.	Fuel - Fuel for operation of station 31 to date.	\$ 6,222.65
IV.	Squad Maintenance - Maintenance for squads responding from station 31	\$ 4,185.97
V.	Station 31 Maintenance – This includes well repair, HVAC etc.	\$ 2,460.38
VI.	Water Tender – Repair and maintenance to return water tender to operational status.	\$ 9,670.82

Note: Please see spreadsheet attached with detail for amounts listed above.

Patch Funding - Agreement #525-F1411 - Expenditures - Pioneer Fire Protection District

I. Personnel

A. Payroll	Reserves	FF	
17			\$6,666.60
18			\$4,247.60
19			\$1,886.00
20			\$2,943.80
21			\$4,838.00
22			\$4,124.60
23			\$3,066.80
24			\$2,476.40
25			\$1,886.00
26			\$3,476.40
1			\$1,886.00
2			\$1,886.00
3			\$1,886.00
4			\$1,886.00
5			\$1,886.00
6			\$1,886.00
7			\$1,886.00
8			\$1,886.00
9			\$1,886.00
10			\$1,886.00
11			\$1,886.00
12			\$1,886.00
13			\$1,886.00
14			\$1,886.00
			<b>\$40,320.00</b>
	<b>A. Reserve/FF Payroll</b>		<b>\$102,336.20</b>
	<b>B. Reserve Interviews</b>		<b>\$1,230.52</b>
	<b>C. Reserve Captains paid to date</b>		<b>\$2,000.00</b>
	<b>D. Reserve Captains Feb-June 2015</b>		<b>\$4,500.00</b>
	<b>Total Payroll</b>		<b>\$110,066.72</b>
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	<b>E. Pre Employment Physicals</b>		<b>\$4,222.00</b>
	<b>F. Uniforms</b>		<b>\$3,277.83</b>
	<b>G. Turnouts</b>		<b>\$10,416.75</b>
	<b>Total Personnel Costs</b>		<b>\$127,983.30</b>

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**II. Utilities**

Direct TV 7/14 - 6/15	\$777.14
PG&E 8/14 - 2/15	\$1,083.41
AT&T	\$177.50
Propane JS West	\$338.01
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$2,376.06</b>

**III. Fuel**

\$6,222.65

**IV. Squad Maintenance**

\$4,185.97

**V. St. 31 Maintenance**

\$2,460.38

**Total St.31 Expenditures**

**\$143,228.36**

**VI. Water Tender Maintenance**

\$9,670.82

**Total Expenditures**

**\$152,899.18**

# Pioneer Fire Protection District Five Year Budget Projection

## Revenue and Expenditure Projections

Year-by-Year Changes					
(Estimates)					
Revenue	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19
Property Tax	583,000	588,830	594,718	600,665	606,672
Special Tax	235,000	235,000	235,000	235,000	235,000
Penalty and Costs	200	200	200	200	200
Interest	100	100	100	100	0
Rent/Leases	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue Other Govt.	75,000	0	0	0	0
Benefit Assessment	0	0	0	0	0
Misc./Strike Team	17,875	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>911,175</b>	<b>824,130</b>	<b>830,018</b>	<b>835,965</b>	<b>841,872</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
<b>Salaries/Benefits</b>					
Wages	432,600	475,800	480,558	485,364	490,217
Overtime	85,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Other Compensation	15,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Retirement	34,801	108,000	113,400	119,070	125,024
FICA/Medicare	10,815	11,139	11,474	9,993	9,993
Health	54,000	56,700	59,535	62,512	65,637
Unemployment/LTD	7,340	7,340	7,340	7,340	7,340
Workers Compensation	54,313	55,942	57,621	59,349	61,130
<b>Salaries/Benefits Total</b>	<b>693,869</b>	<b>822,922</b>	<b>837,927</b>	<b>851,628</b>	<b>867,341</b>
<b>Service/Supply</b>					
<b>Service/Supply Total</b>	<b>124,480</b>	<b>126,970</b>	<b>129,509</b>	<b>132,099</b>	<b>134,741</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Buildings	15,000		0	0	0
Equipment	40,000		0	0	0
<b>Fixed Assets Total</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>873,349</b>	<b>949,891</b>	<b>967,436</b>	<b>983,727</b>	<b>1,002,082</b>
<b>Fiscal Year Revenue (Expenditure)</b>	<b>37,826</b>	<b>-125,761</b>	<b>-137,418</b>	<b>-147,761</b>	<b>-160,210</b>
<b>OPEB Obligation</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Reserve Balance</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>294,666</b>	<b>208,127</b>	<b>151,383</b>	<b>85,809</b>
<b>Ending FY Reserve Balance</b>	<b>237,826</b>	<b>168,905</b>	<b>70,709</b>	<b>3,622</b>	<b>-74,401</b>

\*Currently no Full Time Chief\*