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Supervisor Shiva Frentzen
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Dear Supervisor Frentzen,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me. Per our discussion I am including information for your consideration.

The Pioneer Fire Protection District understands the issues relating to consolidation and has taken the concept seriously. We have participated in all the C.C.F.D. meetings, having heard all the discussions and explanations. We recognized that first we had to look within for solutions before expecting others to solve our problems. We have accepted the challenge and greatly reduced operating costs. These reductions brought with them a reality that any effort to consolidate or merge would result in decreased services, as all other departments have higher operating costs.

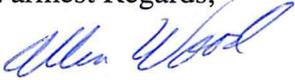
We have, over the past 2 years, transitioned from a department in financial distress to a point of approaching operational solvency. We do have concerns that in some areas we have cut to a point that may, in the long term, prove not to be sustainable or healthy for the department. Our current transitional model has served us through the transition. We discovered processes that have worked well and others that need improvement. A review of the Departments structure, liabilities, operational needs, and policies is currently being undertaken. This process is being undertaken with full transparency, with participation of all stake holders. The intent is to facilitate continued process improvement and a department strategic plan with stated goals and objectives. Over the next year it is hoped that we will emerge out of the process with an understanding of what will work and what it will cost for a sustainable operation.

We would ask that the Board consider an augmentation that will allow us to continue the staffing of Station 31. Gap monies previously provided were used in support of this part of our operation. Without financial support we will have to terminate operations out of this station. We would ask for assistance to allow the continued operation of this station thru the 16-17 budget cycle. We are currently developing an operational model for this program that will reduce departmental liabilities and will promote a more viable structure. This will be a hybrid version of programs utilized by other departments.

The staffing of this station provides a valuable resource to the county as a whole not just PFPD. We would need an augmentation of \$106,000 to make this a viable operation. The closure of this facility will not be accepted well by the public. The ability to continue this operation will allow us to concentrate our efforts on further improvement of the structure and health of the department. We welcome an opportunity to discuss this further

We ask for your support in our efforts to continue to provide an exceptional level of services under an operational model that could be a bench mark for others.

Warmest Regards,



Allen Wood
Board of Directors – Chair
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