

EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

**ARTICLE 11: BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICIES
AND PROCEDURES**

EFFECTIVE DATE:

SECTION 1: DEVELOPMENT FEES

REVISED:

- 11.1.1 The defined purpose of the Development Fee is to provide adequate facilities and equipment to meet the demands of increased growth. The Development Fees will be maintained in a separate account with the El Dorado County Auditor's Office. Expenditures will only be made by action taken by the Fire District's Board of Directors.

Due to the rapid growth the Fire District is experiencing, it has become necessary to charge all new construction and development a fee which will assist in the acquisition of apparatus, equipment, and facilities. This growth is causing the Fire District to replace apparatus and equipment that would have had a longer life span had the demand upon apparatus and equipment not increased. With the increase in activity and development, additional equipment and facilities are necessary to accommodate the increased growth. As additional growth continues, new stations and equipment will be necessary to serve the increased population. To meet this demand, additional staffing is necessary, thus causing our existing facilities to be inadequate to house personnel.

The Development Fees will be utilized to purchase new apparatus and equipment, replace and upgrade existing facilities, and to construct new facilities as necessary.

Due to the rapid growth in activity, responsibilities and development, as outlined later in this report, the Fire District Board of Directors have determined that the District will not be able to maintain the current level of service provided to the communities we serve, unless new development contributes a share in the cost of expansion to existing and new facilities.

It should be understood that most costs of improvements are a projection, based upon past and present development, and could change drastically depending upon future development within the Fire District.