



# Fire Chiefs Report

April 16, 2020

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- Division Chief Trent Williams is online, currently assigned to days, EMS, and Facilities. He will soon transition to A shift battalion, with Chief Dutch moving to Station 74 on days.
- Five new firefighter/paramedics are on board, completing County accreditations and orientation/training.
- Station 17 remodel project: An additional \$8,000 has been raised from CEDAPP through the 72-hour treadmill run, bringing the total to approximately \$21,000. The project is delayed due to state architectural review and the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Pony Express Training site is on the market by the Marshall Foundation. All equipment has been relocated to Station 23. Chief McVay is managing the training site at Station 23.
- Contract with Michael O. renewed; he has moved to Roberts & Company but remains contracted with the District with no changes to work status.
- Payroll position interviews have been completed remotely, with thanks to Dave Warren, Chief Williams, Gina, and Kathleen for their coordination. Additional testing was done at Blue Ribbon. Chiefs interviews took place on April 14th, with a job offer pending.
- Fiber optic upgrade completed at Station 21, providing improved speed and a triple redundant system. This addresses previous limitations experienced during last year's PSPS event. Stations may still experience some impact, but overall capability is improved going into summer.

## COVID-19 Response:

- Operating in Unified Command with Diamond Springs, sharing resources to meet both agencies' needs.
- Captain Poganski assigned to the EOC Advanced Planning Branch; his role has been backfilled by a Fire Prevention Captain. His time is expected to be reimbursable.
- PPE supply remains a primary challenge. Chief Williams serves as West Slope Fire logistics officer. Current stock is sufficient but may vary with call volume.
- Limited "self-quarantine" and "possible exposure" absences have occurred. Firefighters remain healthy, and this trend is hoped to continue.
- Nexus Study update: The study, last completed in 2015 and approved by the Fire Board but not the County BOS, needs renewal and approval by both entities. Work with DTA is ongoing; a proposal will be brought to the Board at the May meeting to begin this process formally.
- Apparatus update: Chief Lohan and the apparatus committee are finalizing replacement plans for E-17 with a new Type 1 engine, piggybacking on a previous Pierce bid. The new Type 3 engine for Station 19 is expected for delivery in May/June.

- Crews continue training for the summer months, including annual swift water and rescue swimmer recertification scheduled for the end of April. Chief McVay is coordinating RT-130 training with Diamond Springs Fire.
- JPA updates: Tony Corado, retired Chief from South Placer and currently with Diamond Springs prevention, appointed interim Director for six months. Structural, fleet, finance, and operations reviews underway. Permanent replacement to be sought after this period. JPA facing significant financial challenges to address.
- Fire Authority / JDC meetings were rescheduled due to COVID-19. Work continues on shared Fire Prevention services, fleet maintenance, and First Responder Fee projects.