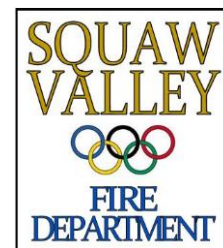




SQUAW VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT



Fire Department Status Report

DATE: April 20, 2015
TO: District Board Members
FROM: Pete Bansen, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Fire Department Status Report – Information Only

1. Training – S-SV-EMS protocol review, pump operations, building search techniques, EMS scenarios, rapid intervention crew, trauma megacodes, initial attack scenarios, medical altered level of consciousness, pediatric emergencies and protocols, performance standards, medical and trauma assessments.
2. Public Education – CPR class for Utility Department crew; Winter WonderGrass venue site survey and coordination meeting; standby at Lake Cushing Crossing event;
3. Fire Prevention – Commercial occupancy inspections: Squaw Valley Prep/Creekside; pre-development conference - Palisades project; construction final - 204 Tiger Tail Road; sprinkler system modification - Squaw Valley Academy; fire alarm consultation for Squaw Valley Prep/Creekside Charter lease of the District property at 1810 Squaw Valley Road.
4. Equipment – Apparatus committee diligently working on Type 1 specifications and pricing with several prospective vendors, repair large diameter hose with bad coupling, pressure-relief valve repaired and returned to service. Hydrant database development
5. Emergency Calls for the period March 17 to April 20, 2015

Medical Aid – transport	14
Medical Aid – non transport	0
Activated Fire Alarm	1
Mutual Aid	12
Motor Vehicle Accident	3
Public Assist	2
Fire Investigation	1
Hazardous Gas	1
Search	1
Agency Assist	1
Total for the period:	36

2015 year to date: 185

2014 year to date: 164

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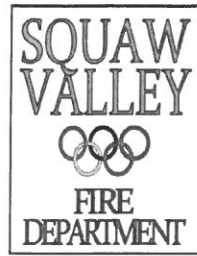
Capital Projects Status Report

Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015

Project Description	Budgeted Amount	Committed to date	Available	Project Status
Turnout gear replacement	14,100	1,195	12,905	Only need 2 - 3 sets this year
Hose and nozzle replacement	4,000	3,800	200	<div>This budget item will be amended to pay our share of the costs of the purchase of a regionally-owned SCBA fit-testing machine - ~\$3,800.</div>
Joint Projects with Utility Department				
IT Master Plan and Website	2,000	375	1,625	
East Facility Lighting	9,750	0	9,750	
VueWorks Implementation	2,000	0	2,000	
Replace Command vehicle	30,000	0	30,000	Waiting for Ford contract for 2016 models
Totals - Major Equipment	61,850	5,370	56,480	
Land Acquisition Loan Payment	96,025		96,025	
Capital Projects Budget Totals	157,875	5,370	152,505	



SQUAW VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



April 14, 2015

The Honorable Robert Hertzberg
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 239 (Hertzberg) – Oppose [As Amended 03.23.15]

Dear Senator Hertzberg:

On behalf of the board members of Squaw Valley Public Service District, I am writing to respectfully oppose Senate Bill 239 (Hertzberg), related to contracting for fire protection services. The Squaw Valley Public Service District serves the community of Olympic Valley by providing water service, sewage service, solid waste service, fire protection and emergency medical services.

SB 239 places agreements between public agencies to provide fire protection services under the purview of local agency formation commissions (LAFCOs). In our region, agencies providing emergency services - all of which have been significantly affected by the economic downturn and reduced funding - are increasing interdependent and already function like one large fire department. This has resulted from the relationships between the fire chiefs, line staffs and, to a certain degree, between the governing boards of those entities. To interject the influence of a LAFCO board into these relationships is both unnecessary and potentially counterproductive. There are important operational and logistic considerations embodied in local agreements that are better recognized and overseen by the people most familiar with the affected agencies and area served than by a County-wide entity composed of members from disparate boards in geographically distant areas.

Furthermore, local district boards, not LAFCOs, are elected by and accountable to the communities that receive and pay for local services. Local board members have a fiduciary duty to make these local fiscal decisions: removing the decision making process from local boards would shift governance decisions to individuals who do not directly represent the residents who receive and fund the services and would also reduce the accountability of local boards and access to decision makers by local citizens. It seems counterintuitive to propose legislation that would have this effect.

This bill also requires the contracting local agency to receive written permission from the recognized employee organization to extend fire services outside its service area. We disagree that this is necessary or positive - it has several effects that would be potentially disruptive:

- If an inter-agency agreement must be ratified by an employee bargaining unit prior to implementation, the agreement becomes a potential bargaining chip with economic consequences for the agencies that are party to the agreement. While it would be unrealistic to think that inter-agency operational agreements are made in a vacuum, requiring that an agreement based on operational or logistic needs (which agreements to enlarge a service area or to provide automatic aid frequently are) be approved by one or more employee organizations (large agencies may have *several* collective bargaining groups, recognizing firefighters and fire officers, for example) could create significant delay in the adoption of the agreement and would burden a district with potentially having to negotiate approval of the agreement in exchange for concessions. This could create financial impacts and materially affect services provided to the public in addition to creating delay in implementing a necessary operational change.

- Absent this requirement, employee organizations can and will include a change in duties, number of responses or other factors affecting employment in future negotiations, making the need for this requirement less than compelling.
- The emergency services industry is not a democracy - decisions must be made according to objective standards, not according to popular opinion or personal benefit. To effectively remove the ability to make and implement service area decisions from chief officers and the boards for whom they work and effectively delegate it to employee organizations that have no accountability or accessibility to the residents receiving and paying for the services is unacceptable.

For the aforementioned reasons Squaw Valley Public Service District respectfully opposes SB 239. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

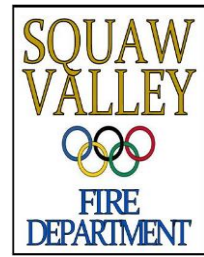
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Peter Bansen, Fire Chief
Squaw Valley Public Service District

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**SQUAW VALLEY
PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT**



April 20, 2015

Hon. Joel Anderson
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5052
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 120—Sales Tax Exemptions for Public Safety First Responder Vehicles

Dear Senator Anderson,

On behalf of Squaw Valley Public Service District, I would like to express our support for Senate Bill 120 because it allows public safety agencies to provide higher quality public safety services to their communities by limiting the state and local sales tax liability of public safety first responders, such as local fire departments, to the first \$300,000 of the sales price of emergency vehicles and related emergency equipment.

We support SB 120.

Best Regards,

Peter Bansen, Chief
Squaw Valley Fire Department