

Board Action Request

SUBJECT: Station #1 Replacement
DATE: September 25, 2019
FROM: Cheryl Horvath, Fire Chief

Background: Station #1 was originally built over forty years ago, in the early 1970's with no living quarters. Additional buildings were constructed since then to accommodate apparatus and growing staff needs, including full-time firefighters working 24-hour shifts. Recent history to accommodate firefighter living quarters has been well-documented, and unfortunately, minor changes and upgrades have not been enough or compliant with building codes, life safety codes, and ADA requirements. The District was cited by Santa Cruz County in 2017 for ADA violations. Security issues are also a concern for staff as well as space to accommodate walk-in pedestrian traffic and patient care. Lastly, keeping in mind that Station #1 is the busiest TFD fire station, due to the size of the current apparatus bays, the ambulance responds out of the back of the property. Firefighters lack of internal ingress to the apparatus, coupled with current placement of the ambulance, ultimately adds to increased response times to fire and emergency medical calls.

Staff is requesting board discussion regarding replacement of Station #1. The District's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes replacement of the station in three years. Staff will provide the fire board with an update on current facility arrangements at Station #1, as well as options for funding the new fire station.

Fiscal Impact: This item is currently in the CIP for FY 2022.

Alternate Option: N/A

Legal Review: N/A

Staff Recommendation: Information Only

Proposed Motion: Information Only

Attachments:

- NFPA Research Document