



MEMORANDUM

September 24, 2024

**To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District**

Fm: Charles A. Moore, Fire Chief

Re: Chief's Report for the October 1 Meeting

1. Status of Hidden Valley Fire Station Project

The State Investment Bank will review our funding application on November 18th. At the November meeting of the Fire Commissioners, the Board will consider Plenum Builders guaranteed maximum price and construction contract and approve the loan terms. When these items are finalized, construction can commence immediately after the approvals.

2. Ladder Truck Acquisition.

The district's apparatus committee completed its work on the ladder truck, and the ladder truck concept was presented to the Board some months ago. The staff has requested specifications pricing and will recommend contract approval in the next few months. Build time will be three to four years.

3. Update on the Fire Chief Selection Process.

The Fire Chief sent the attached RFQ to eight recruiting firms and received three responses. The firms are:

- a. Bob Murray & Associates
- b. Ralph Anderson and Associates
- c. Strategic Government Resources

Staff will provide a matrix of the RFQs and recommend a selection to the Board in November.

4. Perimeter Software Use Report on the Davis Fire and the Evacuation Efforts. - (Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Manager).

Perimeter software was used extensively during the Davis Fire to inform the public about evacuation zones. Attached is a tabulation of the use. The Washoe County Emergency Manager will provide a presentation on evacuation efforts and the statistics.

5. Update on Homeowner's Insurance Issues.

This matter was discussed at a recent Nevada Fire Chiefs Association meeting. As the Board recognized at the last meeting, some insurance policies are not being renewed due to insurance industry concerns about catastrophic losses from wildfires. I do not believe the insurance industry recognizes the effectiveness of defensible space, fire-adapted communities, fire-resistive construction, and other measures. I plan to invite some regional Chiefs to a subsequent meeting to present their challenges and provide additional background.

6. Grant Award. (Brett Taylor)

The district co-authored a grant proposal to the BLM. It was awarded a 2 million dollar grant to reduce fuels on private property along the east Washoe Valley area toward Carson City. Brett Taylor, Wildland Urban Interface Coordinator for TMFPD, will provide more details about the award.