

Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, July 24

Property tax revenues exceed projections

By Jim Kendrick

On July 24, Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Administrative Assistant Cheryl Marshall told the board that through June, the district had received 97 percent of the property tax revenues budgeted for the year.

The absences of Directors Harland Baker and Bo McAllister were excused.

Financial report

Administrative Assistant Cheryl Marshall briefed the board that the district had received about \$415,000 in property tax revenues in June. The total received through June of about \$1.6 million was about 97 percent of the total amount budgeted for the year. The district had also received about \$76,000 in motor vehicle tax revenues through June, about 51.5 percent of the \$150,000 budgeted. The district made a profit of about \$8,300 on the district's deployment to the lower North Fork wildfire in Colorado.

The district paid \$5,500 through June for the 2011 audit. Another \$700 will be invoiced. A loan payment of \$138,000 was also made in June. Vehicle maintenance expenses for two unplanned major repairs on Engine 1 and

the ladder truck have exceeded the repair budget. Marshall suggested transferring \$45,000 of reserved funds to cover these expenses. The consensus of the board was to wait until the end of the year to make the final fund transfers between lines necessary to reconcile the final budget.

The board discussed how funds are handled for wildland fire deployments to track actual profits realized. Marshall noted that the district deployed crews and apparatus to five wildfires in June.

The district received an invoice from Colarelli Construction for \$23,000 for construction on the new Station 2 on Highway 83. It was paid from the \$22,000 left in the construction account and \$1,000 from the construction reserve.

Another invoice from Colarelli for \$79,000 for final expenses that was added to the original construction contract will be paid from the construction reserves. The total cost for the new station is about \$2 million.

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