ALBION-LITTLE RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008, 7:30 pm, at Station 810, 33900 West Street, Albion, CA

- 1. Call to order and determination of a quorum.
- **2. Public communication to the Board.** An opportunity is provided for members of the public to address the Board with respect to matters within the Board's jurisdiction whether on the agenda or not. For action items the public may also address the board at the time the item is presented for action.
- **Treasurer's report.** Current financial statements for the District will be presented by the District's bookkeeper, and Alan Taeger as President will make any necessary explanations.
- 4. Fire Chief's report, including operational needs.
 - A) Incident reports. The Fire Chief is requested to provide written report on the types of calls to which the Department has responded since the last Board meeting, and to note any trends which would suggest a need for changes to the District's and the Department's planning.
 - B) Fund raising, gifts and service fees. Chief's report of current information on fundraising, gifts to the Department, and any calls on which service fees should be levied by the District Board.
 - C) Fire Department report. Chief's report on other Department progress.
 - D) Fire Department operational needs. Chief's report on Department needs.
- 5. Secretary's report.
 - A) Communications to the Board will be presented.
 - **B) Minutes.** Minutes of the Sept. 24, 2008 regular meeting will be approved and/or revised and approved.
- 6. Items for consideration and possible action:
 - A) None at this time
- 7. Land, buildings and equipment.
 - A) Vehicle maintenance report
- 8. Committee reports: Committee reports, if any, will be presented.
 - A) Property Tax to Board report
 - B) Station 811 report.
 - C) Vehicle Committee
- **9. Board Directors' reports.** Individual Board members may report on topics including but not limited to insurance, bylaws, a website, and benefits for firefighters. The Board may schedule a session so that the Board may be trained on its responsibilities in relationship to the Department and on financial matters.
- 10. Next meeting Nov. 26, 2008 at 7:30pm, Station 810.
- 11. Adjournment.

Any individual who requires disability-related accommodations or modifications, including auxiliary aids and services, in order to participate in the Board meeting should contact the Board in writing at P.O. Box 634, Albion, CA 95410-0634, at least two days before the meeting date.

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October 29, 2008

Re: Albion – Little River VFD Type I Fire Engines

Dear Albion - Little River Fire Protection District Board Members,

Some input – just my own opinions, although my sense is that these reflect at least a good part of department sentiment:

As you know, there have been some recent mechanical problems with some of the department's heavy fire engines. At the moment, Engine 8182, one of two our Type I Structure Fire Engines, is out of service due to one new problem and two deferred repairs. This has precipitated an ongoing discussion among department veterans regarding the overall approach to such situations, and what our basic considerations should, and can, be.

By way of background: Before the District was formed, and before the department had an ISO rating, and before OSHA and DOT and DMV issues were considerations, the department relied on a hodge-podge of apparatus, some cobbled together from military surplus, some on extended loan from CDF, some converted civilian trucks and so on. In the mid 1970's (around the same time that I joined the department) we purchased a brand new small fire engine, a Ford/Pierce "mini pumper" which became our main fire truck. This was supported by an early 1950's 1200 gallon GMC water tender (I believe once a milk truck) and a converted 4X4 Air Force "de-fueler" with a 500 gal tank and a PTO pump. Additionally, there was an early 1950's Chevy pickup with a small pump and tank that was kept at Little River, and a rescue truck. Similar marginal equipment came and went over the years.

As the population and thus the fire-load in the district increased it became apparent that we did not have enough structure-fire fighting capability, nor was there any chance of getting the blessing of ISO with the attendant reduction in insurance rates for district property owners. Additionally, issues such as liability and firefighter safety became increasing concerns. What was needed was a Type I engine (two, actually, one for each of the major ridges). The decision was made to locate and purchase two such engines. That process took some time but eventually two nearly identical Van Pelt Type 1 engines were obtained. These were 1960's era engines, and were a huge step forward for the department. They, with the support of a "real" water tender, enabled us to meet ISO and other requirements. The drawbacks of these large engines were that they were gasoline powered and that they had manual transmissions. They served us well for years. (As an aside, both were eventually sold to private buyers for home protection in Comptche and Santa Cruz, and each in fact saved its owner's home from wildfires!)

After some years, the then Chief mistakenly thought that ISO had a maximum age limit for acceptable apparatus (they in fact don't care about age as such, for good reason), and that this, coupled with the inherent problems of gasoline power and manual transmissions, justified the replacement of these engines. There was considerable debate about this, and eventually the engines were replaced with newer Van Pelts, with Diesel engines and automatic transmissions. These again larger engines are the current 8181 and 8182, and are the heart of the fleet.

It is relevant here to note that the replacement of the two first Van Pelts was not undertaken because of any inherent inadequacy in terms of fireground operations, or because these engines lacked anything we needed. Neither of these engines ever let us down at a fire. Neither was "worn out" (more on that shortly). Rather, the maintenance of gasoline vs. diesel was a major consideration, as was the

increasing difficulty of training volunteers in the use of a manual transmission. A drawback to the replacement was the increased physical size of the newer Van Pelts (an issue now again relevant).

Which brings us to the present. The configuration of the present two VanPelts is not an issue. They have everything we need, and they meet ISO requirements in terms of their capabilities. So, any decision to replace either of these engines should be based on their condition, projected maintenance and repair costs and so on, rather than on *what* they are.

It is understandable that we tend to think of older vehicles as deficient, because we've all worn out cars in a few years. But it is a fundamental and common mistake to view a heavy fire truck as a motor vehicle. Fire engines predate motor vehicles, and "self propelled" was once a normal part of some engines' description. A heavy fire truck is first of all a piece of heavy industrial equipment and only secondarily a motor vehicle. This is reflected in the price of such apparatus, only about a quarter of which is in the "truck." Some manufacturers build on commercial-grade trucks, using standard chassis and cabs. Others use only the chassis or even just the frames, with sometimes extensive modification, and build their own cabs and running gear. Van Pelt was one of these, a very innovative company, and their engines were (and still are) considered to be top-line. The materials, engineering and craftsmanship of these engines was outstanding, There are Type I engines being built to similar standards today – they can cost upwards of half a million dollars.

Fire engines are unique in terms of the amount of use they get as vehicles. A big-city engine might accumulate a few thousand miles in a year, but here a few hundred is typical. So actual wear and tear on the engine, transmission and running gear is very low. Often, a developing problem can be seen long before it must be dealt with (for example, we knew five years ago that the radiator and the rear springs of 8182 would need eventual replacement). So long as something doesn't compromise safety or operations, it can often be deferred until a convenient time.

The majority of major maintenance and repair issues on heavy fire engines have to do with their "truck" components – engine, transmission and running gear. In the sort of service seen here, once something is repaired or replaced that's the end of it. So, even though it may cost, say, \$5000 to do a complete brake job, it will never have to be done again. Likewise, the big diesel engines, if sound to begin with, rarely have major problems in our use context. The very expensive automatic transmissions in both of our Type I engines were replaced with factory overhauled units before we put them in service, and should last indefinitely.

Of course unexpected failures can and will happen. Ironically, the only complete breakdown of one of our engines while fighting an active structure fire was when the then nearly new (two-year old) minipumper threw its fan through the radiator. I've also been present on two occasions when late-model CDF engines failed, one catching on fire and the other shattering its main fire pump.

An ongoing trend by manufacturers has been to build bigger and bigger engines (in height and length). For the great majority of departments, bigger is better (or at least that's the perception) and doesn't present any immediate problems. We are an exception, in that many of our access roads (and not just driveways) will not accommodate anything much larger than our current Type I engines. (And there are places where our first Type Is could go and the current ones cannot.)

District finances are not my area of expertise, but just to speculate: Presuming a purchase price of \$150,000 (which would not buy anything near a new Type I) financed at 4% over 20 years, payments would be right around \$10,000 per year (with nearly \$70,000 paid in interest). It would still have to be

presumed that there would be non-routine repairs at times, just as there are now. There would be no significant change in routine maintenance and certification costs. Insurance might cost more than for the older engines. So, the bottom line might be a budget of \$13,000 per year to put a newer engine in service. Over the past 15 years or so, since we've had two Type I engines, we've not spent anything remotely close to that amount on average.

Therefore, I suggest that a realistic course of action is to retain the present philosophy of running high-quality older equipment, meaning that we keep what we now have, with an increased budget for unexpected repairs. There are of course no guarantees of what might be needed for an unexpected repair on any engine, new or old, but a "kitty" of \$5000 per year per engine should be more than adequate in the long run. Even if that were all spent, in ten years there would be at least \$80,000 in savings that could be applied to a replacement engine (and I see no reason why the present Type I engines couldn't serve another 10 years).

Notes:

Some of the above is simplified, as this is already too long.

Most of the above applies to our two Water Tenders, 8191 & 8192.

(A note about the 15-year plan: This document was drafted as a preliminary part of the campaign to pass a benefit assessment. The vehicle replacement numbers (dates and dollars) were reverse-engineered to fit the projected district income. These numbers thus have no particular basis in reality, one way or another.)

Thanks for your attention.

Sincerely

Oliver Seeler

Captain, Albion - Little River Volunteer Fire Dept, Inc.

Safety Officer

Chief, 2000 - 2007

Member, 1975 – Present.

ALBION LITTLE RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET OVERVIEW WORKSHEET

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SPECIAL TAX (FIRE ASSESSMENTS)	\$70.00	\perp	\$110.00		\$103.00	\$129.57	\$106.00	\$32.41	\$34.00	
TIMBER YIELD TAX	\$342.00	\$75,300.00	À	\$7	\$77,550.00	\$7	\$75,000.00	\$77,550.00	\$75	
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MAINTENANCE - STRICTIBES & GROUNDS	\$10,000.00	\$10,760.35	\$10,000.00	\$11,293.34	\$28,000.00	\$11,873.16	\$12,000.00	\$14,908.90	\$20,000,00	\$6,019.72
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MEMBERSHIPS	95,000,00	\$5,612.73	\$3,000.00	\$4,742.26	\$4,000.00	\$4,550.15	\$6,500.00	\$5,753.38	\$8,000.00	\$1,244.01
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SMALL TOOLS & INSTRIMENTS	00.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$0.00			
ELECTION SUPERVISION & SERVICES	00.08	\$2,098.37	\$2,000.00 \$0.00	\$2,936.02	\$3,000.00	\$4,294.64	\$3,500.00	\$3,173.66	\$3,500.00	\$1,813,91
TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL	\$16,000.00	\$14 630 37	#18.00 00.00	\$425.09 \$42,420,40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
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ALRFPD Budget By Year - Current Year:4 7/1/2008 through 6/30/2009 Using Budget 2008-2009

10/29/2008

Category Description	7/1/2008 Actual	- Budget	6/30/2009 Difference
INFLOWS			
82-1110 CURRENT SECURED TAX	0.00	72,104.00	72 404 00
82-1120-CURRENT UNSECURED TAX	0.00	2,074.00	-72,104.00
82-1130-SB813 SUPPLEMENTAL TAX	0.00	2,288.00	-2,074.00
82-1220-PRIOR UNSECURED TAX	0.00	34.00	-2,288.00
82-1300-SPECIAL TAX	0.00	75,000.00	-34.00
82-1600-TIMBER TAX	0.00	374.00	-75,000.00
82-4100-INTEREST INCOME	0.00	the contract of the contract o	-374.00
82-5481-HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX REL	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00
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86-1035-WORKMAN'S COMP	373.00	6,000.00	5 00m oc
86-2050-CLOTHING	1,055.07		5,627.00
86-2060-COMMUNICATIONS	2,026.28	6,000.00	4,944.93
86-2061-COMM-LEASE LINES	0.00	10,000.00	7,973.72
86-2101-INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
86-2120-MAINTENANCE EQ	6,019.72	6,000.00	6,000.00
86-2130-MAINTENANCE STRUCTURES	1,164.51	20,000.00	13,980.28
86-2140-MED SUPPLIES	1,244.01	5,000.00	3,835.49
86-2150-MEMBERSHIPS	915.00	8,000.00	6,755.99
86-2170-OFFICE SUP	1,382.59	2,500.00	1,585.00
86-2181-AUDITS		3,000.00	1,617.41
86-2187-ED AND TRAINING	3,174.28	5,000.00	1,825.72
86-2189-PROF AND SPEC	2,705.95	10,000.00	7,294.05
86-2220-SM TOOLS	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
86-2250-TRANSPORTATION	1,813.91	3,500.00	1,686.09
86-2260-UTILITIES	5,138.80	26,000.00	20,861.20
86-3113-PAYMNTS TO GOVT AGENCIES	1,541.77	5,000.00	3,458.23
86-4360-BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	594.49	3,000.00	2,405.51
86-4370-EQUIPMENT	700.00	15,000.00	14,300.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	1,000.00	145,000.00	144,000.00
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Itemized Categories 8/27/2008 through 9/23/2008 (Cash Basis)

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86-2050-CLOTHING					-		-2,619.91
9/2/2008	District Checki 2668	в ;	S Albion LITTLE			п	-249.33
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9/17/2008	District Checki 2678		AT&T			R	-34.91
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9/2/2008	District Checki 2666		Fire Protection.			R	-211.68
9/2/2008			Para Life Medi			R	-125.00
9/2/2008	District Checki 2668		Albion LITTLE			R	-34.00
9/16/2008	District Checki 2669		K38	#06-0630072		R	-525.00
9/16/2008	District Checki 2672		Albion LITTLE	•		R	-34.00
9/16/2008	District Checki 2673			AmbFD Inte		R	-100.00
86-2260-UTILITIES	District Checki 2676		**VOID**Fire P.	lnv. #549547		R	0.00
8/31/2008	D: 1: 101						-192.01
9/2/2008	District Checki 2662		Waste Manag	0018705-256		R	-22.65
9/2/2000	District Checki 2665		PG&E	0210095100-9		R	-169.36
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October

10/29/2008

Itemized Categories:2

9/24/2008 through 10/28/2008 (Cash Basis)

Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
EXPENSES					
86-2050-CLOTHING					-8,182.52
9/30/2008	District Chec 2	680	Cascade Fire Equipm	Inv. #45260	-423.64
10/27/2008	District Chec 2		Sunset Printing		-174.00
86-2060-COMMUNICATIO		.001	Ouriset Fillining	#61949	-249.64
10/20/2008	District Chec 20	690	AT&T	0204530050004	-1,344.33
10/20/2008	District Chec 20		AT&T	0301538359001	-33.69
10/24/2008	District Chec 26		Dale Lathan	960755-41735558	-150.40
10/24/2008	District Chec 26		Battery Zone	10/10/08 service	-60.00
10/24/2008	District Chec 26		P & W	#FSI-03739	-196.49
10/27/2008	District Chec 26			#40552	-851.75
86-2120-MAINTENANCE I	EQ	030	Battery Zone	#FSI-03750	-52.00
10/24/2008	District Chec 26	805	VIII ACE HADDWADE		-1,444.08
10/27/2008	_	010750	VIILAGE HARDWARE	3 F	-273.54
86-2130-MAINTENANCE S		010730	Fort Bragg Diesel	Invoice #7667	-1,170.54
10/2/2008	District Chec 26	204	Cumpaign Duran 0		-83.50
86-2140-MED SUPPLIES	Diotrict Offec 20	304	Superior Pump Service	9 #8521	-83.50
10/14/2008	District Chec 26	200	A:-		-99.50
86-2150-MEMBERSHIPS	District Offec 20	000	Aeris	#10095 Inv. 10260970	-99.50
10/24/2008	County 40	010284	Manufacture		-915.00
86-2181-AUDITS	County 40	10204	Mendocino Coast Am	. Firefighters' benefit	-915.00
9/30/2008	District Chec 26	200	Katalanana o		-2,194.40
10/24/2008		002 010046	Katsiaryna Gregonis	Inv. #3	-294.40
36-2220-SM TOOLS	County 40	10046	Michael A. Celentano	#3441	-1,900.00
10/8/2008	District Chec 26	:05	Consider File File 1		-212.52
6-2250-TRANSPORTATIO		100	Cascade Fire Equipm	. Inv. 15825	-212.52
9/30/2008	District Chec 26	.04	A linta and AZ I		-22.00
10/20/2008	District Chec 26		Albion K Incorporated	#156	-10.00
6-2260-UTILITIES	District Cheb 20	109	Albion K Incorporated	#157	-12.00
9/30/2008	District Chec 267	70	10/		-743.55
10/2/2008	District Chec 26		Waste Management	0019095-2561-8	-22.65
10/8/2008	District Chec 268		PG&E	0210095100-9	-156.01
10/14/2008	District Chec 268		SUBURBAN PROPA		-429.89
6-4360-BUILDINGS AND I	MPROVEMENTS	u <i>1</i>	ALBION MUTUAL W	#567	-135.00
10/24/2008	_	10526	Thod M. Verr D.		-700.00
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istrict Checking					-2,194.30
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ALBION LITTLE RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT INVENTORY OF DISTRICT OWNED VEHICLES

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	NUMBER		Ž.	- Tituli		NUMBER	DATE	CURRENT	REPLACEMENT COST		SERVICE DATE
		STATION 810 - ALBION VILLAGE									
4	8130	RESCUE 4X4	1990	FORD	1FDKE30M6LHB50145	1002177	9/16/2001	\$24,000.00	\$60,000.00		4/6/2006
C	8131	RESCUE 4X4	1994	CHEVROLET	1GBJK34N6RE203243	378887	4/23/1994	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00		
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		TRAILER (BOAT)	2003	EZLOADER	1ZEAAKKA63A005458	1002190	11/27/2002	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00		
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٦	8181	TYPE I ENGINE	1974	VAN PELT	724194	646901	5/7/2000	\$45,000.00	\$120,000.00		5/12/2008
7	8191	TENDER	1979	INTERNATIONAL	DG227KGB11503	208330	7/4/2007	\$30,000.00	\$96,000.00		1/30/2008
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		STATION 812 - LITTLE RIVER AIRPORT									
1	8182	TYPE I ENGINE	1973	VAN PELT	723583	627884	6/9/2002	\$45,000.00	\$120,000.00	out of service not repairable	9/19/2008
7	8192	TENDER	1985	INTERNATIONAL	1HSLTUGN6FHA58180	1002174	8/10/2001	\$35,000.00	\$1.00		10/12/2005
, 0°	8132	RESCUE	1992	FORD	1FDKF38MONNA36647	1237713	12/27/2006	\$50,000.00	\$60,000.00		
· A		PATROL (TYPE IV)	4 4 4		US GOVT PROPERTY	# 0 m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m					A LONG MARKET
		STATION 813 - MIDDLE RIDGE									
7		THOM:	1087	CaCa	1EDYDROI IOHVA05248	1205415	3/3/2005	\$57,000.00	\$120.000.00	2014	8/6/2005
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		STATION 815 - NAVARRO RIDGE									
\sim	8185	TYPE I (SMALL)	1977	INTERNATIONAL	D1222GGB12330	739059	3/18/2005	\$40,000.00	\$120,000.00	out of service not repairable	6/11/2008
		FUTURE NEEDS.									
		PWC W/ TRAILER							\$10,000.00		
		RAPID RESPONSE INFLATABLE W/MOTOR							\$5,000.00		

VEHICLE COMMITTEE ALBION LITTLE RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Some history: I believe the department has come a long way. When I first joined in about 1980, we were kind of a rag-tag group. We didn't have much in the way of turn-outs & vehicles. But somehow we got the job done with dedication & help. Then we started getting some better turn-outs & vehicles, but still had a ways to go in that respect. As things progressed, we got better & better. The idea came up that we needed a vehicle replacement plan. The first person to work on this was Nick Pillsbury with some important help from John Shandel. They decided the most important thing was to respond to calls within five minutes if possible. This required the proper location of vehicles, as well as a map of the district and travel time from stations to various points. I believe Nick did this, after which, several problems were identified. Some areas could not be reached in the five minutes response time from the current stations. They realized new stations had to be added in places such as D Road, Middle Ridge or thereabouts, & Navarro Ridge. They spent many many hours trying to decide the best type vehicles to be stationed at each. Some new vehicles had to be added to our response system. That led to the problem of vehicle maintenance and replacement.

After many years, the department, with a lot of help from Rick Ricca devised a long range plan in FY2002 to hopefully help with this problem. It was approved and a special tax (Special Fire & Rescue Tax) was also passed for this purpose. In the past, vehicles were replaced with money from fund raisers, donations, grants, fire department & district money, & tax money. In FY 2002 it was stated in the long range plan that five fire stations and nine ageing vehicles would need improvement and/or replacement for an estimated cost of \$560,000.00, prorated at \$37,333.00 per year for maintenance and replacement for the next 15 years.

Building costs are also part of the vehicle replacement problem. It was hoped Station 810 Albion Main Station would become a substation in FY2004, Station 811 D Road Albion would take its place as the Main Station, and that by FY2007 it would be complete with kitchen and restroom facilities at a cost of approximately \$217,000. There was supposed to be money in the budget for this. Station 813 Middle Ridge was to have been improved by FY2004 at a cost of approximately \$40,000. Again, was money in budget? In addition, in order to maintain our ISO rating of 8, Station 815 Navarro Ridge was to have the addition of a water tender and a Type I engine and the building enlarged to hold both by FY2007 at an estimated cost of \$55,000. Was the money in the budget? The money for all these projects was supposed to be in the budget. We also need to add a new tender to our rolling stock at a cost of approximately \$80,000— is the money in the budget?

In the past when purchasing vehicles, several were paid for 50/50 between the fire department & the district. The Albion-Little River Fire Protection District is a Mendocino County government agency responsible for managing the tax money allocated to the district. The main responsibility of The District is to provide fire and emergency services.

I believe at least three vehicles have been upgraded since FY2002. But we need to replace more – and soon. That is one of the main reasons the Vehicle Committee is being formed. Nick and I have met and started a current plan for rolling stock of the Albion-Little River Fire Protection District.

Rick Ricca

41221 Airport Rd Little River CA 95456 707-937-0496

To: Rich Riley
Director, Albion-Littleriver Fire District
October 26, 2008
Re: apparatus replacement

Dear Rich

After our meeting in early October, I reviewed the current inventory of apparatus held by the district and the brief notes regarding their condition. I also reviewed the Long Range Plan document, which I coauthored and which was adopted by the fire fighter's association, the auxiliary and the fire district in 2002.

There seems to have been a departure from the above mentioned plan which has contributed to the current problems being experienced by the district with respect to funding timely vehicle replacement.

That said, my recommendation would be to begin an active search for replacement type 1 apparatus 8181, 8182, and for the purchase of a third type 1 or type 2 engine for the Navarro Ridge station as soon as possible.

My feeling is that if these types of apparatus upgrades are not initiated as soon as possible, it will not be possible to adequately protect the fire district, placing the citizens of the district and the current ISO rating in jeopardy.

Funding these replacements will not be easy as there was already a benefit assessment passed based on assurances to the voters by the signers of the Long Range Plan that the apparatus replacement plan contained therein was to be followed, updated as necessary and adequate for the needs of the district.

In the long term, I recommend that the existing Long Range Plan be carefully studied and updated as necessary to reflect the current situations with regard to available funding and future needs of the district regarding apparatus. I also recommend that a concerted effort be made to bring the activities of the fire fighters with regards to equipment purchases more in harmony with the Long Range Plan and with the direction of the elected fire district members whose responsibility it is to administer moneys from the tax assessment for the benefit of the voters.

I remain available to help as I am able

Sincerely,

Rick Ricca,

Retired fire chief and board chair

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#1	DESCRIF	SCRIPTION	<u>PurchDate</u>	Age Then	Last.Insp.	COMMENTS		Repair? Y/N	Replace
#8182	1973 Van	73 Van Pelt Type I	6/9/2002	29	9/24/2008	9/24/2008 Needs str box/radiator		ر	<i>ح</i> ا
Station 812 Little River Airport									
#8181	1974 Van	1974 Van Pelt Type I	5/27/2000	26	5/12/2008 Passed	Passed			ځ
Station 811 D Road, Albion	ion								
#8185	1977 Int. Type	Type I	3/18/2005	28	6/11/2008	6/11/2008 Needs to be Replaced	placed		yes
Station 815 Navarro Ridge	ЭЭ								
#8191	1979 Int. Tender	Tender	7/4/2007	27	1/30/2008 Passed	Passed		Z	z
Station 811 D Road, Albion	ion								
#8192	1985 Int. Tender	Tender	8/10/2001	16	10/12/2005	10/12/2005 Needs Check			
Station 812 Little River Airport	irport								
#8173	1987 Ford Type III	1 Type III	3/2/2005	18	6/6/2005	6/6/2005 Needs Check			
Station 813 Middle Ridge, Albior	3, Albion			-					
#8130	1990 For	1990 Ford Rescue 4x4	9/16/2001	11	4/5/2006	4/5/2006 Needs Check			
Station 810 Albion Village	Ð								
#8132	1992 Ford Rescue	d Rescue	12/27/2006		14 No Record	Needs Check			
Station 812 Little River Airport	urport								
#8131	1994 Che	1994 Chev. Rescue 4x4	4/23/1994	New	No Record	Needs Check			
Station 810 Albion Village	ø								
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#8192		#8185							
of the reason	on a vehicle r	This is part of the reason a vehicle replacement plan is needed. Ideally purchased vehicles should be 15-20 years old - MAXI	is needed. Idea	Illy purchased	vehicles shou	ild be 15-20 yea	irs old - MAX		
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Albion Little River Fire Protection District P. O. Box 634 Albion, CA 95410

October 29, 2008

Eddie Arguelles Savings Bank of Mendocino County P. O. Box 687 Mendocino, CA 95460

Please be advised that the ALRFPD Board of Directors has appointed Nick Pillsbury to fill a board vacancy at our August 27, 2008 business meeting. Alan Taeger, president of the board of directors, remains as the board member contact.

Please prepare a new signature card for our checking account which includes his name as well as the names of the other members of the board and Katya Gregonis, our bookkeeper. We will still require two signatures on each check.

Please also prepare a new signature card for our safety deposit box with the same signers as above. Access to our safety deposit box will also still require two signatures.

I will ask everyone to come to the bank to sign the new cards.

District Bookkeeper:

Katya Gregonis Katya.gregonis@gmail.com Home 937 3326

Current members of the District Board of Directors:

Alan Taeger, president ataeger@mcn.org
Days 489 3052
Eves 937 0154

Richard Riley, vice president Home 937 0689

Nick Pillsbury Home 937 0033

Please contact any of us for any questions you have.

Alan Taeger, president, ALRFPD Board of Directors

Yours truly,

Dan Sitts, secretary Home 937 0195

Ed Petrykowski Home 937 5489



COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

501 LOW GAP ROAD #1060 UKIAH, CA 95482-4498 PHONE. (707) 463-4321 FAX: (707) 463-4166

DATE:

OCTOBER 23, 2008

TO:

MENDOCINO COUNTY POOL PARTICIPANTS

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FROM:

SHARI L. SCHAPMIRE, TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

SUBJECT:

INVESTMENT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Attached herewith is a listing of all investments held by the Mendocino County Investment Pool as of September 30, 2008. The investments have been made in accordance with the Investment Policy and are permitted investments according to current California law.

Due to the nature of a public funds portfolio, it is mandatory that moneys be available to meet the monetary requirements inherent to operating a public entity. Therefore funds are invested in such a manner that money will always be available, without risk of trading loss, to pay normal cash requirements. That being said, due to the unprecedented market volatility and frozen credit markets at this time, the ability to liquidate any security prior to maturity remains challenging. I plan to maintain a higher than normal balance in liquid accounts to deal with this ongoing situation.

In accordance with instructions from the County Grand Jury Auditor, the market value of the investments includes the market value of the investments and prepaid interest that was paid at the time the investments were purchased. The market value of the investments is provided by Union Bank of California acting in the capacity of "safekeeping agent" for the investments.

Our next round table discussion on the investment pool will be held on November 12, 2008 (see enclosed flyer for details). If you have any questions regarding this report or the investments reported, please do not hesitate to contact me.

INVESTMENTS OF MENDOCINO COUNTY (QUARTER ENDING - SEPTEMBER 30, 2008)

INVESTMENT		COST	ı	PAR VALUE		MARKET VALUE	COUPON RATE	PURCHASE DATE	MATURITY DATE	DAYS TO MATURITY
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT: NATIXIS N.Y. PNC BANK N.A. DEUTSCHE BANK N.Y. HARRIS BANK N.A. BARCLAYS BANK N.Y. DEUTSCH BANK N.Y. ABN-AMRO N. V.		6,000,000 9,973,100 5,012,018 5,000,000 5,509,775 10,000,370 15,012,815	\$ \$ \$ \$	6,000,000 10,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000 5,465,000 10,000,000 15,000,000	\$ 5 5 5 5 5 5	5,983,980 9,977,300 4,993,500 4,999,350 5,418,274 9,991,900 15,004,650	3.49% 2.44% 2.38% 2.82% 2.92% 2.94% 3.01%	04/21/08 10/31/07 06/20/08 05/30/08 12/11/07 12/03/07 05/30/08	04/21/11 10/27/09 07/30/09 05/29/09 03/13/09 01/09/09 10/24/08	933 392 303 241 164 101 24
LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND COUNTY FUND MENDOCINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT UNION BANK SWEEP ACCOUNT	\$ \$	11,000,000	\$	11,000,000	\$ \$	11,000,000	2.78% 2.78% 2.21%	N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	1 1
CALIFORNIA ASSET MANAGEMENT CO.	\$	2,674,234 1,017,529		2,674,234 1,017,529		1,017,529	2.41%	N/A	N/A	1
COMMERCIAL PAPER									·	
MEDIUM TERM NOTES SUNTRUST BANK GE CAP, CORP, GE CAP, CORP, SUN LIFE FIN. GLOBAL HSBC FIN. CORP, LIBERTY LIGHT U.S. CAPITAL LIBERTY LIGHT U.S. CAPITAL EATON CORP, GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP MORGAN STANLEY BANK OF AMERICA CORP, SLM CORP.	***	3,842,317 8,736,812 6,009,642 2,015,821 6,030,564 3,000,774 5,001,350 8,001,672 5,006,270 5,007,485 5,039,301 5,013,875	***	4,000,000 9,000,000 6,000,000 6,000,000 3,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000	***	3,764,960 8,771,940 5,903,520 1,971,360 5,525,400 2,420,984 4,122,216 7,978,480 4,752,650 4,357,550 4,985,200 4,650,200	2.85% 2.86% 2.95% 3.01% 3.00% 2.89% 2.89% 2.96% 3.00% 3.15%	04/18/08 04/19/07 08/15/05 04/20/07 12/27/06 01/12/07 04/30/07 04/03/07 12/27/06 02/28/06	04/10/12 10/21/10 07/06/10 05/10/10 11/16/09 11/16/09 08/10/09 06/23/09 02/09/09	1329 1288 751 644 587 412 412 314 266 132 124 118
TREASURIES										
AGENCIES FHLB CAPPED FLOATING NOTE	\$	4,997,500	\$	5,000,000	\$	5,000,000	5.32%	03/09/04	01/23/09	115
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$	138,903,223	\$	139,156,762	\$	135,265,177	-			

MENDOCINO COUNTY INVESTMENT POOL



Round Table Discussion

Date: November 12, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Mendocino County Administration Center 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA 95482 Conference Room C

Items to be discussed:

Navigating through the financial market turmoil Concerns with the State of California Budget How are our investments doing? Current investment strategy Interest apportionment rates Banking services Costs associated with our investment pool Any topics of interest

All pool participants are encouraged to attend this informal round table discussion. Interested members of the public are also welcome to attend. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Shari Schapmire, Mendocino County Treasurer at 463-4325.

Treasurer-Tax Collector 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1060 Ukiah, CA 95482-4498 Mendocino County

ALBION-LITTLE RIVER FIRE P.O. BOX 101 ALBION, CA 95410 DISTRICT

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ALRFPD Board of Directors Business Meeting Minutes 9/24/08

Held Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008, @ Stn 810, 33900 West Street, Albion, CA

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:35pm with Board members Richard Riley, Ed Petrykowski, Alan Taeger, Dan Sitts, Nick Pillsbury, along with Ted Williams, Derek Wilson, Bruce Jenkins, Mike Kitahara.
- 2. No public communication
- 3. Blank
- 4. No report this month. Audit took up time. Auditor sent a schedule of assets that are listed for depreciation, requested clarification of certain items listed. Renewal package for Cal Star, Reach and Ambulance given to Derek for updated names of firefighters who are eligible for coverage.
- 5. A) Derek reported a small amount of calls this month. An incident with an overturned logging truck. Through a new arrangement, Derek reported that Cal Fire will respond automatically with ALRFD to fire and vehicle accidents.
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- 8. Previously reported condition of 8182. 8173 will go to FBD in October.
 - 9. A) Per Alan the District office is set up. Phone improvements and internet to follow.
 - B) All properties in the District are recorded as paying into parcel tax except one. Ed will look into this exception. Alan asked Ed to look into possible parcel tax increase ballot measure.
 - C) 811 report Mendocino County Archeological Committee request Archeological study to be done on that site. Ed will contact someone to complete this study.
 - D) Vehicle Committee has compiled information on vehicles. Rich ask Derek for a Department person to work with the District Vehicle Committee.
 - 10. No Board Member report.
 - Meeting adjourned 9:30pm, next meeting Oct. 29, 2008, Station 810. 11.

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 - D) Vehicle Committee has compiled information on vehicles. Rich ask Derek for a Department person to work with the District Vehicle Committee.
- 10. None at this time
 - 11. Meeting adjourned 9:30pm, next meeting Oct. 29, 2008, Station 810.

ALBION-LITTLE RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday Oct 29, 2008, 7:30 pm. At station 810, 33900 West Street, Albion, CA.

- 1. Call to order 7:35 with Board Members Dan Sitts, Alan Taeger, Ed Petrykowski, Rich Riley and Nick Pillsbury. Also present Oliver Seeler, Mike Kitahara, Ted Williams and Chief Derek Wilson.
- 2. Public Communication. Oliver presented letter he crafted on vehicle history along with status, concerns and suggestions on the Van Pelt engines used in ALRVFD.
- 3. Treasure's Report. Alan presented current Budget Overview Worksheet. Reported spending \$30,849.38 of \$280,500 budgeted for 2008-2009. Nick asked for clarification on budget and bill paying process. Alan gave an overview.
- 4. Chief's Report.
 - A. One search and rescue along with 2 vehicle accidents.
 - B. Received \$6,000 from fundraising event at the Hughes Llama Ranch.
 - C. Will have certified wild lands fire training at Albion School.
 - D. No needs at this time.
- Secretary's Report.
 - A. Received annual report from county treasurer Shari Schapmire on county investment pool funds. New signature card needed to be signed at Bank of Mendocino as we are adding Nick. Please sign asap.
 - B. Secretary will send approved meeting minutes to all board members along with Derek. Minutes of Sept. 24, 2008 approved unanimously with corrections.
- 6. No action items at this time.
- 7. Land, buildings and equipment. Derek reported that new type 3 vehicle is coming.
- 8. Committee Report.
 - A. No report on property tax to board
 - B. No report or changes to station 811 permitting.
 - C. Vehicle 8182 is out of service. New type 3 vehicle not here but Bruce Jenkins is to pick is up around November 11. Mike will get invoice for new vehicle so check can be written. Alan check with Fort Bragg Diesel for estimate and details for repair of 8182. Rich presented vehicle committee report and asked everyone for more information on fire department vehicles if they have any.
- 9. Board Director's report. None at this time.
- 10. Next meeting Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008 at 7:30, station 810.
- 11. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Minutes approved unanimously by vote of the board at December 17, 2008 business meeting.