

Templeton Community Services District Fire and Emergency Services Master Plan

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Fire and Emergency Services Master Plan

One of Templeton Community Services District goals is to develop a Master Plan for Fire and Emergency Services for the purpose of identifying the long-term needs, particularly in the area of Facilities [station(s) and training] and apparatus. Once identified and costs estimated, the District's Development Impact Fee program would then be modified to fund the necessary improvements related to new development.

The passage of Measure A in 2019 has allowed the District to implement a more sustainable staffing model for Fire and Emergency Services. Until late 2020, Fire and Emergency Services was hard staffed only during the day, and relied on a paid-call firefighter model to cover nights. Beginning in late 2020, the District implemented 24/7 staffing, with a full-time Captain on duty 24 hours a day, supplemented by a reserve firefighter or full-time Engineer on 24 hour shifts. Additionally, the District now has a 10-to-12 hour day reserve firefighter day shift that is funded, and often filled, bringing our staffing to three firefighters during the day. Finally, Measure A allowed the District to hire its first full-time Fire Chief in more than eight years. The District's Fire Chief provides dependable leadership and incident command coverage, enhancing services to the community.

As a part of the Master Plan Development, the District engaged AP Triton to perform an Assessment of Templeton Fire and Emergency Services operations, facilities and apparatus to help guide decisions on how services and facilities can be improved in the future to service our Community. The AP Triton Assessment was completed in mid-2021.

Now that the AP Triton Assessment is complete, the District is working on developing budget level cost estimates and preliminary plans for the required capital improvements. Once these are known, the District's Development Impact Fee program for Fire and Emergency Services can be updated.

Costs for planned capital and operational improvements will also be compared to the 10-year (parcel tax) Financial Model that was developed in April 2019.

These items, once completed, will be packaged together with the AP Triton Assessment. Together, this is envisioned to be the Fire and Emergency Services Master Plan.