

## EPRFPD MSR Answers

Pg 74 Last paragraph under Planning and Management Practices.

Audit has been in progress since 2020. Auditor has had multiple challenges.

Pg 75 under Existing Demand

The majority of the call increase is from when District was contracted with Portola, not "C" Rd and Gold Mountain

Pg 80 The District has faced....

"The District has consistently over the last three fiscal years not investing in its capital assets.

Categorically not true, we have invested in capital assets, however the way the county has us doing the budget it does not show, radios, trucks etc.

Pg 80 The County keeps accounts

Because of the county's bookkeeping it does not show that the majority of the budget was from OES fires.

Pg 81 Figure 6-4

Shows a negative \$66,000 net income for fy21-22. District fy 21-22 budget submitted to county was balanced \$183,624.92. Looking at them when the format that made two members of the public happy the carryover from fy20-21 was inadvertently left off showing a negative \$66,000.

Pg 81 below figure 6-4

Mentions hose grant but does not mention SCBA grant.

Pg 82 Service Overview

*The District does not have any certified paramedics, but all firefighters are trained in basic life support.* No mention of certified EMTs.

Pg 82 Service Agreements

Our mutual aid agreement is the county wide agreement. We do not have separate formal mutual aid agreements with surrounding districts.

Pg 84 paragraph 2 Staffing

Our response to calls has not been unpredictable and disorganized. I believe the only increase in mutual aid calls is for structure fires, which standard protocol.

Pg 84 Infrastructure Needs

About 10 years ago, Iron Horse Board wanted to put in a water tank. The majority of home owners did not want to because of cost.

The need for a new Type 3 is a desire not a need.

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### Pg 84 & 85 Challenges

Annual Homeowners meetings are attended by the Chief. Education is provided regarding clearing of trees and brush. Education is provide both orally and handouts. Additionally, Firewise provides makes information to all homeowners.

Contract negotiations with USFS are ongoing for all districts.

### Pg 86 Annual review Gold Mountain

Item 1) The concern was that an engine was not brought to scene on 21 October 2021.

What was not reported in the review is that first on scene was in contact with 9800 and giving a scene size up. There was no smoke or flame. 9800 and 9813 were in route from "C" Rd and would have stopped at the Delleker or Iron Horse station and picked up and engine if necessary.

Item 2) Lack of partnership with other fire agencies resulting in a refusal to request mutual aid from neighboring agencies.

This is absolutely untrue. If a scene requires mutual aid, the nearest Fire District (Beckwourth or Graeagle) are requested through dispatch. EPRFPD has never not called for mutual aid when needed.

Item 3) Familiarization training did not occur within GMSCD during the review period.

Yes it was. Again this was a breakdown in communication within GMSCD. That is way several months before the review all emails had several people on them.

Item 4) Not conforming to NFPA 1629 Pre-Incident Planning

The training that is referred to in GM review was to develop a plan for drafting from the pond. Challenges identified during the training are an action item for GM maintenance so that a Pre-Incident Plan can be developed.

Item 5) Lack of leadership availability resulting in delayed fire inspection follow ups.

Communication was sent. No one objected to the delay. If an objection had been received the reinspection would have been done sooner

Last paragraph.

.....Dixie Fire. Prior to the Dixie Fire; drills and evacuation plans had been performed with the residents of GM. EPRFPD did not receive any phone calls or correspondence regarding Dixie fire concerns to the District, Chief or Board members.

The communication issue has been a challenge; that is way prior to the annual review it was decided all communication with GM would have more than one person on the email and cc to EPRFPD that way items would not fall through the cracks because one person forgot to tell another. Additionally, another point of contact was added at the March meeting.

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### Pg 88 & 89 Present and Planned....

Disagree that we do not have capacity to serve future growth with existing stations. Future growth would be new homes and additional tax dollars.

A new type 3 is a nice to have. Not an operational need.

We do work with the Sheriff's Department regarding 911 challenges. They have constraints with turnover/training and equipment. The supervisor is responsive to concerns and does additional training.

Agree we should have a capital improvement plan.

We do track response time.

Yes staffing limitations are a challenge; however, it has not resulted in unpredictable response capabilities and leadership communication issues.

### Pg 89 Financial Ability

The District finances have increased also with CAL OES fires

The District does charge fees for services rendered. Yes Prop C failed.

The Audit has been in progress since 2020 We have been working with the auditor to get the Audit finalized.

### Pg 89 Accountability

#3 Yes there have had challenges maintain a 5 member board. Only once in the last decade has the District appointed a board member that was not qualified, this was based on information from the County Clerk's office that was incorrect. Also, one time the District secretary did not receive the election packet in the mail, resulting in the directors up for election did not put in paperwork. As soon as this was made know, County Board of Supervisors appointed so that there was a quorum, all actions the board had taken during that time period were ratified. The District has kept the County Clerk informed about board changes.

#4. The board had been in the LESSG study group. At the time that a Cease and Desist Brown Act complaint from Ms Sims, alleging the study group violated the Brown Act and along with concerns from some residents of the District. The majority of the board decided that in current environment with the lawsuit, that the District should pull out of the study group.