



North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts



Date: October 30, 2023
To: Meeks Bay Fire Board of Directors
From: Steve Leighton, Fire Chief
Subject: November 2023

September was generally on the warm side, except for a few cold low-pressure systems which brought periods of well below average temperatures around the Labor Day weekend. After enjoying a relative calmness in weather at the end of September and into the first part of October, fall came in like a lion. Our first lake-level snowfall accompanied by chain controls on Interstate 80 was just last week on October 25th. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Winter Outlook was released last week by their Climate Prediction Center, with predictions for precipitation in the region leaning towards wetter-than average conditions through February 2023. This fall precipitation has allowed us the opportunity to lift our burning restrictions earlier than anticipated allowing our residents the opportunity to burn their green waste with a permit.

Weather has also been conducive for fuels treatments this month, with several projects underway around the basin. NV Energy has been using helicopters to remove trees around powerlines, which are then being transported out of the Kings Beach area on State Route (SR267). The California State Parks has been conducting understory burning in the Burton Creek and Sugar Pine Point State area. In addition, the Tahoe Conservancy has been working with the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District to burn piles near Dollar Creek. And lastly our Forest Fuel Manager has been working diligently with CAL FIRE to burn piles in the Carnelian Canyon area which will be occurring this few week.

Internally, Captains Meadows and Moen have led an Engineers' Academy. This academy has been the largest in the history of our organization and absolutely demonstrates the districts commitment to our employee's development but also shows our employees commitment to the program. The academy assists to prepare firefighter/paramedics for promotional opportunity to Engineer. I would like to extend my appreciation to all staff members for their commitment and sacrifice in ensuring this academy was a success.

After completing the Station 67 project with outstanding results, Facilities Coordinator Beckman has been busy remodeling the conference room at Station 51 in a transition to office space for the Administrative Manager position that was approved at our last meeting. He is making quick work of the remodel and I appreciate the work of staff members who have assisted in the process.

On the Fire Prevention front, the district hosted a hybrid public Community Wildfire Prevention Plan (CWPP) meeting to support the Tahoe Resource Conservation District (RCD) in the Tahoe Basin Wide Area Plan (TBAP) update. The CWPP is a vital document that is a necessity not only for coordinated planning across agencies but is also a requirement to be eligible to apply for federal finding opportunities.

Lastly, I want to bring to your attention, the hard work that our all our employees perform daily and how proud I am to be part of this organization. Their hard work and dedication never go unnoticed by me.

Meetings and Assignments:

- North Tahoe, Meeks Bay, and Alpine Meadows Board Meetings
- Eastern Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Chiefs Meeting
- Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs Association Meeting
- Executive and Command Staff Meetings
- Labor Management L3729 Meeting
- Eldorado County Fire Chiefs Meeting
- Eldorado County Board of Supervisors Meetings
- Placer County Board of Supervisors Meetings
- Breakfast Club Meeting
- Eldorado and Placer LAFCO Meetings
- Meetings with our District Attorneys regarding District business
- Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators Meeting
- Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team Multi-Agency Coordination Group Meeting
- Fire Districts Association of California Meeting
- Tahoe Area Managers Meeting
- California Special Districts Association Video Shoot Planning Review Meeting
- Fire and Law Enforcement-Evacuation of Lake Tahoe Basin Meeting
- Hosted National EMS Memorial Bike Ride BBQ at Station 51
- Evacuation Corridors Fuels Reduction Meeting w/CALTRANS
- Community Wildfire Defense Grant Meeting
- Truckee/Tahoe Airport District Staff and Board Member Meeting
- Goodwin Consulting Mitigation Fees Meeting
- North Tahoe Regional Advisory Committee Meeting (NTRAC)
- Burn Restrictions NEU/AEU Meeting
- Attended California Fire Chiefs Association Annual Conference
- North Tahoe/Meeks Bay Annexation Meeting #1

MBFPD RESPONSE CALLS - MONTHLY COMPARISON

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2023	6	12	7	14	21	25	37	23	23	15		
2022	24	11	15	9	12	21	18	14	11	7	3	8
2021	12	31	18	17	15	38	52	44	19	27	20	30
2020	23	12	9	9	14	30	54	50	28	22	16	11
2019	13	17	18	15	21	10	37	33	25	14	13	23

