



## **North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts**



Date: August 9, 2022  
To: Meeks Bay Fire Board of Directors  
From: Steve Leighton, Fire Chief  
Subject: August 2022

The last few months in the North Tahoe Fire Protection District and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts have been busy ones. From responding to calls for service to finalizing the budgets.

As you know, we have excellent people doing the right thing, for the right reason at the right time. As your Fire Chief, I couldn't ask for a more dedicated group of individuals. It is my job to provide them with the tools, support, and equipment they need to do their job efficiently and I think we are successfully doing that. With that said:

Welcome back from the brief break in our monthly meeting schedule. Fire season is upon us, and we are currently at National Preparedness Level 3 (on a scale of 1 to 5). Significant fire potential is projected to be above normal for all elevations and areas of Northern California during August and September.

Since January 1, 39,337 wildfires have burned 5,713,135 acres. Lightning ignited 3,540 fires (8%) that burned 3,281,839 acres (57%). People have caused 35,797 wildfires that consumed 2,431,295 acres (42%). Seven new fires were reported across the west with two being in California. More than 9,000 firefighters and support personnel are assigned to incidents across the country. North Tahoe Fire crews have been on fire assignments since late June, initially on the Washburn Fire in Yosemite and the Oak Fire north of Yosemite. Currently we have members on a strike team and single resources assigned to the McKinney Fire and China 2 Fire both on the Klamath National Forest.

Locally, the lake level is dropping every day. The current flow is approximately 215 cubic feet per second (cfs). The minimum according to the rafting companies is 200 cfs for the larger boats and it is forecasted to reach that in the near future.

Career development is something that I support and is important to me as your Fire Chief. I believe that it is my job to provide the proper training, promotional opportunities, and mentorship to ensure that our members can continue to provide excellent service to our customers. With that said, I'm proud to announce the following:

Engineer Clyde Rust was appointed to a provisional Captain position;  
Engineer Erik Gustafson is qualified to work as an Acting Captain;  
Engineer Curtis Smith has opened an Acting Captain Task Book;  
Firefighter/Paramedics Jarett LaShure and Sarah Kertesz have completed TAP Task 3;  
Inspectors Ramon Manzano and Sarah Gley have been promoted to Fire Prevention Officers;

Firefighter/Paramedics Brant Lucas, Kyle Garcia and Daniel Parker have been offered and accepted employment with the North Tahoe Fire Protection District.

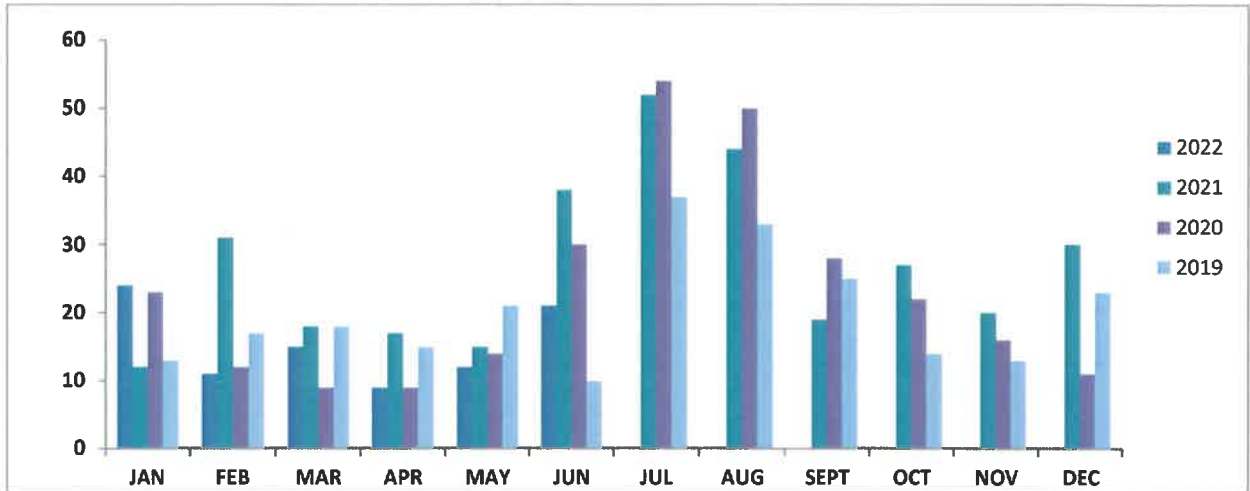
In other local news, Wayne Woo has been appointed the new Sheriff for Placer County, and Cindy Gustafson was recently named Chair for the Tahoe Regional Planning Committee (TRPA). TRPA is recruiting a new Executive Director and Placer County is still recruiting to replace their Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The stricter Short-Term Rental (STR) Ordinance is proving effective, as Placer County has only received 50 complaints year to date. While the county did adopt a cap on STR's, they are still well below the number of permits. Our Fire Prevention staff is working diligently to ensure that these structures are properly inspected and safe to occupy.

### **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
- Fire District Association of California Board Member Meeting
- Executive and Command Staff Meetings
- Labor Management L3729 Meeting
- Eldorado County Fire Chiefs Meeting
- Eldorado County Board of Supervisors Meeting
- Placer County Board of Supervisors Meeting
- Breakfast Club Meeting
- Eldorado and Placer LAFCO Meetings
- AP Triton Ambulance Study Meeting
- Homewood Development Agreement Meetings
- Placer County CEO and Tahoe Area Managers Meeting
- Employee Exit Interview
- CAL OES Storm Damage Webinar
- Attended Meeks Bay/Sierra Parks Pancake Breakfast
- Entry/Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic Interviews
- Modified Schedule Meeting with Staff
- Meetings with District Attorneys
- TRPA Focus Group Meeting
- Tahoe City PUD Executive Staff Meeting
- Grants Meeting with Staff
- Bay Area Economics (BAE) Study Meeting
- Meeting with CAL FIRE Unit Chief Brian Estes
- Priority Budget Meeting with Staff
- Company Officer Meeting
- Gold Country Chapter Meeting
- North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council (NTRAC) Meeting
- Lake Tahoe Summit with Elected Officials Attendance

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