

COUNTY OF EL DORADO

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Brian K. Veerkamp
District III

December 12, 2013

Board of Directors
El Dorado Hills County Water District (Fire District)
1050 Wilson Blvd.
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Re: Surplus Quint (Old Truck 85)

Honorable Board Members,

It is my understanding that you will make a decision tonight as to the disposition of the above referenced fire apparatus. As your ex-fire chief and now member of the Board of Supervisors, I would strongly support the apparatus staying within our county. It would add to the depth of resources that would in turn respond to El Dorado Hills as well as throughout the county. I am sure Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District would loan it back when your new truck is out of service, as well. The local area firefighters are familiar with it and have worked around it, thus enhancing everyone's capability for its utilization.

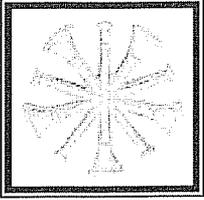
Finally, and I can only speak for myself and not the entire Board, but these types of collaborative efforts and "goodwill" gestures are exactly what I am looking for to help justify and propose AB8 tax increment increases to stabilize our county's firefighting service. Through opportunities such as this, we can work together to improve emergency services to our citizens throughout our great county.

Looking forward to keeping "Truck 85" local,

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Brian K. Veerkamp
District Three Supervisor

Cc: CAO Terri Daly, Mike Applegarth,
BOS One, BOS Two, BOS Four, BOS Five,
El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association



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Gregory Durante, President
El Dorado Hills Fire Department
1050 Wilson Blvd.
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

President Durante,

The El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association is writing to support Diamond Springs-El Dorado FPD's request to purchase Truck #8591.

As you are aware, many local Fire Agencies are dealing with reduced budgets and staffing levels and do not have the ability to maintain and staff additional specialty vehicles. The ability to make an additional Truck Company available in El Dorado County has the potential to benefit not only the Diamond Springs community but all of the property owners in the County as well.

In the past, El Dorado Hills has always been very generous to neighboring agencies when they have disposed of surplus equipment. We also understand that your Board has an obligation to take into account the additional revenue generated by the sale of any surplus equipment.

The El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association would appreciate your Board's consideration of Diamond Springs – El Dorado FPD's request.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Keating, President
El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association
530-677-1868



GARDEN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

December 11, 2013

Chief Dave Roberts
El Dorado Hills Fire Department

Dear Chief Roberts.

It was brought to my attention that the El Dorado Hills fire Department is discussing selling its surplus aerial apparatus. As I understand, the Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District is very interested in obtaining this unit. I would like to go on record supporting their efforts and hope that the El Dorado Hills Fire Department Board of Directors sees the wisdom in keeping this valuable resource in El Dorado County. The strength in our emergency response is our strong mutual aid system. I believe that having an additional aerial apparatus available in the system would further enhance response to all of the El Dorado County Fire agencies, but also show commitment and support for new commercial and industrial development within the County in which such a unit would be invaluable. While I certainly understand the economic realities of apparatus sale and replacement, I sincerely believe that the purchase of this unit by the Diamond Springs/El Dorado County Fire Protection District would be a benefit to all and in the spirit of the outstanding cooperation that exist among fire agencies in El Dorado County.

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William Dekker, Fire Chief