



FRESNO COUNTY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT

Honor, Integrity, Cooperation & Professionalism

MEMORANDUM

Date: 04/13/2022

To: Board Directors

Attn: Matt Furrer
President

From: Fire District Staff

Subject: Resolution 2022-10, Termination of the Early Detection Program Restricted Fund.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING PAPER

ISSUE:

Staff would like to close the Early Detection Program restricted fund that has not been in use for several years.

BACKGROUND:

In the early morning hours of February 9, 2007 engine companies responded to a house fire in the community of Calwa. When firefighters arrived, they reported that the house was fully engulfed in fire. The firefighters also advised that there was a confirmed report of people trapped inside the house. Through dense smoke and intense flames, firefighters entered the home and rescued two children from a bedroom. Unfortunately, the two young girls succumbed to their injuries days later. The investigation found that the homeowner did not have smoke detectors installed in the house. As a result of this tragedy, Fresno County Fire Protection District began an outreach program to collect and install smoke detectors in homes. The campaign called the Early Detection Program provided this service to all the rural communities throughout Fresno County

The program was very successful and District employees installed hundreds of smoke detectors in homes throughout the District. The smoke detectors for the program were donated or purchased with donated funds.

DISCUSSION:

The Early Detection Program has not been used for several years and staff is asking for the Board to close the program's restricted fund and transfer the remaining balance to the general fund. The current remaining balance is \$766.23.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The District could decide to not close the Early Detection Program restricted fund.

IMPACTS *(Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas of concern for proposed alternatives):*

- Fiscal – No Known impact.
- Operational – No Known impact.
- Legal – No known impact.
- Labor – No known impact
- Sociopolitical – No known impact.
- Policy – No known impact.
- Health and safety – No known impact.
- Environmental – No known impact.
- Interagency – No known impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending the Board of Directors adopt Resolution # 2022-10 and approve closing the Early Detection Program Restricted Fund.

APPROVED:



Josh I. Chrisman, Administration Officer

April 13, 2022

Date