

The District operates seven fire stations with Station 38 being the main District Office located at 7061 Mount Aukum Road in Somerset (see Exhibit C). Staffing consists of a combination of district personnel and volunteers with Station 38 staffed and equipped year round while the other stations (except for Station 37) rely on volunteer staffing. The district uses various fire equipment and apparatus ranging from pick-ups to specific types of engines.

The current development impact fee assessed by the District is \$0.86 per square foot of structures that is collected at issuance of building permit. For Fiscal Year 2009-2010, the estimated development fees that would be collected are \$2,378.00.

In preparation for the most current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2010-2014, the District acknowledged the challenges in assessing the needs for future potential facility improvements and expenditures amidst the economic slowdown. Based on its analysis, the District concluded that the amount of development impact fee within the five year period would remain at its current rate of \$0.86 per square foot. The District would further review the economic situation during the fiscal year of 2010-2011 and provide further analysis and recommendations at that time.

A public hearing to consider the proposed fee increase as part of the capital improvement plan was conducted before the District’s Board of Directors on February 9, 2010 (Exhibit D). Under Resolution 02-10, the Board of Directors adopted the Capital Improvement Plan for the Period of 2009-2014 and established the Development Impact Fee for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS

In accordance with Section 65401 of the Government Code, the submitted updated report and its findings are subject to consistency determination with the El Dorado County General Plan. Table 1 below discusses the applicable policies.

Table 1. General Plan Consistency Determination

General Plan Policy	Policy Description	Consistency Determination
5.1.2.2 (Public Services and Utilities Element)	Establishes minimum levels of service for fire district response to be applied to the review of discretionary projects as an eight-minute response time. For Rural Center and Rural Regions the response time is 15 to 45 minutes.	Consistent. According to the updated study, the Pioneer Fire Protection District will to continue to meet the expected response times. Though within the Rural Region, the district is able to provide a response time within the average timeframe of 14 minutes.

<p>5.7.1.1 (Public Services and Utilities Element)</p>	<p>Requires that prior to approval of new development, the applicant will be required to demonstrate that adequate emergency water supply, storage, conveyance facilities, and access for fire protection either are or will be provided concurrent with development.</p>	<p>Consistent. Continued assessment of impact fees to fund the existing improvements will assist development project proponents in ensuring adequate facilities supporting fire protection.</p>
<p>6.2.3.1 (Health, Safety, and Noise Element)</p>	<p>Requires the County to find that, based on information from the applicant and responsible fire protection district, concurrent with development, adequate emergency water flow, fire access, and fire fighting personnel and equipment will be available for new development in accordance with applicable State and local fire district standards.</p>	<p>Consistent. Based on the updated study, implementation of impact fees would address the service needs of existing and future development within the District boundary.</p>
<p>10.2.1.4 (Economic Development Element)</p>	<p>Requires new discretionary development to pay its fair share of the costs of all civic, public, and community facilities it utilizes based upon the demand for these facilities that can be attributed to new development.”</p>	<p>Consistent. Based on the updated study, implementation of current impact fees would address the service needs of the current and future development. Future discretionary applications would be reviewed for consistency with the policy and, as applicable, would be subject to the impact fee.</p>

CONCLUSION

Based on the above analysis, the proposed CIP and its findings are found to be consistent with the applicable policies of the El Dorado County General Plan.

EXHIBITS:

- Exhibit A Government Code Section 65401
- Exhibit B Fire Protection Districts in El Dorado County
- Exhibit B.1 Pioneer Fire Protection District Boundary Map
- Exhibit C Pioneer Fire Protection District: Capital Improvement Plan 2010-2014
- Exhibit D Board of Directors of the Pioneer Fire Protection District Resolution No. 02-2010