



North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts



Date: June 20, 2022
To: Meeks Bay Fire Board of Directors
From: Steve Leighton, Fire Chief
Subject: June 2022

The drought situation continues to be a concern not only for California, but for the West overall. The Western Regional Climate Center reports parts of central/southern California, central/southern Nevada and New Mexico are in "Exceptional Drought" right now. This is the second driest two-year period for our region since 1895. In addition to the second-driest two-year period, we are also seeing the third warmest two-year period going back over 125 years. The heat on top of the dryness will exacerbate conditions this season, especially at Lake Mead and Lake Powell (25-30% of average). The onset of the monsoon season may provide some return from exceptional conditions, but drought is expected to remain. The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) is predicting fire activity to progress north and west through summer into fall. With drier than normal conditions in the Plains resulting in above-normal fire activity there. Fire activity is also rapidly increasing in Alaska.

As always, it's a pleasure to report the success of our team members. Our three new Firefighter/Paramedics are doing well and progressing into their next phase of the probationary process. Congratulations to Kelly Martin, who will be retiring on July 15, her last day in the office will be July 1. She will be missed and has done a great job handling all her multiple administrative tasks. She and Melissa Daniels have been working together seamlessly to ensure a smooth transition. We are currently recruiting for Firefighter/Paramedics, Defensible Space Inspectors, and Fire Prevention Officer I positions. Testing will commence in the next few weeks. Staff has been working hard to complete the initial budget. I want to thank Finance Director Kim Eason for her "attention to detail" during the budget process in handling budgets for both North Tahoe and Meeks Bay.

Fire season has been declared following CAL FIRE's suspension of burn permits at the end of May in both the Nevada/Placer and Amador/EI Dorado units. Our fire restrictions went into effect June 1. As you know, our restrictions ban the use of wood and charcoal. We are continuing to work with our partners at the Forest Service and California State Parks to deliver consistent messaging throughout the Tahoe Basin regarding fire restrictions. We are proud to work with our engaged community members that have taken the initiative to form nine Firewise communities in the North Tahoe, Meeks Bay and Alpine Meadows communities. In addition, I'm proud to announce that grant-funded curbside chipping services and defensible space inspections are once again available to our residents at no cost.

Crews continue to stay busy preparing for wildland fire season. They've also been busy with shore zone rescue, swift water rescue, and helicopter rescue training with the Tahoe Truckee Regional Rescue Team. Advanced Life Support (ACLS) training also occurred this month, as well as hazardous materials gas training with Southwest Gas.

During the 4th of July weekend this year, residents and visitors will have the opportunity to see something different than they have in the past. We will not be having a live firework show. Instead, it has been replaced with a virtual drone show. Shows will take place in Kings Beach on July 3rd and Tahoe City on July 4th. There are several benefits of drone displays over fireworks. Certainly, reduced fire risk is one benefit, but there are many others. Drones are reusable, there are no emissions, and there is no fallout that results in physical litter and chemical pollution. We are excited to see our region implementing technology that provides an eco-friendly alternative to fireworks. In addition, Meeks Bay in conjunction with the California State Parks Foundation will be having their annual Pancake Breakfast at Station 67 on July 3rd beginning at 9:00 am.

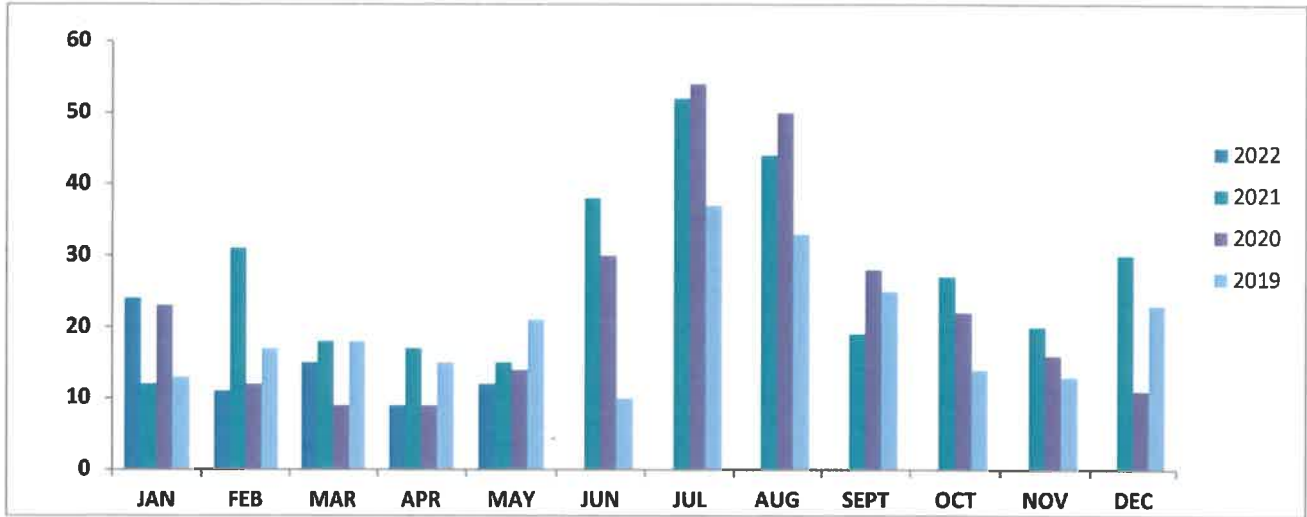
In closing, I want to wish staff and the board of directors a happy and safe 4th of July weekend.

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 Meeting
- Placer County Board of Supervisors Meeting
- Breakfast Club Meeting
- Eldorado and Placer LAFCO Meetings
- Placer County Lake-Based Safety Facilities Meeting
- AP Triton Ambulance Study Meeting
- Homewood Development Agreement Meetings
- Tahoe Water Suppliers Association Meeting
- Grants 101 Meeting
- Supervisor Candidate Brooke Laine Meeting
- Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Meeting
- ISO Public Protection Class Meeting
- Lake Tahoe Region Multi-Agency Meeting
- NorCal Fire Prevention Officer Meeting
- Placer County CEO and Tahoe Area Managers Meeting

MBFPD RESPONSE CALLS - MONTHLY COMPARISON

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2022	24	11	15	9	12							
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





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Districtwide Day Use - Charcoal Restrictions

Due to dry conditions, increased day-use visitation levels and increasing fire dangers, a finding of extreme fire hazard has been made as specified below. For the protection of park resources and public safety the following restrictions are hereby enacted:

Charcoal fires are prohibited in the following Park Unit Day Use Areas

- Grover Hot Springs State Park
- Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve
- Burton Creek State Park
- DL Bliss State Park
- Ed Z'berg Sugar Pine Point State Park
- Emerald Bay State Park
- Donner Memorial State Park
- Plumas-Eureka State Park
- Tahoe State Recreation Area
- Washoe Meadows State Historic Park
- Empire Mine State Park
- South Yuba River State Park
- Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park
- Bodie State Historic Park
- Kings Beach State Recreation Area
- California State Park Managed California Tahoe Conservancy Properties
 - Steamers Beach
 - Secline
 - North Tahoe Beach
 - Moon Dunes
 - Sandy Beach

Authority: California Public Resources Code, Section 5003 and 5008. California Code of Regulations, Title 14. Sec. 4326 and 4311(c).



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Districtwide Wood/Charcoal Fire Prohibition for National Weather Service Red Flag Warnings

Due to dry conditions, increasing fire dangers and a National Weather Service (NWS) issued Red Flag Warning, a finding of extreme fire hazard has been made as specified below. For the protection of park resources and public safety the following restrictions are hereby enacted:

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This order is in effect until December 1, 2022, or until rescinded.

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Requests for exceptions to this order may only be granted in writing by contacting the District Superintendent, Sierra District at PO Box 266, Tahoma, CA 96142.

Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law, existing contracts or property rights previously granted.

This order has been posted pursuant to the California Code regulations, Title 14, Section 4301 (i).

Signed: *Daniel Canfield* Date: 5-18-2022
 Dan Canfield,
 District Superintendent
 Sierra District

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