

# CARPINTERIA-SUMMERLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Facility Needs Fact Sheet



### THE FIRE DISTRICT

Formed under the Special District laws of California, the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District is an all risk agency responding to 1700 alarms annually. The District serves the City of Carpinteria and 40 square miles of unincorporated Santa Barbara County land including the community of Summerland. Total population served is approximately 20,000. The Department is staffed with a firefighting force of 28 safety members and 5 non-safety administrative and civilian fire prevention bureau employees. The District operates out of 2 fire stations and has automatic aid agreements with their neighbors including the Montecito Fire Protection District, Ventura County Fire Department, the Los Padres National Forest and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department. In addition to Fire Suppression, the District offers advanced life support paramedic services, surf rescue services and is a member of California Regional USAR Task Force 7 and the South Coast Hazardous Materials Response Team.

### FIRE STATION 62 (Summerland)

Originally built in 1925, the Summerland Community Fire Station located at 2375 Lillie Avenue is now approaching 90 years old. Once fronting on old Hwy 1 (now Lillie Ave.) the Fire Station was designed as a garage to house a water cart. In 1934, when the Fire District was formed, the Station housed a 1928 Ahrens Fox engine. Some things that have changed in the past 90 years are earthquake building standards, size of fire apparatus and occupational safety standards required in fire stations. One thing that hasn't changed is the structure itself.



As long ago as 1989, the Summerland Community Plan recommended the station be replaced within the Summerland area to be able to house more modern fire apparatus and respond to future growth. A 2001 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury report described the Summerland Station in immediate need of replacement. It was listed as the "worst" in the County.

Beginning in 2007 with a facility needs study, the Fire District has aggressively pursued the development of a new station to serve the western half of the Fire District. A design has been approved by the Summerland Board of Architectural review, the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission and the Summerland Citizens Association. A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed upon with the Santa Barbara County Mosquito and Vector Control District to take ownership of land located at the intersection of Lillie Avenue and Temple.

## **FIRE STATION 62 (Summerland)**

The new design will be able to house up to four apparatus and eight on-duty firefighters. The building will encompass the occupational and health standards required of modern day fire stations. It will also meet the critical structure seismic requirements as well as environmental L.E.E.D. standards. The new facility will be able to accommodate the ever changing response capabilities of an All Risk Fire Service Agency.



## **FIRE STATION 61 (Carpinteria)**

Originally constructed in 1961, the Carpinteria Fire Station is located at 911 Walnut Ave. The station serves the southern portion of the Fire District including the City of Carpinteria. As the Fire District embarked on needed infrastructure improvements, it considered the condition of the Carpinteria Station. Since the Fire District serves residents of the City of Carpinteria as well as the surrounding unincorporated community, a 20-year financing plan would also address the changing needs of the Carpinteria Station.

The proposed design of the new Carpinteria Station would not only bring the station into compliance with seismic standards and occupational health requirements, it would also serve as a training facility for the firefighters. While currently training involves sending the CSFD crews out of the District, the new station would allow firefighters to stay and train in their service area with the ability to respond to calls immediately.

The proposed new Carpinteria Fire Station would also house a City Emergency Operations Center (EOC) which is required within State statutes and is currently at the Eugenia Fire District administration office. The current EOC facility is woefully inadequate given the potential of disasters through earthquake, transportation corridor accidents and wild fire.

