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Arcata Fire District Board Recruitment Launched

(McKinleyville, CA) – March 7, 2017 –Arcata Fire District is seeking a community minded individual interested in participating in local government to serve on an elected five-person Board of Directors.

After twelve years of dedicated service, Director Steve Tyler will be leaving the Board at the end of March. The Arcata Fire District Board of Directors will be appointing a replacement to complete the remainder of his term that runs until the November 2018 election. Prospective candidates must be a registered voter and reside within the boundaries of Division 3 of the Arcata Fire District. Division 3 includes properties located south of the Mad River and includes the Arcata Bottoms, North Arcata, and West End Road Area.

Arcata Fire District has served the community since its inception in June 1944. The District is experiencing a period of transition, as are most special districts and local public agencies, where funding is limited, demand for services is increasing, and the need to work together to develop a shared vision for the future is necessary. Meaningful public policy decisions rely on the successful interactions among many different groups, including public agencies, private businesses, nonprofits, and citizen groups.

The new board member will join the Board of Directors in the critical role of serving public interests by involving the community in collaborative processes and encouraging active citizen participation. Arcata Fire District is committed to building relationships between the people and organizations that have a stake in fire service, by involving the community in the decision making process of how to address concerns, understanding the complexity of the issues, providing opportunities to listen and share information, build trust, and create shared solutions. Our board should be actively involved board members who attend local events in support of the career staff and the volunteers.

The Board of Directors conducts regular public meetings, in compliance with the Brown Act, which are held at the Arcata Station at 631 9th Street, at 5:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted.

Community members interested in being considered for appointment to the District Board can view our website at arcatafire.org, click on the link to download an application. Applicants may also visit the Headquarters Administrative Office at 2149 Central Ave in McKinleyville to pick up an application. Questions regarding the applications process should be directed to Becky Schuette at 707-825-2000.

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