

Metro Fire Board of Directors’ Environmental Scan (The Radar) Report for July 2026

Financial Implications			Hazmat Fee Study
Contact:	CDO Frye	Date:	6/18/2026
Issue Summary	P&D staff reviewed the cost of Metro Fire’s hazmat services. Costs have increased significantly since the program began, while policy changes have reduced Metro Fire’s ability to recover those costs under current agreements. Metro Fire also needs to account for the cost of emergency responses involving lithium-ion batteries. A comprehensive Hazmat Fee study will assist the Board with future policy decisions.		
Operational Impact			Airport Rescue Firefighting Apparatus @ McClellan Airfield
Contact:	DC Mitchell/CDO Frye	Date:	6/18/2026
Issue Summary	Under the airport operator service contract, outside parties are responsible for providing Metro Fire with ARFF apparatus. The current apparatus continues to experience mechanical failures, and replacement vehicles are not expected for at least two years. Metro Fire has offered to assist with procuring interim apparatus until the future vehicles are delivered, but discussions are currently stalled.		
Strategic Alignment			PPGEMT Update
Contact:	CFO O’Toole/CDO Frye	Date:	6/25/2026
Issue Summary	CFO O’Toole attended a webinar about the future of PPGEMT. The future of the program is still unclear and the speaker encouraged participating agencies to advocate for the continuance of the program at the federal level		
Interagency/Political Dynamics			Downtown Dova Fiscal Impact Analysis

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Contact:	CDO Frye	Date:	6/23/2026
Issue Summary	Metro Fire is preparing a fiscal impact analysis for the proposed Downtown Dova project in Rancho Cordova. The analysis will estimate the cost of providing service to the project and help Metro Fire and City staff brief the City Council on related project conditions.		
Legal/Regulatory Exposure		Cell Tower Relocation @ Future Station #42	
Contact:	CDO Frye	Date:	6/17/2026
Issue Summary	A cell tower is located at the future Station #42 site and, in its current location, would obstruct apparatus access. Staff plans to relocate the tower to the rear of the station and has been negotiating with the leaseholder. The final agreement will require Board approval at a future date.		
Operational Impact		Station 61 Temporary Operations Plan	
Contact:	DC Wagaman/CDO Frye	Date:	6/24/2026
Issue Summary	Chief Wagaman and Planning & Development staff met with the station design team to evaluate temporary operations at Station 61 during construction. The design team will continue reviewing options and provide staff with an update soon.		
Legal/Regulatory Exposure		Firewatch For Grass and Wildland Fires	
Contact:	FC House	Date:	6/30/2026
Issue Summary	Following recent major wildfires in California, the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief of Operations are developing new Protocols to monitor post-incident conditions in grassland and wildland areas. The approach will incorporate UAVs and		

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	other detection methods to identify residual heat and prevent flare-ups after initial containment and through the end of mop-up operations until closing the incidents as fully contained.		
Strategic Alignment		Safety Officer Response to Working Fires	
Contact:	FC House	Date:	6/30/2026
Issue Summary	Deputy Chief Wagaman is assigning Safety Officers to complex incidents to support Shift Commanders with firefighter health and safety. This includes incidents involving Electric Vehicle (EV) and/or lithium-ion batteries.		
Financial Implications		Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) with Managed Health Care Providers (HCP)	
Contact:	BC Dupertis	Date:	6/30/2026
Issue Summary	AC Rudnicki and BC Dupertis is meeting with the managed care providers to develop Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) that define billing procedures, HIPAA compliance, and data sharing requirements.		