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COUNTY FIRE STATION #3 RELOCATED

Madera, Calif. – Madera County Fire Station 3, covering the Madera Acres and Country Club areas north of the City of Madera has been temporarily relocated due to the safety concerns of the current facility. Staff will be housed in the sheriff's headquarters in Madera during the day and Madera City Firehouse No. 6 throughout the night. This action is being taken out of an abundance of caution and the County ensures that there will be no disruption of services.

Recent review of the current living quarters at Station No. 3 compelled officials to condemn the trailer citing concerns about its safety. The trailer was purchased in the 1970s and was placed at its current location in 1986 where it was intended as a temporary structure.

"These deficiencies within the fire department have existed for decades. Inadequate staffing levels, equipment and facilities were widely publicized during the failed Measure L campaign which was intended to be a mechanism to help restore the fire department quicker," County Administrative Officer Eric Fleming said. "In 2016 the Board of Supervisors started a phased plan to replace equipment and increase staffing over time. They have also set up an impact fee for new development to fund the construction of new fire stations, including Station 3."

For those concerned with the anticipation of increased service requests during the 4th of July weekend, plans are already in place to address the improper and illegal use of fireworks.

"I want to make it clear that during this relocation there will be no degradation of services to those in the affected area," Madera County Fire Division Chief David Allen said. "We will have three to four additional engines and Paid-Call firefighters to ensure prompt response time for any emergencies."

Madera County Fire has worked together with both the sheriff as well as the City of Madera to provide accommodations for fire staff during this time. The sheriff's office, as well as Madera City Fire Station No. 6, are in the Initial Attack Response Area, ensuring prompt response time for any emergencies in the communities affected by the relocation. Cal Fire and the county are collaborating in finding a permanent solution.

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