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## East Contra Costa Fire Protection District



### “BRIAN HELMICK NAMED FIRE CHIEF OF THE EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT”

**Brentwood**-The President of the Board of Directors of the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District is pleased to announce that Brian Helmick has accepted an offer to serve as Fire Chief, effective immediately.

At its meeting on October 2, the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District Board of Directors voted unanimously to offer the permanent Fire Chief position to Helmick, who has been serving as Interim Fire Chief since March 31, 2017.

Chief Helmick started with the District as a firefighter in 2002. Chief Helmick successfully worked through the ranks and was promoted to Battalion Chief in July 2006, serving as the District's Operations Chief leading up to his appointment as Interim Fire Chief.

Chief Helmick has offered the following statement on the appointment: “I am honored and privileged to assume this role, to serve the Board and this community, and to lead and work alongside the firefighters and other hard-working professionals who provide fire and emergency response in this District every day and every night.” He stated, “I am honored that the Board has placed its trust in me - and in the support my family will provide to me as I take on this role in a permanent capacity. This is a tremendous opportunity and I do not take the responsibility lightly.” He continued, “I look forward to working with the Board and the community to develop and implement a plan to provide even better fire services to this community, which I, too, call my home.”

Board President Joel Bryant stated: “I am thrilled that Chief Helmick has accepted this position. It has been gratifying and immensely encouraging to see Chief Helmick's development over these last 15 years, and especially over the last six months he has served as our Interim Chief. Today is a very good day for the District, and I expect many more good days under Chief Helmick's leadership.”

The economic terms approved by the Board of Directors on March 6, 2017 for Helmick's service as Interim Chief will remain in place while the District and Chief Helmick negotiate a new employment agreement, which will be presented for Board approval in the coming months.

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**ABOUT THE EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:** The East Contra Costa Fire Protection District spans 249 square miles and our firefighter/EMTs serve more than 110,000 residents in the Cities of Brentwood and Oakley, the Town of Discovery Bay, the communities of Byron, Bethel Island and Knightsen, the Marsh Creek/Morgan Territory area, and all other areas within unincorporated Contra Costa County to the east of Antioch and to the southeast of Clayton