



## NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION PRESENTED TO VERNELL D. BROTHERS FOR HIS NOTABLE SERVICE WITH NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2018 - 2020.

**Whereas**, Vernell D. Brothers, to the great regret of the members of the Newcastle Fire Protection District Board of Directors, has announced his decision to resign as Newcastle's Division Chief and Fire Marshal; *and*

**Whereas**, his departure comes after two years of tireless, inventive and dedicated service to the safety and well-being of the residents of this community; *and*

**Whereas**, he successfully passed by Board approval, an ordinance which provides removal of hazardous vegetation and combustible materials from any parcel within the Newcastle Fire Protection District greatly reducing the potential for fire and promoting the public's health, safety and welfare; *and*

**Whereas**, he spearheaded the development of standardizing the fire code compliance inspections for commercial buildings, premises and new construction pursuant to the International Fire Code and as adopted by the State of California, affording greater safety for our community members; *and*

**Whereas**, Division Chief Brothers efforts in expanding the Fire Prevention Division and his many upgrades to our Community Risk Reduction Program were a major contribution in the improvement of our District's Insurance Service Office Public Protection Class which improves our overall home insurance rating; *and*

**Whereas**, Division Chief Brothers accomplished all these things on behalf of our community while at the same time winning the respect and friendship of his colleagues in the fire service and the residents and business owners who had the opportunity to meet and work with him; *and*

**Whereas**, his history of hard work and diligent service has spanned his early employment in the oil fields of Central California, to include 25 years of distinguished employment in the Kern County Fire Department, and his all-too-brief sojourn here in Newcastle, the Gem of the Foothills; *and*

**Whereas**, he is leaving to take a leadership position with the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, which will afford many more opportunities to continue his important work on behalf of public safety for all the people of the state;

**Now, therefore, let it be resolved that**, the Board of Directors of the Newcastle Fire Protection District thank Vernell D. Brothers for his service and wish him every success in his new assignment. August 19, 2020

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William Kahrl, Chairman

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Lawrence Bettencourt, Vice-Chairman

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Robin Enos

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James Heisterkamp