



MEETING DATE: December 3, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 12. Authorization to sell a Type 3 Fire Engine

FROM: Jack Rosevear

RE: Authorization to Sell District Fire Engine

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

The Board must authorize the sale/surplus of capital equipment.

BACKGROUND:

Engine 9373 is a 1994 International 2x4 wildland fire engine, which was inherited from the Eastern Plumas Rural FPD. The engine is 31 years old and has well exceeded its life span. The vehicle has recently undergone major engine repairs and seems to be running normally.

Staff has been reducing inventory to a reasonable number, retaining our best apparatus. Maintenance and insurance costs are increasing and further steps to reduce costs are necessary. This engine is rarely used and its day to day reliability is in question. The vehicle is also a two wheel drive and not able to access areas where typical 4 wheel drive wildland engines can go. Our primary wildland engine is 9571, which is older but in good condition and 4 wheel drive.

The District should have a new and more modern Type 3 wildland engine, which can handle day to day use, as will be necessary with our new contract with the Plumas USFS. The current budget would not allow this level of purchase, with other funding commitments ahead of us (grant matching funds, staffing considerations, expense increases).

Staff is requesting authorization to sell Engine 9373, while it is still running, but would like to delay the sale until we know our level of staffing/apparatus commitment to the Plumas USFS (backup engine if the primary fails). Considering our time between board meetings, it would be good to have the authorization and put it up for sale when appropriate.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Positive fiscal impact because reducing apparatus maintenance and insurance expense is appropriate for our budget. The engine has the ability to earn apparatus reimbursement from OES, but typically we will not send a Type 3 unless specifically requested. My opinion is that the engine is not appropriate for long term ownership by the District, based on the age and condition of the vehicle. If major failure occurs, it will have a negative budget impact based on repair costs and inability to sell it if major failure does occur.

IMPACTS TO THE CUSTOMER:

Positive impacts to the customer in terms of reducing vehicles that require expensive maintenance and insurance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the recommendation by Staff to sell the vehicle when appropriate.
