



*Proclamation  
of the Coastside Fire Protection District*

**HONORING IAN LARKIN  
FOR HIS SERVICE AS FIRE CHIEF**

WHEREAS, Ian Larkin was born and raised in Watsonville, CA and now makes his home in Scotts Valley, CA with his wife and two daughters. He has served with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Larkin began his fire service career in 1988, as a Paid Call Firefighter with the Salsipudes Fire Protection District in Santa Cruz County and began his professional career as a Firefighter I with CAL FIRE in the San Mateo - Santa Cruz Unit (CZU) in July of 1990; and

WHEREAS, in October 1991, he accepted a permanent Firefighter/Operator position with the Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection District, however on July 1, 1993, Chief Larkin returned to CAL FIRE in the San Benito Monterey Unit (BEU) as a Fire Apparatus Engineer (FAE) through a cooperative fire protection agreement with the Aromas Fire Protection District. During that time, he was assigned to the Aromas Station and the Peninsula Battalion at the Pebble Beach and Carmel Hill Fire Stations. In November 1996, he promoted to a permanent Fire Captain position in BEU, worked in the Monterey Emergency Command Center beginning February of 2000, then returned to the Aromas Fire Station in September of 2001; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2004 he returned home to Santa Cruz County as a Fire Captain Specialist-Training Officer in the CZU Training Battalion, where he made significant contributions to the Santa Cruz County Fire Department volunteer firefighter training program and development of the Ben Lomond Training Center; and

WHEREAS, in February 2007, he promoted to Battalion Chief-Operations, responsible for Battalion 3 of CZU's South Division, which covers stations from Saratoga Summit to Davenport. In January 2012, he promoted to Division Chief as the Unit Administrative Officer and quickly promoted again to Deputy Chief of Operations in March of 2013, overseeing all of Santa Cruz County Fire Department Operations, as well as CZU's Battalions 3 and 4, Training, and the Emergency Command Center, and served as the Interim CZU Unit Chief following the transfer of Chief Scott Jalbert in April 2016; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Chief Larkin's previously mentioned accomplishments, he is a Registered Fire Instructor with the Office of the State Fire Marshal in several fire service disciplines and is qualified as Operation Section Chief Type I, Plans Section Chief Type I, and an Incident Commander Type I Trainee. He has been a member of CAL FIRE Incident Command/Incident Management teams since 2011, held the position of Resource Unit Leader on Incident Command Team 1, Plans Section Chief Trainee on Incident Management Team 6, and currently serves as the Deputy Plans Section Chief on Incident Management Team 2; and

WHEREAS, Ian Larkin was named Unit Chief of the San Mateo Santa Cruz Unit, effective May 11, 2016 becoming the Fire Chief for Coastside Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, Chief Larkin has served the District with distinction during his tenure which has included many accomplishments including the construction of a new Fire Station 41; and

WHEREAS, Chief Larkin is held in highest regard by his colleagues, the Board of Directors, former Board members, staff, and the community; all of whom wish to extend sincerest appreciation for his outstanding performance of duty during his greatly valued 5-year tenure as Fire Chief of the Coastside Fire Protection District.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GARY BURKE, PRESIDENT OF THE COASTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ON BEHALF OF THE COASTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, do hereby honor Ian Larkin on his exemplary service and commitment to the Coastside Fire Protection District and offer sincere appreciation for his 5 years of service as the District's Fire Chief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the Coastside Fire Protection District to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, two thousand and twenty-one, A.D.

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PRESIDENT GARY BURKE