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News Release

Contra Costa County Fire and Supervisors deploy 6 HeloPod



Marsh Creek Detention Facility, CA The Contra Costa County Fire and Board of Supervisors has made huge progress in providing true ***“Community-Wide Hardening”*** for the county by deploying six HeloPod®; the advanced, high capacity, automatic filling, and re-filling Helicopter Dip Tanks. All six have LED Night Operations Lighting package which provides the pilots with 3,775 gallons looking like a swimming pool visible from 3 miles away increasing pilot safety. The placement of these HeloPods puts a large down payment toward the goals agreed too and stated in the areas Community Wide Protection Plans and Regional Priority Plans.

The CCC Fire Rescue Helicopter Aviation Supervisor Captain Matt De Polo ordered the 6 HeloPods to be pre-built to easily add Remote Activation functionality. They are actively looking for funding. “They felt it critical with the budget they had was to get as many on the ground and In-service now this fire season and add that. And the valuable contributors of the Sheriffs East Bay Parks Police, Phillips 66, EBMUD and Contra Costa Water Department were critical in the placement of these Pods, said De Polo.

The county had looked at another automatic filling Dip Tank option but quickly decided they could install 6 HeloPods vs. just one of the other permanent infrastructure project option. And certainly not been able to get any In-Service this fire season.



Future: PumpPodUSA and CCCFR are actively working with several cities and water agencies, community groups to identify other host locations to fill the remaining gaps in the county where water is not nearby. In addition to Dip Site hosts they are looking to identify other funding partners in this project.

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