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To: State Board of Fire Service

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Subject/Agenda Action Item: El Camino College Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Re-Accreditation

Recommended Actions: Recommend El Camino College remain an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the Re-Accreditation period of five (5) years.

Background Information:

A Re-Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on September 11, 2019, at the El Camino College Training Facility located at 206 W. Beach Street in Inglewood, California. The evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with College host Director Jeff Baumunk and Primary Instructor Richard Martinez were present throughout.

A review of the College's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was discussed, with requirements for supplemental documentation noted. Said documentation has since been received and has met the requirements as set forth by State Fire Training policies and procedures. The review of the SAR was followed by a tour of all classrooms and training facilities with opportunity to review training course records and equipment compliment.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning training tower complete with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program as supplemented by satellite and partnered training sites and locations. El Camino College successfully adheres to the 2013

Fire Fighter I curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing and can transition to the proposed 2019 curriculum with ease.

The training facility presents an appropriate academy classroom equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. Given the building construction, classroom

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enhancements opportunities are limited. For student and instructor safety and comfort, an improved air conditioning/HVAC system is recommended. All Academy recruits are provided sufficient study materials and equipment for applicable success within the Academy training. Several Registered Instructors participate in the Academy delivery and the College will be expanding its hosting of additional State Fire Training courses at the facility in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies. There exist noted deficits with regard to administrative assistance and apparatus maintenance personnel that would greatly aide in the program delivery.

El Camino College has an energetic and intensive approach to program enhancement with a strong focus on diversifying student populations while maintaining an unwavering adherence to standardization. The College boasts a high "hire rate" for its student graduates with diversified placement throughout the United States. The students and staff are eager participants in the State Fire Training system, seeking opportunities to maintain communication with SFT regarding instructional delivery, academy enhancement, and instructor development. El Camino College is further expanding its training efforts by providing comprehensive training evolutions for participants at all fire service education and experience levels.

El Camino College possesses a strong devotion to complete student development from entry-level firefighters to career leadership growth. Great pride and effort is shown by the training staff in their curriculum delivery and program maintenance with great attention given to student success. It is recommended that El Camino College continue to be designated as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system.