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To: Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training

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State Fire Training

Subject/Agenda Action Item:

Butte College Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Butte College be provided Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for a period of five (5) years.

Background Information:

A Reaccreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on May 2, 2022, at the Butte College Fire Academy training facility at 3536 Butte Campus Drive in Oroville, CA. The accreditation visit was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist) Caryn Petty, State Fire Training. The College's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was reviewed and discussed with Academy Coordinators Dominic Sanfilippo and Dennis Reinhardt, 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 assess training course records and equipment complement.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning and compliant training tower complete with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program. Butte College utilizes the Fire Fighter (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for successful and complete Certification Examination delivery.

The College campus exhibits appropriate California Fire Code-compliant classrooms equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. All Academy recruits are provided sufficient study materials, devices, and equipment for applicable success within the Academy training. Several Registered Instructors participate in the Academy delivery with members from regional partners complementing the need for Registered Instructors and Evaluators.

Area(s) of focus for growth and improvement:

- Continued Fire Advisory Committee/Board meetings are recommended to continue fostering the growing relationships in the region. This Committee should include varied members from the region for enhanced networking and partnership opportunities.
- Improved locker rooms, shower facilities, decontamination stations, and multiple extractors will serve to accommodate a safe and healthy learning environment. It is recommended that procurement of additional facilities be explored to ensure student safety.
- For curriculum compliance and self-sufficiency, it is recommended that the College explore avenues for procurement of a wildland-specific apparatus.
- For curriculum compliance and enhanced student safety, it is recommended that the College procure a vehicle fire prop for training. A prop designed and intended for this specific training will provide improved training and safety.
- It is recommended that procurement exploration be conducted for the following:
 - o Mobile devices (tablets) for supplementation of instructional delivery and Certification Exam participation
 - o Full PPE for applicable instructors
 - o Materials for rebuild/retrofits of existing props (roof, vent over fire, burn containers, vehicle fire)
 - o Exploration of grounds enhancement to include technical rescue facilities and props.

Established in 1966, the Butte College ARTP Fire Academy has maintained steady and robust training since 1981. Accredited by State Fire Training in 1988, the College has sustained a thriving Fire Fighter Academy focused on serving the needs of the region. Butte College continues to provide career advancement training, higher education preparation, skills maintenance, and diversified training. Butte College proactively constructs cooperative relationships founded on producing strong, well-rounded fire service professionals.

State Fire Training recommends continued recognition of Butte College as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system for a Reaccreditation period of five (5) years.