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Within the SCFPD #1 Twenty-Year Capital Improvement Plan, the Board of Directors identified the need to improve the fire suppression capabilities in Loyalton Pines and the surrounding ranches in the Sierra Valley by storing water nearby to create a rapid water replenishment location for Fire apparatus. Sierra County owns approximately 40 acres at Filippini Rd. and Hwy. 49 that is a little over two miles from Loyalton Pines and centrally located to serve the ranch properties in the Sierra Valley. The County also owns a non-potable artesian well on the property capable of fast storage tank replenishment without the added cost of electrical infrastructure and the purchase of a well pump.

The Board of Supervisors and County Staff agreed that increased water storage is beneficial and would be valuable for fire suppression preparedness in the central region of the Fire District. Sierra County and the Fire District joined forces to complete the plan. Sierra County managed construction while the Fire District provided the funding.

As of this press release, the construction is 95 percent complete. The underground tanks are full and are ready to supply a year round water source for fire apparatus. The two existing above ground tanks will be filled during the warmer months. When the new and existing tanks are full, there is over 40,000 gallons of replenishable water available for firefighters.

The SCFPD #1 would like to thank Rick Joy (Joy Engineering) for donating two water storage tanks and the Paul Roen Company for donating the helicopter dunk tank.



Stand pipe access to the underground water tanks and the helicopter dunk tank in distance