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## Orinda resident named ECCFPD fire chief

Orinda's Brian Helmick was named the fire chief of the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District on Oct. 2. Helmick had been interim chief since the March departure of Fire Chief Hugh Henderson.

The Miramonte High School grad started in the fire service with the old Moraga Fire District and served through the consolidation into the Moraga-Orinda Fire District. Helmick began his ECCFPD career in 2002 as a firefighter and progressed through the ranks as battalion chief, operations chief and interim fire chief.

"I will forever be grateful to the men and women of MOFD, as the time they invested in me built the foundation for my 21-year fire service career," Helmick said. "I will always have a special place in my heart for the communities of Moraga and Orinda and the members of MOFD." - Nick Marnell

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