

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Workshop Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2015

The South Placer Fire District Goal Setting Workshop meeting was called to order at 5:27 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, by President Mike DeLaurentis.

Board Present:

Mike DeLaurentis, President
Dave Harris, Vice President
Sean Mullin, Clerk
Gary Grenfell, Director

Absent:

Teresa Ryland, Director

Staff Present:

Lawrence Bettencourt, Fire Chief
Kathy Medeiros, Board Secretary
Deputy Chief, Eric Walder
Battalion Chief, Jason Brooks

Deputy Chief Walder, the Board of Directors, and staff reviewed the goals list.

Board Mission:

(1) Achieve long term financial viability given the current and future revenue projections

Board Goals

- (1) Evaluate federal, state, and local grant opportunities available to the Fire District and apply to the programs consistent with District needs.
- (2) Complete the Long Term Facility Maintenance Plan.
- (3) Implement a budget subcommittee of the board.
- (4) Explore all opportunities to provide support and administrative functions or consolidations with surrounding fire agencies.

Deputy Chief Walder mentioned there were potential projects for next year and he has been openly receiving input about these changes. President DeLaurentis noted that the District should proceed with caution regarding any plans for consolidation.

Chief Bettencourt discussed the continued pursuit of revenues from PILT funding and Proposition 172.

Administration is continuing to research alternatives to employee and retiree health benefits through Cal PERS.

The review and update of the Strategic Plan is in progress and will take some time.

Operational efficiencies between South Placer and Loomis Fire are being reviewed for items such as similar job testing requirements.

Fire prevention will be certifying inspection personnel and evaluating current public education programs. Captain Mike Ritter has been promoted to Division Chief and will perform all building reviews, fire sprinkler, and alarm plans for Loomis and SPFD.

The EMS Division will be restructured to be taken over by a Captain for all EMS Response and Training.

The Training Division has begun training to become OES RT-14 qualified to all interested personnel.

There was discussion on the California Fire Foundation program, "Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency" or SAVE that provides emergency financial assistance to fire and natural disaster victims in the form of \$100 prepaid credit cards.

There being no further items to be discussed at the workshop, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Medeiros
Recording Secretary

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2015

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 7:01 p.m. by President, Mike DeLaurentis.

Present:

Mike DeLaurentis, President
Dave Harris, Vice-President
Sean Mullin, Clerk
Terri Ryland, Director
Gary Grenfell, Director

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Lawrence Bettencourt
Deputy Chief, Eric Walder
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros
Battalion Chief, Jason Brooks
Engineer, Darren Zimmerman

Special Presentation: None

Public Comment: None

Closed Session: None.

Consent Agenda: Director Grenfell made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Director Harris. Carried

Ayes: Grenfell, Harris, DeLaurentis, Ryland, Mullin Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

OLD BUSINESS

Available Fire District Funding from the Federal Government: Discussion with Supervisor Uhler concerning the allocation of Placer County PILT funding to SPFD for responses to the Bureau of Reclamation Water Project, Folsom Lake (BOR). Chief Bettencourt began by explaining the history of PILT funding. He continued that in August of 2014 the Board asked him to look into receiving reimbursements for these responses. Currently the county receives payment in Lieu of Tax Money (PILT) funds to offset taxes that are lost to local jurisdictions. The county spends

these funds as they see fit. In 2003, Placer County received \$70,000 in PILT funding, 2010 funding was \$210,000, and in 2014 they received \$624,000.

Chief Bettencourt continued that prior to 2001; Folsom Lake was a fully staffed recreational area. After 2001, there was drastic staffing and equipment cuts to the Lake. In 2010, Chief Corado negotiated a contract for services to the Lake with the BOR. He added that the District does not charge for fire responses, but would seek reimbursement for medical aids. Chief Bettencourt and Supervisor Uhler have met twice along with the BOR to further discuss the losses incurred by the District.

Supervisor Kirk Uhler introduced himself to the Board and public in attendance. He reviewed a map of Placer County and noted that of the 1 million acres in the county, 580,000 are under state or federal control. He continued that SPFD should continue to provide service to Folsom Lake and should not expect the County to reimburse for those services. He explained that the deficit the County experiences to service the federal and state lands are very large. He recommended the need to engage on the state and federal level to get into contract similar to Cal Fire for services provided to BOR. He encouraged the Board to assign a board member to attend a meeting with the BOR, Congressman McClintock, and Beth Gaines office (Jeff Short in attendance from Assemblyperson Beth Gaines office). He continued that he would like to work united with the District for future discussion at the State and Federal level.

President Grenfell made a motion to continue discussion for funding regarding emergency responses to Folsom Lake; seconded by Director Ryland. Carried

Ayes: Grenfell, Harris, DeLaurentis, Ryland, Mullin Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Cal PERS Contract Amendment: Staff recommends approval of the Resolution (Form CON-13), amendment to contract, and Certification of Final Action of Governing Body (Form CON-5) to amend Section 21623.5 (Death Benefit of \$2,000) for local miscellaneous and safety members. Chief Bettencourt discussed the increase in death benefits to retired employees from \$500 to \$2,000 as agreed to in negotiations. The current program will have no direct charge to the pool.

Director Ryland made a motion to approve the Resolution No. 4-2015/2016 Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract. Seconded by Director Mullin.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Grenfell, Harris, DeLaurentis, Ryland, Mullin Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Special Tax Collection Levy Amounts: Staff recommends approval of the resolution stating the tax levy amounts approved by the voters of South Placer Fire District with Ordinance No. FP6 of the Board of the South Placer Fire Protection District adopted on June 3, 1980. The tax collection is allowed every four years with no cost of living allowance at \$70 per residence, \$.05 per square foot of commercial property, and \$2 per acre of vacant land. SCI Consulting will be preparing this year's tax roll submission to the County and handling all tax inquiries.

Chief Bettencourt asked the Board of Directors to pass Resolution No. FY2015/16 -3. A motion was made by Director Ryland and seconded by Director Grenfell.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Grenfell, Harris, DeLaurentis, Ryland, Mullin Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget Update and Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget Review: Staff recommends an update on the FY 2014/15 budget and a review of the FY 2015/16 budget. Chief Bettencourt presented the final figures from fiscal year 14/15 and noted that items like overtime were over budget. Property tax revenues were down \$57,000 due to delinquency assessments that could not be foreseen. He explained that for 2015/16 he anticipated putting 5.5% into reserves with the hopes to build reserves to complete the Station 15 remodel in the year 2016/17. Salaries and wages were represented in the new budget under the current contracts already in place and were 81.2% of general revenues; higher than the board guidelines at 80.25%. At this time, property tax revenues conservatively reflect a 5.5% increase from the prior year until more concrete figures return from the Auditor's office. The District has moved the day captain back to shift and staff has begun filling the open positions. He noted that yearly ambulance revenues are anticipated to be \$1,020,000 due to the recently approved ALS engine response fees. Cell tower revenue increased due to the renegotiation of the lease which consisted of a one time \$30,000 signing bonus. PERS pension costs are still increasing at 2% per year. The first bond payment will be due in December; savings from the bond sale will increase OPEB contributions to \$170,000 for the PARS trust. Fixed asset expenditures are at 1% in compliance with the budgeting principles.

Chief Bettencourt noted that at this time there is no action necessary from the Board. The final budget will need to be approved at the next regular Board meeting in September.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Parcel available corner of Auburn-Folsom Road and Eureka Road: Staff recommends discussion and direction on purchase of parcel. Deputy Chief Walder explained that the contractor who owns the parcel next to Station 17 located on Eureka Road, has begun discussion to sell the property to the District. The high density parcel was approved and in the planning stages when the owner decided the profits were no longer in line. The District was approached granting first rights to a \$1 million purchase price for the property. Deputy Chief Walder continued that at this time the funds were not available in the long term budget and the District could find no use for the property. President DeLaurentis agreed that the District should pass on the offer to purchase the parcel.

Correspondence: A flyer regarding Police and Fire Appreciation Day at Granite Bay Golf Club on September 8, 2015 was distributed. A letter and certificate of appreciation for Deputy Chief Walder's assistance in recovering lost funds for the VFW Post 9869. A letter of gratitude from Bonnie Carrick for the professional assistance her family received during a medical aid.

Chief's Report:

- Interviews and testing for Division Chief, 2 Firefighter Paramedics, Apprentice Firefighters, 6 Intern Firefighters and an additional 3 more Firefighter Paramedics have been in progress.
- Engineer Darren Zimmerman has been promoted to Captain.
- A badge pinning ceremony is scheduled for December 10th at the Granite Bay High School.
- The auditors will be on site on August 27th and 28th
- The municipal services review will be out in one month.
- Interviews are underway for the consultant of the fire station consolidation implementation study. Placer County will pick the final selection.
- October 24th is the Pink Party at Pete's Pizza in Granite Bay.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: None

Future Agenda Items: Final adoption of the 2015/16 Budget

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros