

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2016

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:03 p.m. by President, Mike DeLaurentis.

Present:

Mike DeLaurentis, President  
Dave Harris, Vice-President  
Sean Mullin, Clerk  
Gary Grenfell, Director  
Terri Ryland, Director (arrived at 7:13 p.m.)

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder  
Deputy Chief, Karl Fowler  
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros  
Captain Paramedic, Kelly Moretti

Special Presentation: None

Public Comment: None

Closed Session: A closed session meeting took place at 6:30 p.m. to discuss current contract negotiations with the South Placer Firefighter Local 3809 and SPFAOA. President DeLaurentis reported that there was no action to report at this time.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Quarterly Budget Report: Staff recommends a short presentation on the status of the current budget. Chief Walder reviewed the quarterly budget and current profit and loss statement. He noted that the District has received mitigation fee revenue of \$53,000 this month. The total revenues received are at 54%; while total expenditures were on target at 47%. For the 2015/16 fire season, total billings

to the Office of Emergency Services (OES) for both in and out of county responses was \$460,000. The District is still awaiting two additional invoices from OES for the Butte Fire incident. While new development fees have exceeded expectations, ambulance revenue is notably down. He continued that spending for capital expenditures and fixed assets expenditures will now be moving forward with receipt of the property tax draw of 55%. Director Mullin inquired regarding the absence of a budget amount at the line for compensation for absence. Chief Walder explained that the District has had multiple large unexpected worker's compensation claims in the last year, but he will begin budgeting for the expense in future budgets.

Director Harris made a motion to approve the Profit and Loss statement and quarterly budget report as presented. Seconded by Director Grenfell. Carried

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

Board Resolution N. 10-2015/2016 Mullin Abstention: Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution. Director Mullin explained that he has taken a new position that requires him to abstain from any Board decision that involves insurance and/or securities products or services.

Director Ryland made a motion to approve the Board Resolution No. 10-2015/2016. Seconded by Director Grenfell. Carried

Roll call:

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

Fire Impact Fee Reporting Annual and Five Year Reports: Staff recommends the first hearing on the annual fire fee inflation adjustment. Chief Walder provided a brief summary of the process of the new development fire fee program nexus study provided by Goodwin Consulting Group. The new fire fee was adopted based on the construction index. Goodwin consulting suggested raising the fee to \$0.910 per square foot based on the current construction costs; a 2.4% inflation increase for the year. The fee was not increased during the fiscal year 2014/2015. He reminded the board that after the District passes a resolution for the proposed new fee, it must be approved by the Placer County Board of Supervisors, then implemented sixty (60) days after that.

Director Ryland made a motion to continue to the second hearing on the annual fire fee inflation adjustment. Seconded by Director Mullin. Carried

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

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Cal PERS Increases for Employer Contributions: Staff recommends discussion on the most recent Annual Valuation report received from Cal PERS. The District has received the updated actuaries for the four pension plans. Cal PERS has increased the employer contribution rate on the Safety Plan from 16.523% to 17.689% with an additional increase in the unfunded liability payment from \$46,000 to \$91,001. The Miscellaneous plan employer rate will increase from 11.718% to 12.657% with an additional increase in the unfunded liability payment from \$3,373 to \$6,761. The Safety

PEPRA employer rate increases from 11.153% to 12.082% with a total unfunded liability payment of \$61. The Miscellaneous PEPRA plan increases from 6.237% to 6.555% with the total unfunded liability payment of \$18. Chief Walder explained that the four plans combined have raised the employer rates between 1-3%, a significant increase for fiscal year 2016/17.

End of the Year Response Statistics: Chief Walder gave a brief discussion on the year end response statistics. He explained that the statistics show the District responded to 4,341 calls, a 9% increase overall in call volume. He noted that the District experienced a large fire season last year due to the grass fires related to the drought. Director Ryland noted that the District had 1,488 EMS calls and only 112 fire response calls. Chief Walder agreed that the majority of calls are medical calls. The Board requested that Chief Walder report the response statistics quarterly along with response times and a comparison of year to year calls.

Impacts of Medicare/Medi-Cal patients on Ambulance Service: Staff recommends discussion on the impacts of Medicare/Medi-Cal billing and transports on ambulance revenue and response. Chief Walder reported that he had researched the actual revenue received from transportation of Medicare and Medi-Cal patients within the District. The calls for service will be increasing with the increase in residential care, assisted living and increased age of the general population of the District. In particular, he explained that there were 164 transports to Eskaton for a one year period of July 2014 through June 2015. Upon review of all the Medicare/Medi-Cal transports in the District, only 25% were from Eskaton. He continued that there was a need to educate the Eskaton employees in order to reduce the non-emergency calls for service. Chief Walder added that there will be increased demand on staff with the construction of the many new residential care facilities in the District. He continued that in the near future there will be the need to staff a third ambulance to keep adequate response times.

Correspondence: A letter from the Placer County Sheriff's office thanking Engineer Joe Stephens for his assistance for a fire investigation. Letters of appreciation were distributed to SPFD Intern and Apprentice Firefighters for their assistance at the cleanup project for St. Joseph Mareello Church. A letter of appreciation was received from the South Lake County Fire Protection District thanking the District for their emergency response to the Valley Fire.

#### Chief's Report:

- There have been many training drills: Quarterly Engineers Testing, EMS Monthly Training, Quarterly Wet drills, Multi-company drill utilizing Station 28, and 5 employees were sent to the Rio Honda Truck Academy. Total training hours in 2015 were 14,584.
- Six new Intern Firefighters are scheduled to start in February. Battalion Chief Feeley is working with Capt. O'Leary of Loomis Fire to revise their Reserve Program into an Intern Program that will work in conjunction with South Placer Fire's Program.
- Chief Walder has been appointed the President of the Western Placer County Fire Chief's Association.
- Deputy Chief Fowler has been appointed the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate Operational Area Coordinator. Chief Higgins is the OAC for this year.
- The Captain Application period has closed with 3 Engineer's applying.

- There was a Prop. 172 meeting today focused on Counties request to further tax the public. An additional meeting is scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of January at Penryn Station 38.
- Medic 17 is out of service for body repairs. The current estimate for repairs is \$7,000.
- Loomis Fire has sent a letter requesting consolidation talks with the District.
- Chief Fowler and Chief Walder met with Bill Sager the consultant for the county consolidation study. A letter of thanks was received for the time spent showing him the two Districts.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: None

Future Agenda Items: 2015/16 Mid-Year Goals update, 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing 2015/16 New Development Fire Fee Plan

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Medeiros". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros