

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2017

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:01 p.m. by President, Gary Grenfell.

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder  
Deputy Fire Chief, Karl Fowler  
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros  
Battalion Chief, Matt Feeley  
Captain, Darren Zimmerman  
Captain, Kelly Moretti  
Firefighter Paramedic, Brandon Johnson  
Firefighter Paramedic, David Volk

Special Presentation: None

Public Comment: Chief Walder asked Captain Darren Zimmerman, President of the South Placer Firefighters Local 3809 to discuss the current affairs of the union. Captain Zimmerman notified the Board of the union's impending consolidation with Sacramento Area Firefighters Local 522. He continued that legal is drawing up the paperwork and documentation will be formally brought to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Report from Closed Session: President Grenfell reported that there was a closed session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the current contract negotiations with the South Placer Firefighters Local 3809, SPFAOA and the unrepresented day staff, including the chief officers and Fire Chief. He continues that no decision has been made but action will be made at the next meeting.

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

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

## OLD BUSINESS

2016 Fire Code Adoption Update: Staff recommends discussion and review of the Draft South Placer Fire District 2016 Fire Code Adoption and Amendments. A two year collaborative effort brought together three fire districts within the Town of Loomis to adopt the exact same amendments for each jurisdiction. Chief Walder explained that this would be the first reading of the fire code adoption and amendments. The comments of the Town of Loomis and the County of Placer have been amended to reach collaboration. The second and final reading will occur at the April Board meeting.

Consolidation with Loomis Fire Protection District: Staff recommends discussion of current progress of consolidation. Chief Walder gave a current progress of the status of the consolidation effort. He explained that the application has been accepted as submitted with no revisions at this point. He continued that although a waiver of fees has been requested, the application was submitted with payment for the fees. He noted that the consolidation should be added to the April LAFCO agenda meeting. A notice to all applicable agencies along with an opportunity to comment will follow. If there is no protest the item will move to the LAFCO board for approval. President Grenfell commended the diligence and hard work of both the Loomis and South Placer employees and the work they have put into the consolidation.

## NEW BUSINESS

Pension Rate Stabilization Program: Staff recommends discussion and a short presentation on a proposed pension rate stabilization program. Chief Walder discussed a recent proposal offered by the PARS Trust on the benefits of a new program to establish a PERS Trust Fund. The benefits to the fund is the ability to pre-fund the growing pension obligations with any excess funds or revenues. The fund would be established by Board resolution and funds could be used in an emergency. Many agencies are taking advantage of the new program. Chief Walder noted that the current liability with PERS is \$4 million. The moderate investment option in the plan is returning 7.4% over five years. Director Ryland suggested the Board focus on the OPEB Trust and fully funding the ARC at this time until the new actuary report is completed. Chief Walder noted that the District is well funded in the PERS liability but he would research whether there were setup fees or a timeline to establish the PERS fund.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

None

Correspondence: A certificate of Special Congressional Recognition was presented to the District from Tom McClintock and Senator Ted Gaines for saving and protecting the Community Torah at the Chabad House Jewish Community Center of Placer County. A recent PARS trust fund statement for the month of December was distributed.

### Chief's Report:

- Tow commercial structure fires occurred within the District.
- Multiple residential structure fire occurred in Loomis with E19 covering.
- New duties as XPL Operational Area Coordinator.

- Region IV Sit Stat tracking with a drill next week.
- Two hours of mandatory training per day.
- The EMS Regional SSV Training has completed.
- Nozzle forward training occurred throughout the District.
- The Ambulance Committee has completed the spec and will be signing the contract.
- The Joint Engine Replacement Committee with Loomis is working well.
- A new Deputy Chief Vehicle spec is complete and will be purchased before the end of year.
- The Facilities Manager and joint committee have two projects: Station 15 and Station 28 in progress.
- Chief Ritter and Capt. Midtlyng are joining the Loomis Facilities Committee to begin the process of the schematic design for the Station 28 project.
- On March 3<sup>rd</sup> an Engineers practical exam was held with 3 internal candidates; one Loomis candidate moving forward.
- One conditional job offer made for Firefighter Paramedic with another this week.
- Lakeside Little League Parade celebrated with the Muster LaFrance with Engineer Antuzzi, Deputy Chief Fowler and Chief Ritter in attendance.
- Cavitt School will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.
- Loomis went ALS on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Fire Trucks and People That Saved Our Cities is at the Sacramento Automobile Museum on March 16<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup> – a running history of fire trucks.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: None.

Future Agenda Items: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros