

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2010

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. by President, Dave Giblin.

Present:

Dave Giblin, President
Madelaine Kiliany, Clerk
Mike DeLaurentis, Director

Absent:

Gary Grenfell, Vice President
Craig Powell, Director

Staff in Attendance:

Chief Tony Corado
Board Secretary Debbie Frick
Deputy Chief Lawrence Bettencourt
Battalion Chief Keith Burson

Public Comment: None

Special Presentation: None

Consent Agenda: Director Kiliany made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director DeLaurentis.

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

2009/2010 Budget Revision: Chief Corado explained that the revised budget was presented and discussed at the December and January board meetings. At the January meeting the board requested that the salary dollars saved as a result of staffing reductions in the first quarter be shown as a line item on the budget revision. Chief Corado reviewed the revised budget with the recommended change.

Director Kiliany made a motion to approve the 2009/2010 Budget Revision as presented. Seconded by Director DeLaurentis.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

2010/2011 Preliminary Budget Review: Chief Corado reviewed the 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget and explained that the Preliminary Budget was being prepared earlier than usual due to the economic conditions. He noted that there were specific dollar amounts in the Facility, Apparatus, and Contingent Reserve accounts and that those dollars were earmarked for specific projects. He stated that flat property tax revenue was being projected and that there has been no indication that the State would shift tax dollars again. He stated that there was a slight increase in the Ambulance Revenue account. There is no money shown for OES coming in or going out, that will be added later as better information is available. Mitigation Revenue is way down. He noted that the District received the Loan Securitization funds so that money was put back into the budget. He explained that the staffing costs include the full

estimation of the PERS Retirement Modification and that the Apprentice Firefighter positions and the Facility Manager position are not included. Service and Operations and Fixed Assets have been kept as low as possible.

PERS Retirement Plan Modification: Chief Corado stated that the PERS Retirement Plan Modification information was presented at the January board meeting and included the employment contracts showing the PERS modification along with actuarial information provided by PERS. The August 25, 2009 Circular Letter forecasting the economic impacts on rates was reviewed. Also reviewed was what the estimated increase to the 2010/2011 Budget would be. Chief Corado noted that the Resolution of Intent would be presented at the March board meeting. He explained that there are a number of other items that must be completed before the PERS Retirement Plan Modification could go into effect and that the schedule of actions the District needs to take was outlined in the presented information. The effective date is expected to be in July 2010. Bill Karch from PERS was present to answer any questions as required by PERS.

Information and Discussion Items

2009/2010 Goals Update: The District adopts goals annually and the board requested an update on the progress of the goals in February. Chief Corado reviewed and gave an update on the status of the goals. Some of the goals he reported on were as follows: He has been working on the Succession Plan. No new progress has been made on the Long Range Marketing Plan. Deputy Chief Lawrence Bettencourt has been working on the Employee Evaluation System. Chief Corado stated that he had no new information on the Financial Independence Plan and due to the current economic circumstances it didn't look to favorable at this time. He stated that the Alternative Funding Fees were going well with the implementation of the FT630 fees and the MVA fees. The control substance lockers are in place and lock boxes will be installed in the apparatus. Progress is being made on the Appropriations Limit election. Russ Moorhouse has been doing research on the solar energy systems. The DL170 program has been approved but some pending legislation may change the program. Division Chief Eric Walder is working on the Line of Duty Death guidelines.

Committee and Monthly Reports: None

Correspondence: None

Chief's Report: Chief Corado reported on the following items:

Chief Corado stated that Governor has proposed to have 4.8% added to property insurance to help defray the cost of fires but it doesn't seem likely that it will pass.

A lot of government reform talk is taking place and the State is reviewing SRA. State responsibility area is reviewed every few years to determine what state responsibility is and what local responsibility is.

CALEMA provided a report on strike team participation. South Placer Fire District was second only to Sacramento Metropolitan Fire in local participation.

The Firefighter Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, February 26th at the Flower Farm in Loomis.

Deputy Chief Lawrence Bettencourt is working on some dispatch changes. One change is that South Placer Fire District will now be District 17.

Division Chief Bryan Ransdell will be putting on a regional training exercise at the Casino.

Division Chief Eric Walder has been elected as the President of the Emergency Medical Control Committee.

The District will begin using a new medication called Zofran for upset stomach in the near future.

Widening of Auburn Folsom is taking place and it should help with access for Fire Apparatus.

Functions: Firefighter Recognition Dinner- February 26, 2010

Board/Staff Comments: There was some discussion of the reimbursement process for participation in OES strike teams. Chief Corado stated that reimbursement has been faster than it was in the past.

Deputy Chief Lawrence Bettencourt stated that the District had a good stop on the fire at Clos Du Lac on February 6, 2010. It was noted that Battalion Chief Keith Burson and C Shift did an excellent job on stopping the fire.

Future Agenda Items: None

Closed Session: The Personnel Committee consisting of Directors Grenfell and Powell met with the union and reported back to Chief Corado. The board discussed in closed session what was reported and recommended to continue with the budget as it is.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary
Debbie Frick