

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2009

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. by President, Mike DeLaurentis.

Present:

Mike DeLaurentis, President
Craig Powell, Vice President
Dave Giblin, Clerk
Gary Grenfell, Director
Madelaine Kiliany, Director

Absent:

Staff in Attendance:

Deputy Chief Lawrence Bettencourt
Board Secretary Debbie Frick
Division Chief Bryan Ransdell
Fire Marshal Bob Richardson

Public Comment: None

Special Presentation: Deputy Chief Bettencourt reported that the presentation of badges to Paramedic Firefighters Erik Garside and Andrew Heald would be postponed until the next board meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

Special Presentation: Deputy Chief Bettencourt stated that a new fire prevention trailer was purchased with funds from the Granite Bay Kiwanis and Fireman's Fund safety education grant. The Board and community were invited to view the trailer. Captain Rich Kleefeld and Fire Marshal Bob Richardson worked on acquiring the trailer and will install shelving and storage later. Captain Kleefeld stated that the trailer will be taken out to the lake and to schools to do safety education presentations. Captain Kleefeld expressed his appreciation to the Granite Bay Kiwanis and Fireman's Fund for their donation as well as others that have donated toward this project.

Closed Session: Director DeLaurentis stated that there was no closed session. He reported that the District had a special meeting on June 12, 2009 that authorized Chief Corado to sign the documents necessary to complete the sale of the Douglas property. Director DeLaurentis stated that the sale was completed on Friday. The property was sold to the Jewish Community Center for \$616,000.

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

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Church Project East of Station 19: Dave Cook from RCH Group gave an update on the proposed project for the St. Joseph Marelo Church next to Station 19. He stated that in exchange for the church's offer

to install emergency signals, the church is asking for easements and a number of agreements to go along with those easements. The church is asking for two driveway easements, a water easement, a temporary construction easement, a connection for sewer and additional right-of-way. These will allow the church to move forward. They plan is to install a traffic signal in front of Station 19 with a flashing warning signal at 600 feet out. It would be a constantly flashing signal. There would be one for southbound traffic and one for northbound traffic.

Director Grenfell expressed his concern that the flashing signals were only one color and would be flashing constantly and felt that they might be ignored after a while. He suggested having something more significant.

Dave Cook stated that the light was designed to warn traffic and that they were looking towards the traffic engineers, Caltrans standards and the County because the design and due process would make them responsible for liability. He explained that the professionals should be able to determine what will work the best. After some discussion, Dave Cook stated that the church is making a good faith effort in exchange for some things that the Church needs.

Director Grenfell requested that all driveway easements be revocable at anytime in the future concerning traffic issues.

Deputy Chief Bettencourt stated that the staff recommended that the request for the church project be approved and that staff work out some of the details, including designing the signal to the District's satisfaction, the language regarding Laird, and the impact of possibly adding the school at a later date. In addition, the maintenance of the shared driveway would need to be examined. Currently there are easements on that property for PCWA to extend the water line. A tee has already been put in and there is asphalt, not concrete which will make it easier to tear out. There are already walk through easements to check run off filters for Placer County. Staff will help coordinate and work out the details on these items.

Director Kiliany made a motion to support the church project and proposed easements with staff to work out the details and coordinate authorization of the easements. Seconded by Director Powell. Director DeLaurentis abstained from voting since he attends this church.

Carried

Work Place Safety Program Review: Chief Bettencourt stated that this item had been reviewed at the last meeting and was now up for action. He stated that he had received a request from Director Kiliany to change the wording on the last page in the second to the last paragraph to make it clearer. Deputy Chief Bettencourt will make that change.

Director Powell asked if there was a periodic review of the policy and suggested that it be reviewed at least every three to five years for changing legal and compliance requirements.

Director Grenfell made a motion to approve the Work Place Safety Program with the grammar change and with the addition of a specified time period for review. Seconded by Director Giblin.

Carried

09/10 Preliminary Budget Review: Deputy Chief Bettencourt stated that the Preliminary Budget has been reviewed at the past few board meetings. He explained that the funds from the sale of the Douglas property were not included yet and the revenue and expenditures were only shown through May. He

noted that the District would not get the updated figures from the County for taxes in the revenue category until August and there may be changes once the effects of the State Budget are known.

Director Giblin made a motion to approve the 09/10 Preliminary Budget. Seconded by Director Powell.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Special Tax Collection Authorization: This is standard procedure and requires the Board to pass the resolution in order to authorize the County to collect the District's Special Tax.

Director Kiliany made a motion to approve Resolution No 9 2008/2009 Requesting the Collection of Charges on the Tax Roll. Seconded by Director Powell.

Roll Call: Ayes: DeLaurentis, Powell, Giblin, Grenfell, Kiliany Noes: None Absent: None

Engineer Job Classification: Deputy Chief Bettencourt explained that the proposed change to the Engineer job classification was to extend the application period for the Driver Operator I Certification. He stated that the California State Fire Marshal's (CSFM) office offers certifications and they are required for every level as employees are promoted through the department. The certifications require classes as well as on the job training. The CSFM office requires that you be in the position for a year doing the job and responding to emergencies before you can get your Driver Operator I Certificate. Currently, employees at the District cannot drive the engine and pump water at emergencies unless they are an Engineer, so if the employee needs the year of experience in the position of Engineer to get the certification but couldn't drive in emergencies they would have to leave the department to get the experience or come from another department with the experience to promote to Engineer. This was an unintended consequence that resulted from changes in the Engineer job classification and operation procedures over the past several years. Staff is recommending that the job description wording be modified to allow in house employees that have taken all the classes to be eligible to apply for the Engineer position and obtain the year of experience and then obtain the Driver Operator I Certification.

Captain Matt Feely, representing Local 3809, expressed concerns the union had with the language stating that the Driver Operator I be obtained after 12 months. His concern was that it is an indefinite period of time. He suggested that when employees are done with their probation they should be given a small window of time to get the certification. The intent is to allow them to get the Driver Operator I Certification in the shortest time possible, not any time after twelve months.

After some discussion it was determined that 18 months would be adequate time to obtain the needed requirements. It was suggested that the wording be changed to: they shall be a Certified Driver Operator I within 18 months of date of hire or promotion.

Director Grenfell made a motion to approve the Paramedic Engineer and Engineer job description change with the suggested change to extend the application period for the CSFM Driver Operator I Certificate to 18 months within date of hire or promotion. Seconded by Director Kilany.

Carried

Correspondence: A letter was received from the Folsom Fire Department thanking Karl Fowler and his crew on Truck 17 for assisting the City of Folsom on the opening of the Folsom Lake Crossing Bridge and roadway. A letter was received from Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District thanking Division Chief Walder for his participation as an assessor in their Captain's promotional exam. A letter was sent

to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger regarding the possible attempt to take or borrow funds from local governments and that if this were to happen, it would put services at risk.

Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Bettencourt reported on the following items:

USA Fire Recovery training will be completed by 6/18/2009. Two incidents have been billed for this month.

Eureka School Superintendant Tim McCarty and Chief Corado have met regarding the Eureka School site being used for a possible new Administration Office location. The front office and library are available for use as office space. Mr. McCarty is working on a tentative agreement and associated costs.

Lakota Forrest has been offered the vacant Firefighter/Paramedic position and has been scheduled for his pre-employment physical this week.

The Fire Chief's evaluation is scheduled for June 25, 2009 at Station 17 at 9:00 am.

There have been several serious incidents in the District recently, including a fatal accident on Auburn Folsom, a fatal hanging of a young marine, and a two year old near drowning. The new 200,000 psi extrication cutters were used in an incident on Lo Mida Lane.

A stakeholders meeting was held in the last two weeks to discuss possible consolidation of some operations with the cities of Lincoln, Roseville and Rocklin.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: None

Future Agenda Items: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary
Debbie Frick