

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2010

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. by President Giblin.

Present:

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

Absent:

Staff in Attendance:

Chief Tony Corado  
Board Secretary Debbie Frick  
Deputy Chief Lawrence Bettencourt

Public Comment: None

Special Presentation: None

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

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

2010/2011 Capital Facilities Plan: Chief Corado stated that this was a public hearing to request the adoption of the Capital Facilities Plan. He noted that the plan had been reviewed at the last board meeting.

Director Kiliansy asked about the positions listed under section 3c. She noted that it lists Apprentices.

Chief Corado explained that the Apprentice positions have not been eliminated, they are just currently vacant.

Director Kiliansy made a motion to approve the Capital Facilities Plan as presented. Seconded by Director Powell.

Carried

State Parks Cooperative Emergency Services Agreement: Chief Corado gave an update on the draft State Parks Cooperative Emergency Services Agreement. He explained that State Parks indicated that they could not execute an agreement that contained indemnification language. They suggested the District look at its history. There is no history of the Bureau of Reclamation or State Parks suing public agencies. Chief Corado recommended that the indemnification language be removed and that the

District move forward with the agreement. He recommended that the board authorize Director Giblin and himself to pursue executing the contract.

Director DeLaurentis asked if there was a clause that allowed changes to the contract.

Chief Corado stated that the contract could be canceled within 90 days.

Sandy Harris expressed her concern that if the District were responding to calls at the lake that the community would be relying on ambulance service from AMR.

Director Giblin stated that the District has three ambulances but there is always a possibility that the District ambulance might not be able to respond due to other calls. In that case AMR would be available to provide service.

Director Grenfell made a motion to authorize Chief Corado and Director Giblin to pursue execution of the agreement with State Parks and the Bureau of Reclamation. Seconded by Director Kiliany.

Carried

#### NEW BUSINESS

2010/2011 Goal Setting Workshop: Chief Corado recommended setting a date for the 2010/2011 Goal Setting Workshop. The date selected was August 18, 2010 prior to the board meeting.

#### Information and Discussion Items

2010/2011 Final Budget Review: Chief Corado reviewed the budget but stated that he would not have the final revenue numbers from the County until about the middle of August. He noted that the final budget would be adopted at the September meeting.

County Hazard Abatement Program: Chief Corado reviewed the 4291 State Fire Safety Standards and explained that enforcement that requires clearance could only be applied to property with structures on it, but didn't apply to adjacent vacant property. The current recommendation is that there is a 100 foot clearance. This creates a problem because there are 30 foot setbacks and now the recommendation is for 100 foot clearance. Even though the 4291 Standards changed from 30 feet to 100 feet it can only be enforced on the individual's property. The Placer County Hazard Abatement pilot program was put into place to address this problem and was successful. The Placer County Office of Emergency Services is considering expanding the program into other Districts. Chief Corado reviewed the program and the effects and what costs would be associated with it.

Dick Simmons, Emergency Services Coordinator from Placer County OES explained what costs the District would be responsible for and what costs could be recovered from the County.

Placer County Supervisor Kurt Uhler stated that this program is a tool but it only applies to unimproved parcels and in the future might be applied to improved parcels.

Director Giblin asked what level of fuel load would be acceptable.

Kurt Uhler stated that it would be left up to the Chiefs of the Districts to determine that.

Director DeLaurentis asked what would trigger an inspection.

Chief Corado stated that it could be done on a complaint basis or a complete program could be implemented. Implementing the complete program would be costly because there are liability and environmental issues.

Jeff Moss asked if the District could be liable if the program was put in place and a fire were to happen. He wondered if the public could say the District was not diligent enough in the abatement process. This question could not be answered and would need further review.

The program will continue to be evaluated.

Committee and Monthly Reports:

Chief Corado, Director Grenfell and Director Giblin had a meeting with Newcastle Fire and found they are working with a consultant on a tax assessment. There didn't seem to be any interest in any other type of working relationship.

Correspondence: Thank you letters were received from the City of Rocklin thanking the District for its assistance with the Summit Fire in Rocklin. Letters were received from Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District thanking Darren McMillin and Matt Feeley for their participation as assessors on promotional exams.

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

Bob Richardson and Brian Bailey will be attending the Western States Police and Fire Shooting Games.

Joe Vincent will be attending the Firefighter Hockey Olympics.

The Wild Land 2010 Fire Exercise on June 26<sup>th</sup> was successful. The District had excellent participation in the exercise.

Next week there will be discussion with the County regarding the Sun Pro contract.

The County wants the District to assist financially with the Warren System which is an automated dialing system for public messages. Chief Corado felt it was more of a law enforcement function.

Seventy-five life jackets have been donated to the District and Bob Richardson along with other District personnel will be distributing them at the lake.

Pink duty shirts will be worn in October to support breast cancer awareness.

There have been some communication issues recently and a joint cad system is being looked at.

The bereavement guidelines have been updated.

The District is continuing to work with Wells Fargo on financial independence. The District may move its banking accounts from Granite Community Bank to Wells Fargo.

Deputy Chief Bettencourt is gathering information on VOIP (voice over internet protocol). This may provide a cost savings on the phone bill.

The District Safety Fair will be held on October 16, 2010.

There are nine candidates in the Engineer testing process.

As a result of the Captain testing process, there are now three acting Captains.

There was damage done to one of the Engines but it being repaired and the work should be completed by next week.

Response times are still great. Division Chief Walder reported that response times are at 94%.

The preemption installation is in process. Division Chief Walder is working on this project.

A public CPR classes was held two weeks ago. Matt VanVotenburg is managing that program.

National Night Out will be held in August.

Russ Moorhouse and Dan Ward will be retiring at the end of July. A retirement party for Russ has been planned and Ed Love is working on the retirement party for Dan.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: None

Future Agenda Items: None

Closed Session: The Fire Chief's evaluation was reviewed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary  
Debbie Frick