

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2016

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. by President, Mike DeLaurentis.

Present:

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

Absent:

Terri Ryland, Director

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder
Deputy Chief, Karl Fowler
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros
Battalion Chief, Matt Feeley
Captain, Kelly Moretti
Captain, Brian Midtlyng
Paramedic Firefighter, Cody Forrest
Paramedic Firefighter, Nick Paskey
Apprentice Firefighter, Dennis Demchuk

Special Presentation: President DeLaurentis presented Chief Walder with his certificate from the National Fire Academy designating the Chief as an Executive Fire Officer. The Board thanked and congratulated him on completing the very difficult program.

Public Comment: None.

Closed Session None.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Functional Consolidation or Merger with Loomis Fire Protection District: Staff recommends discussion on the current status of the consolidation effort. Chief Walder began that the Fire Services Improvement study is officially dead at the county level. The County is now doing focused audits of distressed fire districts and offering their assistance in ballot measure proposals.

Chief Walder noted that since the last month's board meeting he began internal communication with staff from both districts. All staff feedback has been positive with the only concern as to seniority and promotional opportunities. He continued that he is currently working on a public presentation for the external communication plan. Kris Berry of LAFCO has responded and sent over the application for consolidation. The consolidation committee will need to arrange to meet before the external communications can begin.

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2015/16 Draft Final Budget: Chief Walder recommends discussion and adoption of the 2016/17 draft final budget. The preliminary budget was adopted in June. He noted that the final budget has estimated \$10 million in revenues with a 3.5% increase in property tax revenue. Mitigation reserves are being spent down from the current balance of \$700,000. He continued that the District is expecting another banner year for CFAA revenues. Salaries and wages are at 79.57%, well below the board adopted principle of 80.25%. Fixed asset expenditures are right on track at 1% of budget. The mitigation account will be appropriated with \$350,000 on the station 15 remodel, \$180,000 for a new ambulance, and \$70,000 for a new command vehicle. Strike team revenues have been adjusted up to \$500,000 as the fire season continues. Capital expenditures include the \$200,000 for the Station 15 remodel and \$120,000 for the Station 17 and shop exhaust removal. Chief Walder asked the Board to adopt and approve the fiscal year 2016/17 Final budget.

Director Mullin made a motion to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Final Budget. A second was given by Director Grenfell.

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

Dry Financing Request: Staff seeks approval for dry financing from the Placer County Treasurer's Office. Chief Walder explained that the District receives property tax funds in December and April each year. When there is a lot of strike team activity the District may not be reimbursed for that cost for several months. He reminded the Board that the majority of the Districts reserves are in the restricted Mitigation fund. The District has already paid over 11,000 hours of overtime for strike team responses this year. He is requesting to finance up to \$2 million. The County will finance the District at an interest rate of 1.25-1.75% until the next tax draw is received in December.

A motion was made by Director Harris to approve Resolution No. 1 2016-2017 Dry Financing Request and seconded by Director Grenfell. Carried

Roll Call:

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

Adoption of the Placer County 2016 Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan: Chief recommends formal adoption of Resolution 2-2016/17 of the Placer County 2016 Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The District has taken part in the planning and preparing of the LHMP at the Placer County level. Division Chief Mike Ritter has taken the project to completion. Both South Placer and Loomis Fire are part of the plan that needs to be completed every five years.

Participation in the LHMP makes both agencies eligible for future federal disaster mitigation funding above and beyond what is available to jurisdictions that did not participate in the process. Without the plan, the district would receive reimbursement from FEMA for 75% for a local hazard or disaster, with the remaining 25% on the District. Part of the plan is assistance from FEMA to recover the remaining 25% that could result from a significant incident in the District. Chief Walder asked the Board to approve Resolution No. 2-2016/2017.

A motion was made by Director Grenfell to approve Resolution No. 2-2016/2017. A second was given by Director Harris. Carried

Roll Call:

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

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

California Public Employee Retirement System (Cal PERS) 2017/18 Contribution Rate Increases and Employer Payment of Unfunded Liability Increases: Staff recommends discussion on the most recent Annual Valuation reports received from CalPERS. The most recent actuarial has been received for the four pension plans. The contribution rate for the safety plan has increased from 17.689% to 17.875% with an increase of \$77,847 in the unfunded liability payment. The Miscellaneous plan has increased from 12.657% to 12.689% with an increase in unfunded liability payment of \$5,656. The Safety Pepra plan has decreased from 12.082% to 11.99% with a decrease to the unfunded liability payment of \$98. The Miscellaneous Pepra plan rate will decrease from 6.55% to 6.533% with a \$47 decrease in the unfunded liability payment. For 2017/18 the total unfunded lump sum payments made will be \$181,245 across all four retirement plans. This amounts to an increase of \$83,764 from the 2016/17 unfunded payments. Chief Walder continued that the 2018/19 unfunded payment is estimated to increase an additional \$100,000. He noted that the unfunded liability payments are directly related to the returns of CalPERS. Chief Walder stated that this information is presented for informational purposes at this time.

Correspondence: A monthly statement for the month of July from PARS Trust reflecting the recent contribution and earnings to the OPEB account.

Chief's Report:

- Two paramedics were hired in Loomis and are currently going through the pre-employment medical and psychological testing.
- Total hours attributable to strike teams were 11,000 overtime hours due to fire conditions in the state
- Brush 28 was assigned to the Gap Fire August 29th thru September 6th.
- In some cases a Type 3 and Type 1 order were filled at the same time. There were several days where we had 11 people deployed at the same time.
- Battalion Chief Brooks is close to being DIVS qualified. One or two more deployments and he should be red carded as a DIVS.
- Captain Moretti needs a firing operation to complete his STEN task book.

- Captain Midtlyng completed his task book and needs to be qualified as an acting Battalion Chief to receive his STEN red card.
- The Eggplant Festival is October 1st in Loomis with a pancake breakfast at Station 28.

Functions: The Annual Pink Party is scheduled for October 22 at the Granite Bay Alehouse.

Board/Staff Comments: None

Future Agenda Items: Quarterly Budget Report, Annual Gann Limit

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 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