

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 8th, 2017

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, November 8th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Chris Gibson.

Present:

Chris Gibson, Vice President
Sean Mullin, Clerk
Russ Kelley, Director
Terri Ryland, Director
Dave Harris, Director
Tom Millward, Director

Absent:

Gary Grenfell, President

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder
Deputy Fire Chief, Karl Fowler
District Secretary, Barbara Leak
Division Chief, Mike Ritter
Battalion Chief, Darren McMillin
Captain, Kelly Moretti
Paramedic Firefighter, David Volk

Public Comment: None

Special Presentation: None

Report from Closed Session: None

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

Ayes: Gibson, Mullin, Kelley, Ryland, Harris, Millward Noes: None Abstain: None
Absent: Grenfell

OLD BUSINESS

Station 15 Remodel: Chief Walder presented updated station design plans. He reported that changes suggested by Board members have been made: lockers have been moved to the laundry room area; ice machine has been walled off from the truck room area; sprinkler risers have been moved to the other side of the building.

Director Millward made a motion to approve the station design plans and to move forward with the Station 15 Remodel project; seconded by Director Ryland. Carried.

Ayes: Gibson, Mullin, Kelley, Ryland, Harris, Millward. Noes: None Abstain: None
Absent: Grenfell

NEW BUSINESS

1st Quarter Budget Report 2017/18: Chief Walder presented the first quarter budget reports. General revenue is only at 4.3% of budget because the first tax revenue installment for the year has not yet been received. Salaries and benefits are below 25% of budget. Purchases of fixed assets will not be made until after the tax installment is received. All numbers look good. On the Profit & Loss Statement, compensation for “4850 Time” leave of absences is running high. Expense for consulting fees is a little high due to some upfront consulting costs; also, some prevention consulting costs may be misclassified.

1st Quarter Response Time Review 2017/18: Chief Walder presented a review of response times. Data is tracked for compliance with SSV-EMS ambulance response times, with South Placer Fire Board adopted response times, and with NFPA national standards. All numbers look good. Compliance with Board adopted times is running between 92% and 100% for each month this calendar year. Additional reports provided in the Board packet included number of incidents by type, by time of day, by day of week, and by ZIP code.

Placer County Fire Service Issues: Chief Walder reported that Placer County has hired Ian Gow as a consultant to study issues facing Foresthill, Placer Hills, Newcastle and Penryn Fire Districts. The districts are sharing Battalion Chief coverage. Chief Walder has been approached about possible consolidations with the other districts. Currently, the consolidations would not be revenue neutral. The options of asking the public for more funding and/or changing the AB-8 tax distribution rates are being looked at. Chiefs Walder and Fowler will attend a task force meeting tomorrow.

Dry Financing Request: Chief Walder requested approval of an application for dry-period financing from Placer County in an amount up to \$2,000,000. The financing is not expected to be used, but he would like to have the option in place in case it is needed.

Resolution No. 1 - 2017-2018: Dry Financing Requests

Director Ryland made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1 – 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Director Mullin.

Ayes: Gibson, Mullin, Kelley, Ryland, Harris, Millward. Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Grenfell

GASB 75 OPEB Draft Actuarial: Chief Walder reported that with the adoption of GASB 75 earlier this year some of the standards for recording expense for post-employment benefits (OPEB) have changed. The reporting of the Annual Required Contribution (ARC) has been replaced by “OPEB Expense.” A draft copy of the South Placer Fire District’s Valuation of Retiree Health Benefits Report of GASB 75 Actuarial Valuation as of July 1, 2017, prepared by North Bay Pensions LLC, was provided in the Board packet.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

South Placer Firefighters Local 3809 Decertification and Formal Recognition Election of Sacramento Area Firefighters Local 522: Chief Walder reported that the District has received a petition for decertification of Local 3809 and a petition for formal recognition of Local 522. An election will be held on November 27th.

ISO Public Protection Classification: Chief Walder reported that the Public Protection Classification Summary Report has been received from Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO). Effective February 1, 2018, the ISO rating for the former Loomis Fire District will change from 4/8B to 3/ 3Y. The District will release a public service announcement on February 1st. Homeowners will need to contact their insurance companies for a possible reduction in their insurance rates.

Correspondence: The following items of correspondence were received:

- PARS fund account statement for month of August, showing almost \$5,000 in earnings.
- Letter from Folsom Fire Department thanking Chief Ritter for participating as a proctor in their Deputy Fire Marshal interviews.
- Letter of recognition from Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS for the District's contribution to the "chain of survival" that saved the life of a sudden cardiac arrest victim.
- Letter and grant donation from the Firefighters Charitable Foundation.
- Invitation to the Auburn Elks Lodge annual Public Safety Award Presentation and Dinner on November 16th. Chief Walder announced that Captain Devin Fuller is being honored this year for his work in implementing ALS service in Loomis and securing a grant for the ALS startup costs.

Chief's Report:

- Chief Walder attended the October meeting of the Western Placer County Fire Chiefs Association.
- South Placer Fire's financial audit for fiscal year 2016/17 occurred on October 16th and 17th. Loomis Fire's financial audit for fiscal year 2016/17 is complete. The audited financial statements were received yesterday and will be in the December board packet. Loomis' final audit is yet to be scheduled.
- Chief Walder met with the fire services consultant hired by Placer County.
- Chief Walder attended the Western Placer County Operations Chief meeting.
- Chief Walder is currently covering the Operational Area Region Coordinator duties.
- All strike teams have returned home. Engine 19 and Chief McMillin were deployed from the Wind Complex fire to the Sonoma County fires.
- Today's company training was on loss control (salvage & overhaul). Other recent training included auto extrication, low angle rope rescue operations (LARRO) refresher, and EMS refresher on infrequently used skills.
- Pump testing for 2017 is complete on all apparatus.
- Wildland apparatus have been switched to winter maintenance schedule. Dual tandem response has ceased for the year.
- The new ambulance is in service and being well-received by the crews and patients.
- Three days of paramedic assessments resulted in thirty candidates moving forward to Chiefs' interviews. Chief Walder and Deputy Chief Fowler spent four days interviewing

candidates. Next steps are to send out notifications and begin background investigations. The goal is to hire by mid-January.

- Written test for apprentice firefighter was held October 30th. Interviews are scheduled for November 15th. Seven candidates are moving forward.
- Company business inspections are in progress.
- Cycle for Life for cystic fibrosis was held October 15th.
- Firefighter Volk is off light-duty and back on shift work. He also did a book reading at the Granite Bay Moms Club Annual Book Reading and Festival at the Granite Bay Library on October 19th.
- Granite Bay High School held a bon fire and fireworks on October 26th and 27th.
- Several station tours are scheduled for this month.
- A pot hole in the back truck ramp at Station 28 was patched.
- Signs at Loomis Stations 28 and 29 have been changed to say "South Placer" Fire. The sign at Station 19 has been replaced.
- There will probably be a closed session before the December 13th Board meeting for the Chief's evaluation and contract negotiations.

Functions: The Elks Lodge Public Safety Awards Dinner is on November 16th. An invitation is included with the correspondence.

Board/Staff Comments: Director Harris reported that he attended a pancake breakfast hosted by State Senator Ted Gaines. About 70 people were present. Director Harris spoke to the attendees about the consolidation with Loomis Fire. Senator Gaines extends his congratulations to the Board.

Director Kelley asked about the Nexus Fee Study. Chief Walder replied that he is working on selecting a consultant to do the study. SCI Consulting Group is currently the front-runner. The facilities plan needs to be updated and information submitted to SCI.

Director Kelley announced that the annual Loomis Family Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on December 2. Santa usually attends with Engine 28.

Vice President Gibson asked if the annual "Santa in the 'Hood" program will held this year. Chief Walder answered that, yes, Santa will visit Loomis neighborhoods again.

Future Agenda Items: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13th, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Leak
Recording Secretary, pro-tem