

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 13th, 2017

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, December 13th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. by President, Gary Grenfell.

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder
Deputy Fire Chief, Karl Fowler
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros
Battalion Chief, Darren McMillin
Captain, Matt Van Voltinburg
Engineer, Joe Stephens

Special Presentation: None

Public Comment: None

Report from Closed Session: President Grenfell reported that a closed session meeting occurred at 6:15 for the annual evaluation of the fire chief. It was noted that there were additional remarks necessary to the evaluation and that would be presented to the chief the next day.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CalPERS Contract Amendment Merger: Staff recommends review and discussion on the merger evaluation material proved by CalPERS. Chief Walder stated that the consolidation of the two Districts in July necessitates the merger of CalPERS retirement obligations into one contract. The District will need to discuss the impact of the contract merger and then approve a Resolution

of Intention for approval. As a condition of CalPERS, the Actuary who completed the review of the merger will be available by phone to answer any questions. Chief Walder placed a call to CalPERS Actuary, Kelly Sturm, via speakerphone to answer any questions. He continued that the contract merger is estimated to add \$2.5 million representing the present value of benefits by adding in the Loomis contract. The final resolution will need to be approved at the next monthly board meeting. Ms. Sturm added that the merger costs were directly attributed to the increase in employee normal costs and benefits along with the unfunded liabilities of Loomis Fire. The employer normal cost increased over 5% for the Loomis Fire employees.

Director Ryland made a motion to approve the Resolution of Intention to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration, CalPERS and the Board of Directors of the South Placer Fire District. The motion was seconded by Director Gibson. Carried

Roll Call:

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

South Placer Fire District Fiscal Year 2016/17 Audit Acceptance: Chief Walder presented the audited financial statements for 2017/18 and noted that there were no recommendations. The third party auditor, Robert W. Johnson, reported the audit was successful and the Chief was commended on his budgeting skills. Director Mullin made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2016/17 South Placer Fire audit. The motion was seconded by Director Gibson. Carried

Loomis Fire District Fiscal Year 2016/17 Audit Acceptance: Chief Walder presented the audited financial statements for 2017/18 and noted that the financial audit went well. Loomis Fire had excess revenue of \$363,000 for the year. Chief Walder noted that Loomis had not done the expected purchases in fixed assets and \$192,000 were budgeted for reserves. Director Mullin made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2016/17 South Placer Fire audit. The motion was seconded by Director Ryland. Carried

Board Certification of the South Placer Firefighters Local 3809 Decertification and Formal Recognition Election of Sacramento Area Firefighters Local 522: Chief Walder recommended that the Board formally certify the Formal Recognition Election results and recognize Sacramento Area Firefighters, Local 522, as the exclusive bargaining unit of the Firefighters, Engineers, and Captains. Chief Walder explained that he held an election on November 27th and the majority of the Bargaining unit members voted for Sacramento Area Firefighters, Local 522 as their exclusive bargaining representative. In addition, the formal recognition rights of South Placer Firefighters Local 3809 were revoked and South Placer Firefighters were decertified by Chief Walder per the Employer-Employee Recognition Resolution of the South Placer Fire District. He noted that the votes to decertify Local 3809 were 25 for versus 11 against. Director Ryland made a motion to approve Resolution no. 2017-5, formal Recognition of Sacramento Area Firefighters Local 522 as Exclusive Bargaining Representative for the South Placer Fire Protection District Fire Fighters bargaining Unit. Director Kelly seconded the motion. Carried

Roll Call:

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

2018 Board Meeting Schedule: Staff recommends review of the proposed 2018 Board Meeting Schedule. Chief Walder noted that he had reviewed the upcoming schedule dates and found no

conflicts. Director Gibson made a motion to approve the 2018 Board Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Kelley. Carried

Board of Director Officers and Committees 2018: Staff recommends Board Officer Position elections and committee appointments for 2018. Chief Walder explained that this is standard procedure each December. The board will need to elect a President, Vice President, Clerk, and appoint members to various standing committees. Director Gibson nominated Director Grenfell for Board President and Director Mullin to Clerk. Director Ryland nominated Chris Gibson for Vice President. Director Millward nominated Russ Kelley for Vice President. Director Kelley thanked the Board for the nomination but chose to remain in his current board position. Director Ryland nominated Director Harris for the Personnel Committee. Director Kelley made a motion to appoint the nominations for Board positions and the remaining committee positions with their current incumbents. Director Ryland seconded the motion. Carried

President	Gary Grenfell
Vice President	Chris Gibson
Clerk	Sean Mullin

Personnel Committee	Chris Gibson, Dave Harris & Gary Grenfell
Finance Committee	Terri Ryland & Sean Mullin
Facilities Committee	Russ Kelley & Tom Millward
FAIRA	Eric Walder (primary) & Dave Harris (alternate)
FDAC	Eric Walder

Vehicle #O13 2005 Ford F150 Surplus Authorization: Staff requests authorization to surplus 2005 F150 Vehicle ID (O13). Chief Walder explained that O13 was purchased new in 2005 and has reached the end of its useful life as a public safety vehicle. Due to its age and ongoing mechanical issues he recommended surplus the vehicle. He continued that the vehicle has 116,497 miles and valued between \$3-5,000. Director Ryland made a motion to authorize staff to surplus Vehicle #O13, 2005 Ford F150. The motion was seconded by Director Gibson. Carried

Brush 28B Surplus: Staff requests authorization to surplus Brush 28B. Chief Walder noted that the 1996 International Type 3 has 67,000 miles and currently stands in for Brush 28. He continued that the mechanical issues have cost the District \$3-4,000 in the last year to repair. Director Gibson made a motion to authorize staff to surplus Brush 28B. A second was given by Director Ryland. Carried

2017/18 Ambulance Rate Review: Staff recommends review and discussion on the current ambulance rate schedule and proposed increase. For the January 2018 meeting, staff will recommend action on the proposed rate increases and corresponding ordinance. Chief Walder explained that ambulance costs and fees are reviewed annually and presented to the Board. Ambulance rates were last changed in 2016. He continued that he recommends a 10% increase for 2017/18 to offset increasing costs of delivering ALS transport services to the community. This increase is partly due to SB524 which was signed into law by Governor Brown requiring 5% of transport revenues to the State to run a new quality assurance program. AB 523 will reduce ambulance revenue by approximately \$60,000. It was noted that AMR currently charges \$1850 per transport with a night charge of \$166.25. Chief Walder stated that the District constituents receive in his opinion the best ALS service in the County. He continued that ambulance service is directly funded by transport fees while property taxes pay for fire and

emergency responses. Loomis Fire jurisdiction is under contract with AMR for ambulance service. The current collection rate on ambulance revenue is at 40%, going down every year. The board discussed raising rates 5%. Chief Walder remarked that he will bring back the rate review to next month's board meeting.

2017/18 Long Term Facilities Maintenance, Apparatus Replacement and Major Equipment replacement plan updates: The Chief began that a brief review and approval of the 2017/18 revised plans that will be used in the combined Capital Facilities/Nexus Study rewrite are necessary for the newly consolidated Districts. Some of the highlights of the presentation for Facilities: Station 15 and 28 are major renovation/remodel projects, Station 17 Administration Building remodel, and repairs to the shop. For apparatus: a new medic purchase, and an Engine 28 purchase which is in build out. For major equipment: Truck mounts, New SCBA, and radios.

Director Gibson made a motion to approve the 2017/18 Long Term Facilities Maintenance, Apparatus Replacement, and Major Equipment Replacement plan. The motion was seconded by Director Ryland. Carried

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Placer County Fire Service Issues: Chief Walder recommended discussion on the latest developments in Placer County Fire Service delivery system and consolidation efforts countywide. Since the County funded the Fire Services Regional Assessment and Improvement Plan (Citygate study) that was not adopted; South Placer successfully consolidated. Four Independent Special Fire Districts are now collaborating toward consolidation and Placer County has hired a retired Fire Chief as a consultant. The consultant has reached out to Chief Walder to discuss the possibilities. At this time, Foresthill is not in a sound financial position although nothing will happen in the immediate future.

Correspondence: A letter received from Stanislaus County Fire Warden recommending Chief Walder for appointment to serve on the Fire scope Operation Team effective January 1, 2018. A letter of thanks from Granite Bay High School for the Districts assistance at their Homecoming Bonfire. The PARS fund account statement from the month of September. Multiple letters and cards of gratitude from residents in Napa, Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Windsor for the help during the Northern California wildfires.

Chief's Report:

- Chief Walder attended FAIRA Board meeting Dec. 11 in San Francisco and called in to the FDAC Board
- Capt. Gray and Engineer Long to attend SSV award ceremony for child CPR field save from drowning. Second event like this in 2 months.
- Two Strike Teams deployed: XPL 4131A at the Thomas incident, OES 380 on task force 4806 on the Thomas Incident.
- Two hours of mandatory training
- District Wide water management drill
- WPCFCA Captains Academy with 3 employees attending
- EMS Training on infrequently used skills annual refresher complete
- 12 candidates sent to backgrounds. 8 openings: 2 full time and 6 safer candidates
- Apprentice Firefighter testing completed with the hiring of Esther Blake

- Company Business inspections are in progress- all B occupancies inspected every other year while A, E, I, inspected every year
- South Placer Firefighters Food and Toy Drive Annual Event at Paul Martins was a huge success.
- Thanksgiving Day Parade was a success with Truck 17, Engine 28 and the 1929 American LaFrance in the parade.
- Loomis Annual Santa in the Hood event is scheduled for Dec. 23rd.
- Folsom Lake Estates Annual Santa Ride will incorporate some of the elements of the Loomis Santa event.
- Multiple station tours scheduled for the month.
- Station 16 kickoff meeting held with Director Millward and Director Kelly in attendance along with staff and Lionakis. Review of schematic design before the architect prepares the formal documents.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: Director Kelly commended the Chief for the upgraded sleeping quarters at Station 28.

Future Agenda Items: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th, 2017.

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