

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 10th, 2018

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 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  
Captain, Matt Van Voltinburg  
Firefighter, David Volk

Special Presentation: None

Public Comment: None

Report from Closed Session: None

Consent Agenda: Director Ryland 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

CalPERS Contract Amendment Merger: Staff recommends review and discussion on the merger of the Loomis Fire District Retirement contracts into the South Placer Fire District CalPERS contract. The CalPERS merger evaluation was completed by a CalPERS actuary and the Resolution of Intention to merge was approved at the December meeting along with a disclosure of costs to merge the retirement plans. The District will need to discuss the final impact of the contract merger and then approve the Final Resolution approving the contract amendment.

Director Gibson made a motion to approve the Resolution No. 6-2017/18 authorizing 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 Ryland.  
Carried

Roll Call:

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

2017/18 Ambulance Rate Review: Staff recommends review and approval on the current ambulance rate schedule and proposed increase. Staff recommends action on the proposed rate increase 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 and will reduce ambulance revenue by approximately \$60,000. It was noted that AMR currently charges \$1,850 per transport versus South Placer proposed rate of \$1923.30. Loomis Fire jurisdiction is under contract with AMR for ambulance service. Chief Walder noted that any approved increase would require a 30 day notice and the new rate would be in effect February 12, 2018.

Director Gibson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1-2017/18 revising the District's Schedule of Fees and charges for Certain Emergency Medical Services. The motion received a second by Director Mullin. Carried

Roll Call:

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

## NEW BUSINESS

2016/17 Loomis Fire District Special Tax Report: Staff recommends review and discussion of the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Fire Suppression and Protection Special Tax Report completed December 2017. The Districts Special Tax Administrator, SCI, prepared the report of the LFD Special Tax which includes a brief history of the special tax and summarizes the parcel tax submittal to the County, expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2016/17, and projections for current fiscal year 2017/18. The Fire Districts Special Tax Revenues for 2016/17 were \$421,180.02.

Director Kelley made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Fire Suppression and Protection Special Tax Report. The motion received a second by Director Gibson. Carried

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

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Director Ryland made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Fire Suppression and Protection Special Tax Report. The motion received a second by Director Gibson. Carried

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

## 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. He noted that both he and Deputy Chief Fowler attended a Special Task Force for the four Districts suffering financially. He continued that while he supports their discussion there remains lots of work to repair the financially strapped Districts. At this time, the four special Districts are discussing consolidation. Chief Walder noted that an AB tax rate exchange is necessary although not likely to happen. The next meeting is planned for January 23 in Tahoe to further discuss the issue with the County.

Correspondence: Multiple letters and cards of gratitude from residents in Napa, Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Windsor for the help during the Northern California wildfires. The PARS fund account statement from the month of October. A letter from the Placer County Grand Jury disclosing the release of the Final Report from the 2016/17 Grand Jury Report.

### Chief's Report:

- A structure fire off of South Lake Circle occurred with two rooms well involved. C Shift responded with a great stop using ventilation with simultaneous interior attack.
- Two strike teams were deployed to Los Angeles for the Thomas Incident and were demobilized before Christmas.
- WPCFCA Captains Academy had three employees attend for valuable training and are looking to make this an annual event.
- The Safer Grant hiring will include an academy in February with eight candidates receiving conditional job offers. Currently we are pushing the timeline but moving forward quickly.
- Company Business inspections are in progress and should be finished up soon.
- South Placer Firefighters Food and Toy Drive Annual Event received 30 grocery bags of non-perishable food, 6 truckloads of toys and nearly \$3000 in gift cards
- Loomis Annual Santa in the Hood event was a success as well as the Folsom Lake Estates Annual Santa Ride.
- The architect contract for the Station 15 project has been sent to legal for review. Pre-planning for move out of 15 and relocation to 16 during construction.
- Employment Development Position- Day Shift Captain/Project Manager position needed for Station 15 remodel. In years past Chief Bettencourt was put on days to oversee construction projects.
- Multiple Grant requests being sent out for 800 MHZ radios, PPE, and a water tender
- PSA going out to notify Loomis resident of the decrease in their ISO rating to make sure they contact their insurance carrier if there is any reduction in premium.
- Annual Fire Fee Reports for both Districts posted on the Loomis web site and will be up for approval at next month's board meeting.

- Goals update to be provided at the next board meeting regarding SAFER hiring, budgeting principles, Nexus Study, Station 15, Complete Needs Assessment and schematic design for Station28 Truck Room expansion.
- April Board meeting has a conflict for Chief Walder as he and board members are attending the FDAC Conference on April 11-13<sup>th</sup>.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: None

Future Agenda Items: The Board unanimously decided to revise the date for the April Regular Board Meeting from April 11<sup>th</sup> to April 18<sup>th</sup> due to conflicts for Chief Walder and the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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