

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2019

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. by President, Chris Gibson.

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder
Deputy Chief, Karl Fowler
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros
Battalion Chief, Matt Feeley
Captain, Sean Fuller
Captain Paramedic, Devin Fuller
Captain, Ed Love
Engineer Paramedic, Darren Mayo
Firefighter Paramedic, Ryan Leslie
Firefighter Paramedic, Brett Palmer
Firefighter Paramedic, Kenneth Kaiser
Apprentice Firefighter, Tyler Thomas
Firefighter Paramedic, Robert Sinetos
Firefighter Paramedic, Matt Hodges

Special Presentation: The Chief held a special presentation for the promotional pinning of full-time Paramedic Firefighter Anthony Rydell. After passing all portions of his probation he is now a full-time member of the District. The promotional badge was presented and pinned by the employee's mother. The oath of office was administered by President Gibson to promoted Firefighter Paramedic Anthony Rydell. Chief Walder congratulated him for his accomplishment and dedication to the fire service.

Public Comment: Chief Walder asked the Board and public to hold a moment of silence in respect for the firefighters, law enforcement and civilians who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. A moment of silence was held.

Closed Session: None

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Adoption of the 2019/20 District Goals: Staff recommends discussion and action to establish the 2019/20 District Goals. The Board conducted a goal setting exercise in August during an open workshop before the August board meeting. The Board and staff developed goal statements for the forthcoming year as well as discussed the Strategic Plans Goals and Objectives that will merge with this process.

Director Grenfell made a motion to approve the 2019/20 District Goals. The motion received a second from Director Ryland. Carried

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

Fiscal Year 2019/20 Final Budget Adoption: Staff recommends discussion and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Final Budget. Chief Walder explained that the Board adopted the preliminary budget in June awaiting the final property tax estimates from the county. This final budget estimates total revenues of \$13.449 million with salaries estimated at 79.11% of the general budget, well within the budgeting principal of 80.25%. \$1.6 million will be spent from Capital Reserve accounts for the Station 18 project along with \$152,000 from the Capital expenditures general budget. Mitigation expenditures are anticipated at \$185,747. The projected property tax revenue has been increased by 4.89% from the prior fiscal year budgeted amount. Service and operations are at \$1.521 million with fixed asset spending at \$126,000. It was noted that the District currently carries three separate mitigation accounts due to the consolidation with Loomis Fire. Eventually the two prior held mitigation accounts will be fully expended. Chief Walder noted that CFAA revenues are not expected to be as high as in prior years and has budgeted \$355,000.

Director Ryland made a motion to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget. The motion received a second from Director Millward. Carried

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

Station 18 New Truck Room Planning Update: Chief recommends discussion on the progress made to this point with the planning for the Station 18 new truck room. Chief Walder offered a brief update on the progress of the Facilities Committee regarding this truck room project. The Facilities Committee have met with the architect and a new project plan is being suggested in phases. Phase 2 would include the station remodel while phase 1 would include adding a sprinkler system to the building. Current estimates are at \$2.2 million while the project has reserves of only

\$1.8 million. It was noted that both the Facilities Committee and Chief Walder are still reviewing the project at his time and will bring a completed plan to the Board for approval in the future.

Station 18 Cell Tower Lease Contract: Chief recommends discussion on the proposed cell phone tower lease changes initiated by American Tower for the tower located at Station 18. Chief Walder explained that he has put this offer on the back burner for the time being. He is consulting with financial consultants regarding the possibilities for the tower but will pass on the offer at this time. The Board also agreed with Chief Walder to pass on the purchase offer from American Tower.

NEW BUSINESS

CalPERS 2020/21 Contribution Rate Increases and Employer Payment of Unfunded Liability increases: Staff recommends discussion on the most recent Annual Valuation Reports received from CalPERS. The District has received the updated actuarial valuation of the four pension plans. For 2019/20, the lump sum prepayment of the Districts UAL payment was \$510,913 across all retirement plans. For 2020/21 the UAL payment covering all plans has increased to \$643,826. The increase is due to the reduction in discount rate from 7.5% to 7% currently phased in over 3 years along with the poor performance of CalPERS investments. This is an increase of \$132,893 in the UAL payment for next budget year.

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. Chief Walder 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 Mullin to approve Resolution No. 2 2019-2020 Dry Financing Request and seconded by Director Ryland. Carried

Roll Call:

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

Station 17 Cell Tower Lease Contract: Chief recommends discussion on the proposed cell phone tower lease changes initiated by T-Mobile for the tower located at Station 17 due to a recent merger consolidation. The District has been approached by T-Mobile to drop the lease payment on the tower located at Station 17 from \$1209 to \$800 per month and extend the lease to 2049. The current lease agreement ends in 2026. It is believed that the closest T-Mobile tower is at Auburn Folsom and Douglas. Chief Walder recommended keeping the current contract with no re-negotiations as he believes the tower is valuable. The board agreed to keep the current contract with T-Mobile as it stands.

National Fire Safe Council (NFSC): Chief Walder recommends discussion and approval to enter into an agreement with NFSC to help fund District prevention materials. NFSC is a business that works in cooperation with over 1100 fire agencies nationwide and are looking to expand their operations into California. Staff have reviewed their proposal and felt the program would be a

success in the District. The business solicits businesses for tax deductible donations to provide for purchases of fire prevention materials. The program could save the District the \$7000-9000 currently spent on these products and campaigning materials.

Director Millward made a motion to approve the contract to enter into agreement with NFSC. The motion received a second from Director Harris. Carried

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

Station 19 Memorial Plaque – Madelaine Kiliany: Chief Walder requests the Board to take action to formally approve the addition of Madelaine Kiliany to the Station 19 Memorial Plaque. Station 19 was dedicated as the South Placer Fire District’s Memorial Fire Station. It was intended to allow for future names to be added to the plaque that have had a positive impact on the community while servicing the District. On behalf of the District employees the Chief has submitted a written request to the Board to have Madelaine Kiliany’s name included on the plaque.

Director Mullin made a motion to approve the addition of Madelaine Kiliany to the Station 19 Memorial Plaque. The motion received a second from Director Grenfell. Carried

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

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Travel Time Response Maps: Chief recommends discussion of the travel time response maps for informational purposes only. Chief Barteo of Roseville Fire offered their GIS personnel assistance to provide the District with updated response maps. The maps show travel time from each of the District Station locations. Station 29 is always considered out of service in the provided maps. The data for the maps considers the ERSI data and includes standard traffic and road conditions. Director Mullin requested the Chief provide a mutual aid time response map as well for consideration at future board meetings.

Placer County Fire Service Issues: Chief Walder recommends discussion on the latest developments in Placer County Fire Service delivery system and consolidation efforts countywide. He reported that the Placer County Chiefs will be meeting tomorrow and the Regional response and the CRA will be discussed. Chief Walder recently met with Bickford developers yet their build out is 8 to 10 years away. Penryn Fire is working on a proposal although the land is serviced currently by Cal Fire. The Chief will bring any new developments regarding Bickford to the Board.

Correspondence: A thank you card was distributed from a recent station tour. A monthly statement for the month of July from PARS Trust reflecting the recent earnings to the OPEB account. A card of thanks received from both a medical call and a card from the Salvation Army of gratitude for the annual toy donation drive and support.

Chief’s Report:

- Placer County Type III Strike team deployed to the Redbank Incident in Red Bluff, then reassigned to the Lime Incident
- Automobile fire with extension to wildland off Cavitt Stallman with a quick response and extinguishment
- A boat fire on Folsom Lake was responded to under agreement with State Parks and BOR – crews did a great job. Ops looking into developing procedure for this type of response.
- Currently there are 14 Type III Strike Teams deployed from Region IV throughout California
- Attended the Auburn Station 3 Grand Opening on August 30th
- Attended a Chief's welcome luncheon held by CA Professional Firefighters for L522 Chiefs on Sept. 5th
- Attended a webinar from SCI regarding the proper care of Developer Impact Fees
- Attend the FAIRA Board meeting in San Francisco and noted that Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Training for Supervisors and non-supervisory employees need to be retaken due to changes caused by SB1343 or there will be increases in premiums and deductibles
- SCBA Grant equipment received - \$293,000 from Federal Government and had a District match of \$61,824
- Hose testing under way in District
- Engine Company Business Inspections in progress
- Two EMS Standby's at Del Oro High School Football games
- Soliciting applications for Rio Hondo Truck Academy for January 2020 class
- Auto extrication training currently being completed at Pick and Pull
- EMS Airway and I Gel Training
- Lexipol training with many new policies being released
- Atmospheric Gas Monitoring at all stations
- RT-Training Basic Shoring and Trailer orientation
- WT-17 blew a turbo and is waiting a replacement
- Six paramedics in backgrounds
- Two paramedics in Psych Evaluations
- Engineer Testing in application phase
- Upcoming Battalion Chief testing

Board/Staff Comments: None

Future Agenda Items: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 09, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros