

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 08, 2020

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, July 08, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. by President, Chris Gibson via teleconference connection <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/292361877>

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder
Deputy Chief, Karl Fowler
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros
Battalion Chief, Matt Feeley

Public Comment: None

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

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Authorization providing for the Collection of Special Tax Measure A for Fiscal Year 2020/21:
Staff recommends approval of the Resolution No. 1-2020/21 to request the collection of the Districts Special Tax, Measure A by Placer County. The special tax was passed with 69.2% of the ballots in 1980. The special tax is \$70 per residents, \$.05 per square foot of commercial property, and \$2.00 per acre for vacant land. There is no Consumer Price Index or Cost of Living adjustment to the original tax passed in 1980. Chief Walder explained that the Resolution for the collection of the tax did not make last month's board meeting.

Director Kelley made a motion to approve Resolution No 1-2020/21 providing for the collection of Special Tax Measure A for Fiscal Year 2020/21. The motion received a second from Director Ryland. Carried

Rollcall:

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

Fiscal Year 2020/21 Preliminary Budget Adoption: Staff recommends adoption of the Preliminary fiscal year 2020/21 budget. The Chief reviewed the changes from last month's presented budget. It was noted that the Finance Committee of the Board met and reviewed the preliminary budget. Estimated expenditures in this budget include a spending plan of \$15.3 million and estimated revenues of \$13.7 million therefore there is \$437,000 spending from reserves. General revenues are estimated at \$12.9 million with salaries and benefits accounting for \$10.384 million or 83.5% of the budget. Other spending categories have been significantly reduced in order to balance the budget. Service and operations expenditures are at \$1.5 million. Adopting the preliminary budget will give the District time to adjust for the final approval in September.

Director Ryland made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Preliminary Budget as presented in the board packet. The motion received a second from Director Harris. Carried

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

Station 18 New Truck Room Update: Chief Walder recommends discussion on the progress made on the new truck room project. Chief Walder reported that the project has gone to the Loomis Planning Council for approval of the design. Some concerns were presented at the meeting such as the change in engines exiting the back of the station and the tearing down of the training house. The council voted 4 to 1 to approve the project. Chief Walder did offer the home for free in an as is no cost to the district offer to those that could move it from the lot but noted that the home presently has asbestos and could present additional risks. The Station 18 project is currently on hold until the full ramifications of the pandemic become apparent.

NEW BUSINESS

Hazardous Vegetation Enforcement MOU: Staff recommends discussion and action to authorize the Chief to enter into the MOU agreement with Placer County. In April 2020 Placer County adopted an ordinance that authorized the Chiefs of Fire Districts within the County to enforce the standards of the Hazardous Vegetation and Combustible Material Abatement Ordinance. The County requests that the District finalize and memorialize their roles in the enforcement of the ordinance by entering into a memorandum of understanding. This ordinance gives the District a tool to get compliance from property owners in the district boundaries. Violators could be billed by the County after a complaint is inspected and not corrected by the homeowner.

Director Grenfell made a motion to authorize Chief Walder to enter into the MOU agreement with Placer county over hazardous vegetation enforcement. The motion received a second from Director Mullin. Carried

Rollcall:

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

Contract with Sac Metro Fire District for Helicopter and Dozer Response: Chief recommends action to authorize approval of contract with Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District for helicopter and dozer response on emergency incidents. South Placer Fire District is responsible for all Local Responsibility Areas (LRA). The contract with Sacramento Metro would provide helicopter and dozer response when needed within the LRA if the resource is available. The District has used both the helicopter and the dozer on multiple occasions in the past. The cost for the contract is \$10,000 per fiscal year. Director Harris made a motion to authorize Chief Walder to approve the contract with Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. The motion received a second from Director Kelley.

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

Placer County Auditor-Controller Services Agreement: Staff recommends discussion and action to approve the proposed agreement with Placer County Auditor Controller. The Placer County Auditor Controllers office has been providing professional services to the District under a pay as we go process. These services include general accounting, accounts payable, payroll, workday connectivity and recording the Districts adopted budget. The Auditor Controller is proposing that the scope of services be outlined in an agreement the spell out both parties' responsibilities and identifies the annual cost and billing for those services rendered. Director Kelley made a motion to approve the proposed agreement with the Placer County Auditor Controller. The motion received a second from Director Grenfell.

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

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Covid-19 Update: Chief recommends updating the Board on the status of the current pandemic and the District's response and preparations. Chief Walder began that he is monitoring the pandemic daily. He noted that the County has seen alarming increases in hospitalizations and a 68% increase in cases in the last few days. Due to the increase in cases officials are preparing to be moved to the State's County Watchlist soon.

Placer County Fire Service Issues: Chief Walder recommends discussion on the latest developments in Placer County Fire Service delivery system and consolidation efforts countywide. It was noted that very little interagency training has occurred due to the current pandemic. State workers have received a 10% pay cut and pay raises have been frozen in many cities and counties. The housing market appears to be holding with a 6% increase in sales value for the District jurisdiction. Rocklin is still without a Fire Chief with the top three turning down the position. Placer Hills Fire Chief has resigned and Chief Gow may return for the interim.

Correspondence: A monthly statement for the month of May from PARS Trust reflecting the recent activity to the OPEB account, a card of thanks from the Hermance family, certificates of completion for Business Manager Medeiros for the Loomis Leadership program, and a letter confirming services for the annual financial audit from the offices of Robert Johnson.

Chief's Report:

- EMS Calls have returned to normal with 201 EMS responses, and many significant calls for trauma, CPRs, vehicle accidents.

- 13 wildland responses since last months meeting with 6 being significant fires with potential for major losses
- Still 11% behind in call volume
- A break-in occurred at Station 19 on July 6 early morning
- 6/12 a Public Safety Advisor Council meeting occurred with Assemblyman Kevin Kiley
- 6/15 Firescope Ops Meeting
- 6/15 FAIRA Board Meeting
- 6/16 NEU Cal Fire Cooperators Meeting
- 6/18 Sacramento County Chiefs Meeting
- Presented at the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy on June 25
- Presented at the virtual State of the Town of Loomis along with the Town Mayor, Sheriff's Office, and Placer County Public Health – a write up for the event was in the Loomis News
- Engineer written test Friday 7/17 with multiple test times to maintain Covid 19 precautions-15 candidates
- Firefighter Paramedic testing again soon
- Captains test in formulation
- Training has occurred for probationary training, limited truck training, and wildland deployment training
- Yearly SB198 station inspections have been completed
- Door repairs at Station 15 due to the cable snapping are being estimated at \$4000
- Assisted with the Hook and Ladder Company Drive-Thru pancake breakfast event on 7/4
- Station 19 at the 4th of July event at Walden Woods Parade with Covid 19 precautions during the event

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: Director Kelley complimented Chief Walder for his handling of the public comments during the State of the Town of Loomis meeting.

Future Agenda Items: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

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