

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
August 05, 2020

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors Special Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, August 05, 2020 at 7:04 p.m. by President, Chris Gibson via teleconference connection <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/318401245>.

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder  
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros  
Deputy Chief, Karl Fowler  
Battalion Chief, Jason Brooks  
Battalion Chief, Matt Feeley  
Captain Paramedic, Kelly Moretti  
Captain Paramedic, Matt VanVoldinburg

Public Comment: None

New Business:

- A. Penryn Fire District Request for Service Proposal: The Chief recommends discussion and Board direction and input on moving forward with preparing an Administrative/Operational Service Proposal for Penryn Fire District or declining to submit a proposal. Chief Walder began that in 2015/16 a District Goal was to explore all administrative contracts and consolidating opportunities. The Penryn Fire District is losing their Fire Chief, Chief Higgins, after 30 years of service to Penryn. Chief Higgins has accepted a position at CalOES effective August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Penryn Fire has submitted a request for proposal to both Cal Fire and South Placer Fire for Administrative services. Chief Walder continued that he would like to discuss with the Board before preparing and researching the matter. He noted that opportunities like these do not come around often and the District could consider helping our neighboring agency in the short term with a possible longer-term proposal in the future. At this time it is too early to talk or consider a consolidation. Only after a contract is successful for some time with Penryn

could a discussion be made for consolidation. Chief Walder expressed that he is ready to take on additional duties with the hope for additional short- and long-term opportunities for the South Placer Fire District. An administrative contract would begin at a one-year term initially. He continued that Chief Higgins did all administrative functions for Penryn and any new workload would need to be evaluated by office staff. Director Ryland recommended the Board approve Chief Walder to put together a proposal for services as it has worked out well in the past and could help out a struggling District. Director Gibson agreed that the Board should entertain the idea. Director Millward made a motion to authorize Chief Walder to create a proposal to bring to the August board meeting for action and approval. Director Mullin made a second to the motion. SAFF 522 President Chris Andrew expressed concern to the Board for the rushed timeline with little opportunities for additional communications with the bargaining unit. Shop Steward Matt VanVoldinburg expressed that the unit felt there was an additional burden on administration and would be counter production to our progress from the strategic plan. Chief Walder replied that he was fully aware of the District's priorities and noted that this was an Administrative Contract only and should not be impacting the District's operations. He continued that he would meet with SAFF 522 representative after this meeting to discuss the proposal should the board authorize the proposal to move forward. President Gibson asked the board to vote via roll call on the issue.

Rollcall:

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Medeiros". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Medeiros  
Board Secretary