

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2021

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. by President, Gary Grenfell.

Present:

Gary Grenfell, President
Chris Gibson, Vice President
Ken Musso, Director
Terri Ryland, Director
Dan Bajtos, Director

Absent:

Sean Mullin, Clerk
Mike Johnson, Director

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Mark Duerr
Fire Chief, Karl Fowler
Division Chief, Jeff Ingolia
Battalion Chief, Darren McMillin
Captain Paramedic, Donavon Gray
Captain, Tracey Kincheloe
Engineer Paramedic, Martin Ridgeway
Firefighter Paramedic, Kevin Cooney

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: Director Ryland made a motion to approve the items for the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Gibson.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Musso, Grenfell, Gibson, Ryland, Bajtos Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Johnson, Mullin
Carried

Closed Session Report: President Grenfell reported that a closed session meeting had occurred prior to the regular meeting to discuss a potential exposure to litigation. He noted that instruction has been given to Chief Duerr to move forward.

OLD BUSINESS

Station 18 New Truck Room Update: Staff recommends discussion on the proposed project and progress made to date. Chief Duerr began that the construction is delayed currently by PG&E but should begin in November as they need to pull the meter off the house. Due to the delay, repairs to the sinkholes will occur first once the contractor has enough labor to begin the project. Director Musso expressed concern at the vehicles that were parked at the property and Chief Duerr assured him that it would be looked into.

Employee Retention: Staff recommends discussion on current issues facing the District involving employee retention. Chief Duerr began that one firefighter has resigned to begin working at a bay area

agency. The hiring process for Firefighter Paramedic will be in late November with 7-9 candidates. Testing for Deputy Chief is complete and Battalion Chief is about to begin. There is one candidate on the current Captain hiring list should a vacancy occur.

NEW BUSINESS

Assessment Survey Update: Staff recommends a presentation and discussion about the assessment survey. Chief Duerr began that he wanted to touch base with the public and the board. A survey was sent to the community in Division 2 of Granite Bay to explore a funding solution for the District to assess the feasibility analysis of a new source of revenue. The survey presented two different amounts to test the tolerance of the assessment. He continued that the need for additional revenue is due to a disparity of salary and benefits to comparable agencies due to the static \$70 assessment done in 1984 with no inflationary factor. The survey is due October 30 and the next step will be for the consultants at SCI to conduct analysis to be presented at the next Board meeting. At that point the Board will decide if there is support for the measure and how to proceed. Members of the public stepped forward and asked for clarification on several items: the differing amount in the surveys, misleading information on the fact sheet, the high overtime costs in the District, and what the new tax would be spent on specifically. Chief Duerr responded that the intent of the survey was to be sent cold to gauge interest in support for a tax measure. Director Ryland added that it was interesting to see such a large response and added that any tax measure would be clear about any new tax in addition to the current tax being assessed.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

FAIRA Meeting 2021 Update: Staff recommends a report from Director Musso on the events of the recent FAIRA board meeting. Director Musso began that he recently attended the FAIRA board meeting in Southern California to discuss the upcoming items for the general liability insurance carrier for the District. He explained that insurance rates are increasing with many carriers simply raising the deductibles on the contracts. It was explained that Sac Metro Fire was applying to join FAIRA and may be accepted although their risk as a large agency is still being determined. He noted that residential burning was not allowed in Southern California and expects that insurance companies may try to stop all residential burning in Northern California as well. A survey will be going out to all Districts to ascertain each agency's risk.

Covid-19 Update: Chief recommends updating the Board on the status of the current pandemic and the District's response and preparations. Chief noted that the numbers are trending down with 35,242 total cases – only 40 new cases a .1% increase. New deaths in the county are at 8 – a 2% increase and ICU bed patients are at 99 with 14 available.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP): Staff recommends update and discussion on the Placer County 2021 LHMP. This is the five year review and revision to the plan being prepared at the County level to refine the existing plan identifying local hazards and the District's mitigation plans. By being part of the process the District is now eligible for future federal disaster mitigation funding above and beyond what is available to jurisdictions that did not participate in the process. The LHMP for South Placer is 41 pages, while the overall plan is more than 2400 pages. At the next meeting a resolution to adopt the LHMP will be on the agenda.

Granite Bay Development Overview: Staff recommends discussion and information on the current and upcoming development in Division 2 (Granite Bay). The Granite Bay Mac provided information on the new development in the District. The power point presentation of the GB Mac was reviewed. 358

new residual developments under construction, 105 approved unbuilt, 355 units approved for care home/assisted living, and 16 pre-development projects underway.

Correspondence: A recent PARS statement for the month of August and many cards of appreciation from students at the John Adams Academy of Roseville were distributed.

Chief's Report:

- October 12 Placer County Board of Supervisors approved and finalized the Impact Fee increase of 5.7% to the impact fees for new construction and included an auto increase for future CPI increases every July without a need for Town or County approval.
- Covid relief reimbursement submitted to the CA Dept. of Finance for \$165,000 to offset costs for Supplemental sick leave, backfill for Supplemental sick leave, PPE purchases
- Commercial structure fire at Tree lake Village with sprinkler system containing it
- FAIRA completed their 5 year facility visit and took pictures of our properties
- FASIS site visit today for a policy audit – report out at the end of the week
- Fire season ending with the rain coming – operations to change to winter responses and looking at flooding opportunities
- Costco Loomis project halted after a lawsuit with the City of Rocklin - the court ruling expected soon for Loomis with construction to commence thereafter
- Run Statistics and responses: September 365 responses (253 ems, 15 fires, 3 hazardous conditions, 15 false alarms, 27 service calls, 45 good intent calls). Call volume increased 50 calls the past month versus the prior year. In the 3rd Quarter, EMS has 711 calls, fire 45, false alarms 53, service calls 86, good intent 154, and overpressure/ruptures 16.
- St. 18 attended the Harvest Festival at Loomis Grammar School and the Loomis Eggplant Festival

Functions: Every 15 minutes for Granite Bay High Nov. 17, Elks Lodge Safety Award to Capt. Doug Phillips for his service on Nov. 19

Board/Staff Comments: Chief Fowler clarified that both Loomis and Granite Bay homeowners pay equal property taxes on their assessed values - but the District allocation from those property taxes between the two Divisions is very different because of the AB8 rates.

Future Agenda Items: none

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros