

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 13th, 2022

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 13th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by President Gary Grenfell.

Present:

Gary Grenfell, President
Dan Bajtos, Vice President
Sean Mullin, Clerk
Ken Musso, Director
Mike Johnson, Director
Chris Gibson, Director

Absent:

Terri Ryland, Director

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Mark Duerr
Division Chief, Jeff Ingolia
Division Chief, James Magnuson
Battalion Chief Matt Van Voltinburg
Captains, Shawn Cline, Tracey Kincheloe, Mark Robertson, Donavon Gray, Joe Stephens
Engineers, Jonathan Crull, Martin Ridgeway, Darrin Mayo
Firefighter Paramedics, Taylor Bromley, Kevin Cooney, Jack Mascarinas

Public Comment: None

Report from Closed Session: The board met in closed session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss possible litigation. President Grenfell reported that no action was taken.

Consent Agenda: Director Gibson made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Vice President Bajtos.

Rollcall:

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

Absent: Ryland

Carried

Special Presentation: Chief Duerr introduced newly hired Division Chief James Magnuson who was pinned with his official badge by his wife Janon, and newly promoted Battalion Chief Matt Van Voltinburg who was pinned by friend and retired Fire Captain Pat Ellingford.

OLD BUSINESS

Station 18 New Truck Room Update: Staff recommends discussion on the proposed project and progress made to date. Chief Duerr began that work on the wall has been stalled by PG&E. Chief Ingolia further explained that a PG&E line runs between the wall and the neighboring property. Chief Duerr recommended that the project be paused. With PG&E rates increasing, Chief Duerr also recommended that the District look into installing solar at the stations. He would like to bring a proposal for solar to the May board meeting.

Employee Retention: Staff recommends discussion on current issues facing the District involving employee retention. Chief Duerr reported that there are currently three Firefighter vacancies and one Engineer vacancy. Engineer interviews will occur next week. Apprentice Firefighter, Captain and Battalion Chief positions are all filled.

Motor Vehicle Accident Cost Recovery Resolution: Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution for the Motor Vehicle Accident Cost Recovery services agreement. Chief Duerr reported that a signed resolution is needed to accompany the services agreement with Fire Recovery USA that was approved at the March Board meeting. Director Gibson made a motion to approve the Resolution Establishing and Implementing a Program to Charge Mitigation Rates for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Fire Department for Services Provided/Rendered by/for the South Placer Fire District. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

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

Absent: Ryland

Carried

NFPA 1582 Compliant District Physicals: Staff recommends further discussion and approval to implement National Fire Protection Association 1582 physicals. Chief Duerr reported that policies have been updated and that physicals are tentatively scheduled for May. No action was taken by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Proposition 218 Assessment Ballot Proceedings Procedures Resolution: Chief recommends discussion and adoption of a Resolution for Proposition 218 Assessment proceedings. Chief Duerr introduced Sonia Ortega, of SCI Consulting Group, Inc.. Also introduced was John Bliss, Engineer, from SCI. Ms. Ortega explained that there are two resolutions on the agenda. The first resolution adopts procedures for the ballot process and formation of the assessment district. The second resolution preliminarily adopts the Engineer's Report and authorizes moving forward with the ballot process. She also spoke about the methodology involved in preparing the Engineer's Report which establishes a single family equivalency (SFE) rate of \$214.16.

If authorized, ballots will be mailed on April 20, 2022. Two town hall meetings, plus a series of open houses, are scheduled over the next several weeks. Ballots will be tabulated at a public

hearing on June 8 and results announced at a continuation of the public hearing on July 13. Ms. Ortega answered questions from the Board and the public.

Director Johnson made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting Proposition 218 Assessment Ballot Proceedings Procedures. Director Musso seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

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

Adoption of Resolution Preliminarily Approving Engineer's Report and Initiating Ballot Proceedings: Chief recommends discussion and adoption of a Resolution initiating the proceedings for the formation of a fire protection and emergency response services assessment district pursuant to Govt. Code Sections 50078-50078.20 and Cal. Const. Art. XIID to provide improved fire protection and fire suppression services for all the properties within the boundaries of the assessment district.

Director Johnson made a motion to approve the Resolution Initiating Proceedings, Providing Intention to Levy Assessments, Preliminarily Approving Engineer's Report, and Providing for Notice of Hearing and the Mailing of Assessment Ballots for the South Placer Fire Protection District of Placer County, Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment. Vice President Bajtos seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

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

Budget Amendment for Seek Thermal Imaging Cameras: Chief recommends discussion and Board action to amend the 2021/22 budget to include the purchase of Seek Thermal Imaging Cameras. Chief Duerr explained that the District has received an Urban Areas Security Initiative Program grant that will reimburse the cost of \$11,289 for 18 new Seek thermal imaging cameras. The proposed budget amendment increases the line item for grant revenue and adds an expense line item for the purchase of the cameras as a consolidated mitigation expense.

Director Mullin made a motion to amend the budget as proposed. Director Gibson seconded the motion. Director Musso stepped out of the room for a few minutes while this item was before the Board and was absent for the vote.

Rollcall:

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

FASIS Board Member Election: Staff recommends discussion and Board action to elect up to three (3) candidates for the 2022 FASIS Board of Directors. Chief Duerr reported that there were four candidates on the FASIS ballot. After a brief discussion, the Board took no action to vote the ballot.

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 Duerr reported that in Placer County COVID cases are currently at a record low. Pending any future outbreaks or increase in cases, the COVID-19 update will be removed as a monthly agenda item.

FAIRA Update: Director Musso to provide an update on the recent FAIRA meeting. Director Musso reported that FAIRA is evaluating admitting Sac Metro Fire as a member of FAIRA. New rates are being assessed, a new CPA has been hired, and they are working with a new bank.

Correspondence: The PARS fund account statement for the month of February; letter from Placer County LAFCO seeking nominations for Special District representative; letter of thanks from Stockton Fire Department for help in staffing their firehouses following the death of Fire Captain Max Fortuna; e-mail from Steve Schiber of Development, Inc., commending South Placer Fire's prevention staff.

Chief's Report:

- Memorial for Trent Jennings will be held on April 19
- Chief Magnuson has been in touch with Wittman Enterprises to review our ambulance billing procedure. Wittman "sang the praises" of Captain Donavon Gray for changes to the reporting process that have made billing easier.
- Firefighter Appreciation Night is scheduled for November 18.
- Memorial plaques for Chief Tony Corado have been placed on the water tender and at Station 19.
- 298 calls in March.

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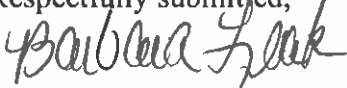
- Town Hall meetings are scheduled for April 19 and May 6.
- Open houses are scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 30 at Station 15, May 7 at Station 16, May 14 at Station 17, May 21 at Station 19, June 4 at Station 20, and June 11 at Station 18. Chief Duerr asked board members to let him know which dates they will be attending.

Board/Staff Comments: Director Mullin thanked the District for a recent response to his house.

Future Agenda Items: May agenda, proposals for solar installation. Options for other possible station upgrade projects to be agendaized after June or July.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Leak
Recording Secretary, pro-tem