

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2023

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 6:01 p.m. by Vice-President, Chris Gibson.

Present:

Chris Gibson, Vice President
Ken Musso, Clerk
Gary Grenfell, Director
Mike Johnson, Director
Tracy Randall, Director
Dan Bajtos, Director

Absent:

Terri Ryland, President

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Mark Duerr	Deputy Chief, Matt Feeley
Division Chief, Jeff Ingolia	Division Chief, James Magnuson
Battalion Chief Paramedic, Matt VanVoltingburg	Engineer Paramedic, Kenneth Kaiser
Engineer Paramedic, Pat Patterson	Captain, Joshua Green
Firefighter Paramedic, Dustin Ogden	Captain, Sean Fuller
Engineer Paramedic, Tyler Duncan	Captain, Joe Stephens

Public Comment: Member of the public, Diane Will, expressed her concerns to the Board regarding the matter of separate accounting for the two Divisions of the District. She reported to the Board that her research shows 93% of all Loomis Division 1 costs are allocated to Granite Bay Division 2 and that the consolidation was not revenue neutral.

6:05 p.m. Adjourn to Closed Session: The Board of Directors adjourned to a closed session meeting for the following purposes: (A) Real Property Transactions Govt. Code § 54956.8- 6900 Eureka Road Granite Bay; 3664 Magnolia Ave. Loomis; Horseshoe Bar Rd. at Tudsbury Rd. L (B) Anticipated Litigation (Conference with legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9 (1 case)

6:38 p.m. Return from Closed Session

Closed Session Report: Vice President Gibson reported that the Board had returned from closed session with no action to report at this time.

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

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

Public Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS

District Wide Photovoltaic Solar Electric Project: Staff recommends an update on the District-wide solar project. Chief Duerr began that the project is continuing to progress towards completion. The

project is currently awaiting PG&E for net metering. NEM 2.0 met the timeline for all stations and agreements are in place. Station 17 was completed in 1.5 weeks and the next station should begin construction in two weeks.

South Placer Fire District Policy Updates: Staff recommends review and approval of the proposed policy updates. Chief Duerr reported these policies were presented at last month's meeting for review and are now presented for approval. It was noted that the recommended changes from the Board to the Station 19 memorial were put into place. Director Grenfell made a motion to approve the proposed policies. Director Musso made a second to the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2023-24 Board Goal Setting Workshop: Staff recommends setting a date to conduct the 2023/24 Board Goals Workshop. Chief Duerr explained that the Board meets annually every August to engage in an annual goal setting process. He recommends the meeting be held prior to the regular session meeting on August 9th. After discussion, the Board agreed for the Board Goal Setting Workshop to occur on August 9th at 6 p.m. with the regular session of the Board meeting held directly thereafter.

Placer County Grand Jury Report- South Placer Fire District: Fiscal Challenges and Station Closures: Staff recommends discussion and direction to respond to the 2022/23 Grand Jury Report. The Grand Jury is an investigative body with the authority to act as a watchdog on local government, investigate citizen complaints, and assist in criminal matters at the District Attorney's request. The Grand Jury composed of 19 local community members reviewed the fiscal challenges and station closures of the District and then issued a final report on its findings and recommendations. Governing bodies of public agencies must respond within 90 days. The following year the Grand Jury will publish the responses to the final report. The Grand Jury had four findings: insufficient revenue streams, Division 2 parcel assessment is insufficient, constituents unaware of the District's performance along with operating needs, and budget shortfalls require justification for reorganization. The Grand Jury has four recommendations: Other revenue sources be explored, Division 2 reintroduce a special assessment ballot measure, increase constituents' awareness of District performance and operating costs, District and LAFCO reorganize and consolidate with neighboring districts. Chief Duerr stated that the Board is under no legal requirement to act upon the Grand Jury recommendations, the only legal requirement is to respond. The Board is required to respond by October 1st, 2023. Chief Duerr noted that the Board has already addressed most of these findings and recommendations. At this time, he suggested that District legal counsel draft a response to the requests from the Grand Jury and return the draft to the Board for approval in September. Chief Duerr expressed concern that special tax law requirements are under review, and he is currently monitoring the situation in the legislature. In addition, the municipal services review is still in process. The Board directed Chief Duerr to draft a response for review to be presented in the September Board meeting for further direction from the Board.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

District Operational Update: Staff recommends a discussion about District operations after recent changes. Chief Duerr began that call volume for June was 330 calls, up 9 calls from last year and up from 2020. Call volume is up for the District with 66% for rescues/medical, falls 13%, service calls 29%. Medic 16 and Engine 17 is the busiest units. Station 17 and 18 with the most call volume by station. There were 14 fire responses in June. Improved turn out and travel times with an averaging of 8:08. EMS responses met with 98% compliance.

Correspondence: One PARS financial statement for the month of May.

Chief's Report:

- Wildland fires: Cavitt Stallman and Indian Springs
- Two new hires for Apprentice Firefighter
- Station 18 open house 6/24
- Firefighter for A Day postponed.
- A new challenge coin created for field saves.
- 6 Wildfire preparedness Presentations
- District emails created for all Board members.
- Fire Prevention department: Total permits up, square footage up, fee revenue up, new starts up. Residential fees \$331,000 for 22/23. Commercial up 687% in square feet and total permits
- Overtime: 46% generated by openings, 11% miscellaneous. Total hours down from last year
- Volunteer vs. mandatory overtime hours down from last year. Volunteer Overtime 76% mandatory is 24%
- Overtime totals averaging \$50,000-60,000 per pay period.
- Sick leave down for 2023, overtime overall down from last year

Labor Report: Engineer Pat Patterson reported that the SAFF 522 unit has been overwhelmed with policy updates and would like to streamline the reviews and adoptions of policies. Retention is still an issue; we are losing many employees to neighboring agencies. He noted that hiring Apprentice Firefighters was a great plan. He stated that the Grand Jury report gave the unit uncertainty, and the findings were considered detrimental towards recruitment. He continued there were seven upcoming vacancies, and he would like to work toward solutions.

Functions: August 1st National Night Out, September 22nd Annual Firefighters Awards Dinner, September 30 Open House at Station 20

Board/Staff Comments: none

Committee Reports: Director Musso reported that he attended the FAIRA board meeting in June. There were two open board positions filled by Sac Metro and Waterloo Morada. Sac Metro has joined FAIRA resulting in the lowering of rate increases from 30% to 17%. Cyber training is also available through FAIRA as well as obtaining a cyber rating for the District. Director Johnson reported that the PAC Committee met with Suzanne Jones and is working together for future collaborations. A meeting is scheduled as well with Joe Patterson and Jim Holmes for next month.

Future Agenda Items: none

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros