



# SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE

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## SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 22, 2021 | 1:00 P.M.

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### MINUTES

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#### Members

Jason Shanley	District 1 – Seat 1
Suzann Leininger	District 5 – Seat 2, Vice Chair ( <b>ABSENT</b> )
Clifford Kellogg	District 5 – Seat 3
David Sossaman	District 2 – Seat 4 ( <b>ABSENT</b> )
Dan Summers	District 2 – Seat 5
Randy Lyle	District 2 – Seat 6
Benjamin Tulloch	District 2 – Seat 7, Chair

#### Guests

None

#### County Staff

Jeff Collins	County Fire, Assistant Director
Chief Dave Nissen	County Fire, TEP
Geoff Pemberton	County Fire, Deputy Chief CAL Fire
Andy Parr	County Fire, EMS Administrator
Adria Cavanaugh	County Fire, EMS Program Coordinator
Jessica Martinez	County Fire, Program Coordinator
Nicole del Toro	County Fire, EMS Administrative Secretary



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- I. CALL TO ORDER at 1:00 p.m.
  - A. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - B. Roll Call.
  - C. A quorum was declared present with one (2) absences and five (5) members in attendance.
  - D. Introductions were made.

- II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION  
There was no public communication.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 (VOTE)

**ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Shanley, the Advisory Board approved the Minutes of September 27, 2021.**

**AYES: 5      NAYS: 0      ABSTENT: 2**

- IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

- A. Fire Chief's Report  
(Geoff Pemberton covering for Chief Mecham)
  1. The September and October 2021 Fire Chief's Reports were provided and presented which covered a summary of organizational highlights, a review of bureau reports and community performance data.
  2. Continue to work on the fuel reduction project.
  3. Added paramedics to the rescue helicopter and continue to see an increase in southern border rescues at all hours of the day.
  4. Herman Reddick retired in October. No replacement yet; Jeff Collins temporarily filling the position.  
(Jeff Collins)
    1. Ramona water district and the potential for a consolidation of fire services within Ramona transferring over to the County Fire Protection District. There is an opportunity for County Fire to expand and make some improvements.

- V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Agricultural pass program to assist with access to farmlands during a disaster
  - o Member Tullock held off on contacting folks in Santa Barbara to first see where we (San Diego County) are at in the process after Governor Newsom signing AB 1103.
  - o Member Kellogg contacted Supervisor Desmond's office and received a response that as soon as their staff have more information, they will reach out.
  - o The California Cattlemen's Association is hosting a seminar in Reno, NV in December that will be an introductory program.
  - o CAL Fire reached out to Santa Barbara County; they put together material based around AB 1103. CAL Fire also reached out to Butte County, who is very similar in program.
  - o The County of San Diego has a countywide Evacuation Subcommittee which includes



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County OES and the County Sheriff. This really falls under the law enforcement side to grant that permission.

### ACTIONS:

- 1) CAL Fire/County Fire will talk with Supervisor Desmond’s office.
- 2) Chief Dave Nissen will take this to the countywide Evacuation Subcommittee and will ensure that County OES and County Sheriff are on the same page. CAL Fire and County Fire will be there helping lead the way.
- 3) Chief Dave Nissen recommends taking this through Community Risk Reduction in regards to what the training curriculum will look like, pass it on to the Evacuation Subcommittee, then bring it back to this subcommittee where a letter can be drafted to the Board of Supervisors to see if they are interested in having discussion.
- 4) This item will be kept on the agenda.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Advisory Board Statements

1. CAL FIRE prevention grant - \$5,221,043 for furthering evacuation readiness, strategically reducing fuels, and increasing defensible space inspections.

**ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board approved the CAL FIRE prevention grant.**

**AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTENT: 2**

2. Home Hardening grant - \$247,059 for the initial work on the Home Hardening project.

**ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Shanley, to defer a vote on the Home Hardening grant. Member Lyle amended his motion to vote in support of the \$247k and hold on voting for the \$25 million on the condition that it come back with more information and for final consideration. Member Shanley seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTENT: 2**

3. Donation for roadside fire retardant - \$50,000 to fund the purchase of long-term fire retardant for application in high fire risk areas.

**ON MOTION of Member Shanley, seconded by Member Kellogg, the Advisory Board approved the donation for roadside fire retardant.**

**AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTENT: 2**

4. CERT donation - \$7,000 donation from the Burn Institute to support the CERT program.

**ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board approved the CERT donation.**

**AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTENT: 2**



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## VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Action Item:
  - Expansion of Highway 67 – to draft letter to Board of Directors for Fire Protection District (County of San Diego Board of Supervisors)
  - Elect new Vice-Chair to replace Suzanne Leininger.
- Plaque for Suzanne Leininger.
- Informational item:
  - How the redistricting will affect this Advisory Board (discussion/clarification/direction).

## VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next Fire Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 271 at the San Diego County Fire Office – 5510 Overland Ave, Suite 250, San Diego CA 92123 (County Operations Center).

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Advisory Board adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

NOTE: These Minutes set forth all action taken by the Advisory Board on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

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