



SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 18, 2022 | 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Members

Jason Shanley	District 1 – Seat 1
VACANT	District 5 – Seat 2
Clifford Kellogg	District 5 – Seat 3, Vice Chair (ABSENT)
VACANT	District 2 – Seat 4
Dan Summers	District 2 – Seat 5
Randy Lyle	District 2 – Seat 6
Benjamin Tulloch	District 2 – Seat 7, Chair

Guests

Suzann Leininger

County Staff

Tony Mecham	CAL FIRE/Chief
Jeff Collins	County Fire/Director
Marc Regier	County Fire/Assistant Director
Jason Malneritch	CAL FIRE/Deputy Chief
Rick Johnson	CAL FIRE/Division Chief
Andy Parr	County Fire/EMS Administrator
Nicole del Toro	County Fire/EMS Admin 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 was taken.
 - C. A quorum was declared present with one (1) absence and three (4) members in attendance.
 - D. Introductions were skipped.
 - E. Plaque for Suzann Leininger. Suzann was in attendance to receive her plaque. She was thanked for all her service to the Fire Advisory Board.
- II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
There was no public communication.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022 (VOTE)

ON MOTION of Member Summers, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board approved the Minutes of February 28, 2022.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

- IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT
 - A. Fire Chief's Report (Chief Tony Mecham)
 1. The February 2022 Fire Chief's Reports were provided which covered a summary of organizational highlights, a review of bureau reports and community performance data.
 2. Call volume continues to steadily rise.
 3. There is a lot of activity along border region. Anticipate will increase in May.
 4. Ramona Water District transitioning into County Fire. Last month they purchased the additional ambulance. Upgraded staffing March 21. A meeting was held to discuss final transition plan. On track to be at LAFCO in June; will record it in August. Current acting General Manager for Ramona will resign in June. CAL FIRE and County Fire will ensure loose ends are tied up before they bring in a new General Manager.
 5. Community Group in Borrego that is evaluating their fire district. Chief Mecham will attend their community meeting.
 6. Received augmentation funding to CAL FIRE. The old Denver C Fox camp has been funded as a paid fire fighter one hand crew. Will start staffing fire crews at Fox Fire Center.
 7. Challenges – effects of supply chain issues across the board; medication shortages; ability to hire personnel. Due to the shutdown of paramedic programs during COVID, facing an industry wide critical shortage of paramedics.
 8. Winter maintenance completed on fleet.
 9. Facilities – Mount Laguna grand opening May 4; wrapping up at Palomar Mountain and Sunshine Summit; on target to start construction at new Otay Mesa Fire Station in July.
 10. Working to get third ambulance staffed; and cross staffing.

(Jeff Collins)

1. With the addition of County EMS, looking at new office space at the COC campus. Anticipate



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in June.

- 2. The following items will go to the Board of Supervisors in one week:
 - a. Replacement of single type 2 helicopters with dual engines to fight fires at night
 - b. Roadside Vegetation Management
 - c. Helicopter MOU with SDG&E

(Jason Malneritch)

- 1. An update was provided on operations and staffing.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Agricultural Pass Program to assist with access to farmlands during a disaster – update on internal working group
 - o County Fire will take the leadership role by bringing all the parties together. The Board direction was to work with Agriculture Weights and Measures, Sheriff’s Department, CHP, CAL Fire, Animal Services, Office of Emergency Services, and all outside stakeholders. Met with all county departments to lay out the objectives for completion. Next step to meet with outside stakeholders. To return to the Board of supervisors in 180 days; targeting in August or September. Member Tulloch requested to be kept in the loop with external stakeholder meeting dates/information.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Formation of Ramona Subcommittee to Consider Cases Regarding Service Levels within Ramona and Request for Appointment of Members – Effective Upon Ramona’s Divestiture of Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Member Summers is interested in being part of the planning group.

ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Shanley, the Advisory Board voted to form the Ramona Subcommittee.

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- B. Fire Protection District Ambulance Transport Fees – Pending Board of Supervisors action to establish a fee in the Fire Protection District service area

ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Summers, the Advisory Board voted to support the Fire Protection District Ambulance Transport Fees.

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- C. County of San Diego Contract with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) – Pending Board of Supervisors action to authorize a single source procurement to maintain and expand services in the Fire Protection District

ON MOTION of Member Shanley, seconded by Member Summers, the Advisory Board voted to support the new contract.



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D. Cal Fire San Diego Headquarters Tour

A tour of the Cal Fire San Diego Headquarters was given to the Fire Advisory Board members by Chief Mecham.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. NEXT MEETING

Due to upcoming conflicts, a revision was made to the next meeting date originally set for May 9, 2022.

The next Fire Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, **May 16**, 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 2:00 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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