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SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 16, 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

County Staff

Tony Mecham	CAL FIRE/Chief
Jeff Collins	County Fire/Director
Marc Regier	County Fire/Assistant Director
Bob Spanbauer	County Fire/Chief
Royce Abalos	County Fire/Admin Analyst
Kat Anady	County Fire/Admin Analyst
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 four (4) members in attendance.
 - D. Introductions were skipped.

- II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
There was no public communication.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2022 (VOTE)

ON MOTION of Member Summers, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board approved the Minutes of April 18, 2022.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

- IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

- A. Fire Chief's Report (Chief Tony Mecham)
 - 1. The April 2022 Fire Chief's Reports were provided which covered a summary of organizational highlights, a review of bureau reports and community performance data.
 - 2. Waiting to hear back from ISO regarding the re-evaluation. Will have an opportunity to make changes or corrections.
 - 3. Money was moved around to get Type I Water Tenders ordered; one will go back to Inter Mountain; second one most likely to Pine Valley; and the current one in Pine Valley to Lake Morena.
 - 4. There is a lot of activity along border region; monitoring what is coming with Title 42.
 - 5. Fire Season – potential of being very busy again.
 - 6. Ramping up additional funding on the state side.
 - 7. Couple more fleet orders are in with year-end funding because of the supply chain issues.
 - 8. Very nice ground-breaking at the Mt. Laguna facility.
 - 9. Response wise, doing fine.
 - 10. Will be changing the format of the Chiefs Report.

(Jeff Collins)

The following items went before the Board of Supervisors and passed by vote:

- 1. The Roadside Vegetation Management
- 2. Property tax exchange for Ramona

- V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Agricultural Pass Program to assist with access to farmlands during a disaster – update on internal working group
 - o There will be a meeting at the end of the month. On the County side, the roles and responsibilities are clearly defined:



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- Agriculture Weights and Measures – identify who qualifies; issue pass
- County Fire/CAL FIRE – provide required training
- Sheriff & CHP – handle traffic control; evacuation
- OES – provide communication
- Animal Services – provide animal rescue

ACTION: A request was made to have Jeff Collins send Chair Tulloch an email with the list of departments and their tasks.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Permanent Road Division Zone, County Service Areas, and Stormwater Maintenance Zones Board Letter – Pending Board of Supervisors and SDCFPD Board of Directors action to adopt resolutions to confirm assessments and special taxes and authorize levies in accordance with prior voter approved levels

ON MOTION of Member Shanley, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board voted to support the annual special tax increase of \$5.00, cost escalator of 3%, per single-family residence.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

- B. Tax Levy Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Pending SDCFPD Board of Directors action related to the Community Facilities Districts established by the former Rural Fire Protection District

ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Shanley, the Advisory Board voted to support the adoption of a resolution to authorize the Fiscal Year 2022-23 levies for Community Facilities District 04-1 and Community Facilities District 09-1 (CFD 04-1 and CFD 09-1).

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

- C. Formation of Ramona Subcommittee to Consider Cases Regarding Service levels within Ramona – Staff update on the membership and scope of duties upon the divestiture of fire and emergency medical services from the Ramona Municipal Water District

ON MOTION of Member Summers, seconded by Member Shanley, the Advisory Board voted to adopt Attachment A, to formally guide future actions of the Ramona Subcommittee.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

- D. Home Hardening Grant Implementation – Pending Board of Supervisors action related to accepting the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding

ON MOTION of Member Shanley, seconded by Member Summers, the Advisory Board voted to support the adoption of a resolution to receive the grant funding to begin the home hardening and defensible space program.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1



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E. San Diego County Fire Fiscal Years 2022-24 Proposed Operational Plan – Staff update

(Jeff Collins)

- Total budget increasing by 4.7 million; going from 82.8 million to 87.5 million. Of that, 63.4 million is a general fund expenditure; Fire Protection District makes up 9.1 million; CSA 17 and CSA 69 make up 15 million.
- CAL Fire going from 34.1 million to 42.1 million.
- County Fire has 59 staff; contract with CAL Fire for about 227 positions.
- Budget increases: Roadside Vegetation Management, State Grant for Fuel Reduction, Community Paramedicine.
- Will present to the Board of Supervisors this Thursday.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next Fire Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the San Diego County Fire Office (County Operations Center) – **Building and Room location is TBD, due to our upcoming office move.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Advisory Board adjourned at 2:22 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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