SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 12, 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
Bob Uribe             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
David Sibbet          County Fire/Fire Services Coordinator
Bob Spanbauer         County Fire/Chief
Kat Anady             County Fire/Admin Analyst
Nicole del Toro       County Fire/EMS Admin Secretary
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 six (6) members in attendance.
   D. Introductions were made. Bob Uribe was introduced as the newest member representing District 2.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
There was no public communication.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 16, 2022 (VOTE)

ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Shanley, the Advisory Board approved the Minutes of May 16, 2022.

   AYES: 6  NAYS: 0  ABSENT: 0

IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT
   A. Fire Chief’s Report (Chief Tony Mecham)
      1. The May, June and July 2022 Fire Chief’s Reports were provided which covered a summary of organizational highlights, a review of bureau reports and community performance data.
      2. Chief Mecham would like to standardize the Fire Chiefs Report and asked for topics from the Advisory group. The group’s input: mergers, new hires at district level, politics, budget, focus of day to day with firefighters, causes of fires.
      3. Chief Mecham provided information on the following topics:
         - Operations
         - Budget
         - Apparatus
         - Political actions
         - Staffing

V. OLD BUSINESS
   A. Agricultural Pass Program to assist with access to farmlands during a disaster – update on internal working group

      Chair Tulloch provided the following update:
      - A couple of stakeholder meetings were held; worked through the application process; went to the Board of Supervisors on August 30, 2022; passed unanimously for Phase 1.
      - Applications are now out; due October 1, 2022; classes start in mid-October; shortly after will issue your identification on the pass.
      - Phase 1 will only include the unincorporated areas of San Diego County and cattle and equestrian.
      - Phase 2 will start in Spring 2023 and will include the other agricultural entities.
      - The Cattle Association met and went over the application process and requirements
VI. NEW BUSINESS
A. Approving the Advisory Board Sunset Review Report for 2022

**ON MOTION** of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Kellogg, the Advisory Board voted to approve the draft responses and authorize County Fire staff to send feedback on behalf of the Fire Advisory Board.

**AYES:** 6  **NAYS:** 0  **ABSENT:** 0

B. Establishing Additional Heli-Hydrants and HeloPods-Pending Board of Supervisors action to support fire suppression

**ON MOTION** of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board voted in support of proposed recommendations to establish additional Heli-Hydrants and HeloPods in San Diego County and provide authorization to procure additional hydrants and establish agreements for future locations.

**AYES:** 6  **NAYS:** 0  **ABSENT:** 0

C. Mandated Fire Inspection Reporting for Fiscal Year 2021-22-Pending Board of Directors action to receive a report

**ON MOTION** of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board voted to receive this report and support the findings.

**AYES:** 6  **NAYS:** 0  **ABSENT:** 0

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Consolidated Fire Code (David Sibbet)
- State Route 67

VIII. NEXT MEETING
The next Fire Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the San Diego County Fire Office (County Operations Center) – 5560 Overland Ave, Suite 400, Balboa Room, San Diego, CA 92123.
IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Advisory Board adjourned at 1:59 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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