



# SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE

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

Monday, September 12, 2022 | 1:00 P.M.

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### MINUTES

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#### Members

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|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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       |



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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 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



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with their members.

- Can be viewed online.
- Received feedback from Northern California regarding communication problems due to the agricultural pass being so new and did not understand/know what it was.
- A suggestion was made that since the agricultural pass is for each individual, that the pass be a placard to hang on the mirror from the vehicle.
- The Cattle Association thanked Jeff Collins for all his work on the Agricultural Pass Program.

(Jeff Collins) Looking into next year for full implementation.

## 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.



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## 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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