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SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

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Monday, March 6, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. |

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Declaration of Quorum
 - D. Introductions

- II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Members of the public may address the Board on any subject matter within its assigned purview and not on the agenda. Please notify County staff prior to the meeting.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2023 **(VOTE)**

- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. County Fire Mitigation Fee Program Updates—Pending Board of Supervisors Action to Adopt a Nexus Study and updated Ordinance in accordance with new legislative requirements, including a determination of maximum fee rates based on the actual costs to provide structural fire protection and emergency medical services within each of the participating fire agencies' jurisdiction.

- V. NEXT MEETING
 - A. Monday, May 15, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the San Diego County Fire Office – 5560 Overland Ave, Suite 400, Balboa Room, San Diego CA 92123 (County Operations Center).

- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Written materials distributed to the Fire Advisory Board in connection with this agenda will be made available to the public less than 72 hours before the meeting at the Office of San Diego County Fire.

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Monday, February 27, 2023 | 2:30 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 – (Absent)
Dan Summers	District 2 – Seat 5
Randy Lyle	District 2 – Seat 6
Benjamin Tulloch	District 2 – Seat 7, Chair

Guests

County Staff

Jeff Collins	County Fire/Director
Jason Malneritch	CALFire/Deputy Chief
David Sibbet	County Fire/Fire Services Coordinator
Andy Parr	County Fire/EMS Deputy Director
Kat Anady	County Fire/Admin Analyst
Nicole del Toro	County Fire/EMS Admin Secretary



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- I. CALL TO ORDER at 2:38 p.m.
 - A. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - B. Roll Call was taken.
 - C. A quorum was declared present with five (5) members in attendance, and one (1) absent.
 - D. Introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

A kudos was given to the CALFIRE crew via the NextDoor app for going above and beyond to help a Palomar Mountain resident during the heavy snow.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2022 (VOTE)

ON MOTION of Member Summers, seconded by Member Kellogg, the Advisory Board approved the Minutes of November 28, 2022 with the spelling correction of “evacuation corridors” instead of “evaluation corridors” on page 3, Item V, B. Motion carried.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Fire Chief’s Update (Deputy Chief Jason Malneritch)

1. Continue to move towards two dual driver operators on all outlying fire stations which allows both an engine response in tandem with a water tender.
2. Two additional ALS units: Medic 81 up and running at Ramona Fire Station and Medic 31 operating out of South County Potrero Station, serving Tecate port of entry and outlying areas. Both are staffed 24/7 with dual paramedics.
3. Recently wrapped up the 11th County Fire Truck Academy which provides advanced training and rescue techniques to those who work on our urban search and rescues as well as the ladder truck in Otay.
4. Medical Priority Dispatch (MPD) – working in collaboration with Medical Director Dr. Dave Duncan to review policy and get approved, which will help prioritize emergency response to send Code 3 resources to where they are needed and send Code 2 BLS resources to where they are better utilized. To ensure calls are being processed appropriately and getting the right medical direction and following up to ensure we are giving appropriate outcomes.
5. Water Rescue Teams being staffed due to the weather/storm. There have been a number of water rescues.
6. Working actively in collaboration with County Probation on a concept of a County Fuels Crew/Fire Crew. The primary focus is to provide positive training and reinforcement to enter a pathway of employment once they have completed their program.

(Jeff Collins)

- Going to LAFCO on 3/6 for the Borrego Fire Protection District’s consolidation in the County Fire; startup date 7/1.
- Expecting the following recommendations in next year’s budget: to ensure full funding for the service in Borrego, funding for ambulance service in Ramona, additional funding for relief



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positions in County Fire, and additional funding for the EMS Office.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ambulance Services in the San Diego County Fire Protection District – Pending Board of Directors Actions to Implement a New Service Delivery Model

ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Summers, the Advisory Board voted in support of the recommendation to designate the San Diego County Fire Protection District as the lead fire agency for ambulance transportation services, if recommended by the consultant. Motion carried.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

- B. Agricultural Pass – Pending Board of Supervisors Action to Fully Implement the Agricultural Pass Program in the San Diego Region

ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Summers, the Advisory Board voted in support of the County Fire’s recommendation to authorize the full implementation of the San Diego County Agricultural and Livestock Pass (Ag Pass) Program, which would include the immediate rollout of the second and final phase to the commercial agricultural and livestock industry in the unincorporated area. Motion carried.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

- C. Fire Mitigation Fee – Pending Board of Directors Action to Adopt Revised Fire Mitigation Fees to Reflect Actual Costs

Dave Sibbet shared a PowerPoint presentation on the [Fire Mitigation Fee Program Updates](#).

The members requested to be able to review the San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fee Nexus Study prior to voting.

ACTION: Kat Anady will send the San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fee Nexus Study to the members for review.

ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Summers, the Advisory Board voted to table this agenda item to a Special Meeting on March 6, 2023 at 1:00 pm held virtually. Motion carried.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

- D. California Board of Forestry’s Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map – Discussion Item

(Dan Summers)

The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has changed the fire severity map and will have a big impact on the Ramona community, especially on development. The areas that were mild to high fire severity have gone to very high fire severity.



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(Jeff Collins)

This is a state process. It has not been finalized. Public comment period has been extended through April 4, 2023.

The following links were provided in the chat:

[CAL Fire News Release](#)

[CAL Fire General Public Interest Additional Written Comment Period](#)

ACTION: Nicole del Toro will email the links to the group.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Special Meeting for the Fire Mitigation Fee agenda item.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next Fire Advisory Board meeting will be a Special Meeting held on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. virtually.

The Ramona Subcommittee is being asked to get engaged and meet virtually or in person.

ACTION: County Fire will assist with setting up the first subcommittee meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Advisory Board adjourned at 4:23 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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Fire Mitigation Fee—Continuation of discussion on the pending Board of Supervisors Action to Adopt a Nexus Study and updated Ordinance for the County's regional Fire Mitigation Fee Program and the upcoming Board of Directors Action to adopt a resolution setting the updated Fire Mitigation Fee rates for the San Diego County Fire Protection District

In 1985, the Board of Supervisors established the Fire Mitigation Fee (FMF) Ordinance for fire protection districts, under the law, to impose fees and offset the impacts of development on public facilities or services. For San Diego County, Planning and Development Services collects fees when building permits are issued and disperses funding quarterly. San Diego County Fire serves as the program administrator to meet state legislative requirements, including annual reporting of information.

Since the FMF program was initially approved, there have been changes to State law, County strategic initiatives, industry standards and community needs that impact provision of fire protection and emergency medical services throughout the unincorporated areas of the region. Over the past year, staff have coordinated with a consultant, participating agencies and the public to generate a study to determine the appropriate level of fees for the program.

In accordance with AB 602 requirements, the Board of Supervisors will adopt the findings of the comprehensive nexus study documenting the connection between development and fire and emergency medical and replace the existing County FMF Ordinance with an updated version. The updated regional ordinance will be adopted by the Board of Directors of each of the participating local fire agencies, including the San Diego County Fire Protection District.

Recommendation: Receive a report on County staff efforts to update the Fire Mitigation Fee to meet the criteria established in AB 602 for comprehensive nexus studies. Support the proposed FMF increase for the San Diego County Fire Protection District.