



SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE

5510 Overland Avenue | Suite 250, San Diego | CA 92123-1239

www.sdcountyfire.org

CSA 135 Fire Advisory Board Meeting

September 9, 2019 | 1:00 PM | 5510 Overland Ave, Room 241

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** at 1:03 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – Tim Stanton and Cliff Kellogg are absent. All other Board members are present. Chief Mecham was unable to attend the meeting due to a schedule conflict. Don Heiser left the meeting at 1:43 pm.
3. **Introduction** – Don introduced Kat Anady, SDCFA Administrative Analyst II, as the primary County staff contact for the Board.
4. **Public Comment**
 - a. John introducing LAFCO's Municipal Service Review of SDCFA and CSA 135. The review of governance and structure of organization should be every 5 years, the first review was not conducted. The Strategic Plan may be helpful to LAFCO during the evaluation process. Because CSA's are generally established as temporary mechanisms to fund a service to an unincorporated area, they may consider moving in the direction of transitioning into a Dependent Fire Protection District after the review is complete.
5. **Approval of Minutes from the August 12, 2019 Meeting** – Dick Foss makes a motion to approve the minutes; Frank Whiteley seconds the motion; motion passes unanimously.
6. **July and August Chief's Report** – Copies are provided for the Board members to review. Don provided an overview of the reports.
7. **Draft Strategic Plan** – A copy was provided for Board members to review. Chief Mecham will give a presentation at the next meeting. Don provided an overview. After the final version of the Strategic Plan is available, the Board will review and provide feedback. It was discussed a statement from the Board may be included in the future. Kat will send a copy of the final version of the plan and copy of the Minute Order from the BOS presentation, scheduled on September 24, 2019.
8. **Julian Update** – Don provided an update on the ongoing litigation.



SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE

5510 Overland Avenue | Suite 250, San Diego | CA 92123-1239

www.sdcountyfire.org

- a. Brown Act violation case was thrown out. The County has asked the Judge for a dismissal of the pending case regarding voter fraud.
 - b. Julian Subcommittee to be formed through dissolution. The terms stipulated in LAFCO agreement will be provided to Board after the litigation is complete. John Traylor offered the Board his assistance in establishing the subcommittee.
9. **Advisory Board Sunset Review** – A copy was provided for the Board members to review. Kat went over the purpose of the report and will sign and submit on behalf of the Board, pending comments from County Counsel. Frank Whiteley makes a motion to approve; Bill Huskey seconds the motion; motion passes unanimously.
10. **Roundtable** – the following items were discussed:
 - a. John asked about the Jamul Indian Village negotiations. Don provided update on negotiations with tribe and SDCFA. 2 employee positions are vacant, coverage is currently provided through cross-staffing.
 - b. Randy asked about the Board vacancy for Seat 1. Staff provided update; no applications have been received. Link to application on the BOA website will be added to the Board webpage.
 - c. ID cards were passed out to Suzann, Dick, Frank and Bill.
 - d. Frank asks about the logistics of services provided by private firefighting companies, including insurance coverage and liability, interaction with CAL FIRE and law enforcement. Chief Mecham to provide information at the next meeting. Suzann has an acquaintance that works for a private firefighting company and will invite them to attend the next meeting.
11. **Action Item Recap**
 - a. Chief Mecham presenting the Strategic Plan at next meeting.
 - b. Kat to email final version of Strategic Plan and copy of Minute Order from BOS presentation.
 - c. Suzann to invite acquaintance with private firefighting experience to attend next meeting.
 - d. Chief Mecham to provide information on private firefighting companies.
12. **Adjournment** at 2:09 pm - Frank Whiteley makes a motion to adjourn; Dick Foss seconds the motion; motion passes unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: 1:00 pm on Monday, October 14, 2019 in Room 241 at the San Diego County Fire Authority Office– 5510 Overland Ave, Suite 250, San Diego CA 92123 (COC).



SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE

5510 Overland Avenue | Suite 250, San Diego | CA 92123-1239

www.sdcountyfire.org

Attendance

Name

District/Affiliation

Ben Tulloch

District 2 – Seat 7, Board Chair

Suzann Leininger

District 5 – Seat 2, Board Vice Chair

Richard (Dick) Foss

District 2 – Seat 9, Board Secretary

Jolly “Randy” Terry

District 2 – Seat 5

Frank Whiteley

District 2 – Seat 6

William (Bill) Huskey

District 2 – Seat 10

John Traylor

LAFCO

Don Heiser

SDCFA Deputy Chief, Board Liaison

Kat Anady

SDCFA Administrative Analyst, Board Staff

Not in Attendance

Tim Stanton

District 2 – Seat 4

Cliff Kellogg

District 5 – Seat 3

VACANT

District 1 – Seat 1