

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

March 17, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Puppo, Arabian, Richter, Chavez, and Furrer present via teleconference.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Garewal

STAFF: Hail, Johnson, Bump, Chrisman, Michaels, Bowman and Hermosillo-via teleconference

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross via teleconference

GUESTS: None

President Del Puppo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

President Del Puppo requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were five (5) members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Due to teleconference, the Pledge of Allegiance was not performed.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Executive Officer Johnson requested to add Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program to Agenda Item #14B.

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-10)

UPON MOTION APPROVED (5-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND

DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2-10.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 11 – Capital Facilities Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of facilities maintenance. Station 74, landscape is completed, next to be worked on is parking and sidewalk. Station 96, bathroom remodel project, tile and flooring are complete. Station 77, stucco replacement/repair and gutters are complete. Station 89, staff is prepping for exterior painting. Staff is waiting for a final inspection from PG&E for signage at the solar project at the Training Center.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 12 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. Water Tender 93 refresh project should be complete by next week. The two new engines are ready for final inspections and should be done within 6 to 8 weeks. Dozer 43 back from the getting a pressurized cab and track extension. The shop is finalizing the winter maintenance on the District vehicles and working on the State vehicles
No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 13 – Annual Report

Executive Officer Johnson presented the Annual Report and requested the Boards approval.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (5-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 14a – Lexipol – Vacation and Holiday Policies

Administrative Officer Chrisman presented the revised Holiday policy and original and stepped versions of the Vacation Policy and asked the Board for approval.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (4-1) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY (4-1) VOTE IN FAVOR TO APPROVE THE HOLIDAY POLICY AND THE STEPPED VERSION OF THE VACATION POLICY.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 14b – Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program

Executive Officer Johnson presented and asked the Board of Directors to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program to secure proper quotes and purchases generators, and make all arrangements need for installation.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (5-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 COMMUNITY POWER RESILIENCY ALLOCATION TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS PROGRAM.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 15 – Rural Fire Capacity (formally VFA) Grant Application 2021

District staff is recommending the Board of Directors approves staff to move forward with applying for the Rural Fire Capacity Grant for Fiscal Year 2021/22.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (5-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO APPROVE STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH APPLYING FOR THE RURAL FIRE CAPACITY GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/22.

Agenda Item 16 – Fire Safety Solutions Consultant Agreement

District staff is recommending that the Board of Directors approve the Fire Safety Solutions Professional Services agreement.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (5-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO APPROVE THE FIRE SAFETY SOLUTIONS CONSULTANT AGREEMENT.

Agenda Item 17 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

1. President Del Puppo advised Director Garewal resigned from the Board as of 03/17/21.
2. Director Chavez requested that the Board meetings continue to be done via teleconference. Legal Counsel Ross will look up the by-laws to see if anything needs to be changed to accommodate meetings via teleconference.

Agenda Item 18 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Hail announced Michael Bowman as the new Administrative Officer for CAL FIRE.
2. Chief Hail advised had a busy weekend with a fire on the west side and BC Harris created a plan to assist the landowner.
3. Chief Hail advised the Board of retiree Bob Kutz service held today and that the District's Engine 6 and CAL FIRE honor guard were in attendance.
4. Chief Hail advised the position for Air Attack BC position has been filled by Alex Sanchez. In addition, interviews will start in next few weeks for the open Battalion Chief spots for ECC, Training, and PIO.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (5-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

Agenda Item 19.A. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(1): (2 matters).

1. Fresno County Fire Protection District v. City of Parlier, Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG02714.
2. Fresno County Fire Protection District v. City of Parlier, Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG03030

Agenda Item 19.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (1 matters)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION.

Agenda Item 20 – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

Reportable Action: Written report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.154957.1.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on April 21, 2021.