

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

September 18, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Puppo, Guice, Del Testa, Arabian, Richter, Chavez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CAL FIRE: Johnson, Bump, Chrisman, Bowman, Hail, Wittwer,
Hermosillo, McAvoy

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross (Teleconference)

GUESTS:

ROLL CALL

President Del Puppo requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were six (6) members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Del Puppo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and Director Del Testa opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

DC Chrisman introduced the new Office Technician Jessica McAvoy.

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

None

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-9)

BC Bump advised the consent agenda item for the shop report will now be provided through the Collective Data program.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR GUICE CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2 THROUGH 9.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 10 – Capital Facilities Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of facilities projects. Staff acquired two (2) fuel tanks, one will be installed at Station 96 while the other one will be stored for later use. An awning was put up in-front of the shop for additional shaded work space for the mechanics.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. Collective Data was rolled out to the field, it will provide more analytical fleet data. The swapping of Engine 85 and Engine 83 are at the end stages. On Monday, we received a reimbursement check from Spartan Motors for when the new Ladder 87 was out of service for the ladder replacement.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 12 – Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Grant (VFA)

BC Bowman asked the Board to adopt Resolution 2019-06 authorizing the District President to execute the Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Grant Agreement between the District and the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTOR, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE DISTRICT PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO TO SIGN AGREEMENT.

AYES 6 Del Pupp0, Guice, Del Testa, Chavez, Richter, Arabian
NOES 0
ABSENT 0

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 13 – California Fire Foundation Grant of Drones

BC Wittwer advised that the District was successful in obtaining a \$15,000 grant from the California Fire Foundation to fund the previously approved District Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Program and advised the Board the agreement will need to be signed in order to receive the funds.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF AGREEMENT TO DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS.

No Public Comment
None

Agenda Item 14 – San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) Public Benefit Grant Program

DC Bump asked the Board of Directors for authorization to apply for the SJVAPCD Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Grant Program to secure up to five (5) electric powered side by side utility vehicles for District use and sign Resolution 2019-07.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO SIGN RESOLUTION 2019-07 AND AUTHORIZE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPLY FOR THE SJVAPCD ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE PURCHASE GRANT PROGRAM.

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NOES 0
ABSENT 0

Agenda Item 15 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

1. Director Richter questioned the data regarding the District’s Incident Board Report, there was less data than normal. DC Bump advise he will look into the issue with BC Michaels, data may need to be pulled from a different source.
2. Director Arabian requested to have October’s meeting moved to Thursday October 17, 2019 at 6:00pm. The Directors and District Staff all agreed to move the date of the October meeting.

Agenda Item 16 – Staff Reports

1. DC Chrisman advised the Sequoia Safety Council is reviewing the updated Station 71 lease. We should hear back from them within the next week.

2. DC Chrisman advised they had a meeting with Mat Furrer and now have the drawings that are needed to submit the PG&E application for the solar project.
3. DC Chrisman advised DP Consulting will be at next meeting to provide the annual report for Millerton New Town.
4. DC Chrisman advised that Cynthia Hernandez has accepted the District Finance position and currently the State Finance position is open.
5. DC Bump advised he spoke with Coalinga City Chief regarding ambulance response times, currently the contract has expired.
6. DC Wittwer advised he was been working with BC Michaels to get a list of the equipment needs for the fleet. They will continue to get equipment needs met.
7. BC Bowman announced October 7, 2019 will be the first of the next three Basic Wildland Academy's at the Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center.
8. Chief Johnson advised the Board of Supervisors passed the county's budget with a 11% increase.

Agenda Item 17.A. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(2): (2 matters)

Written Report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.154957.1.

Agenda Item 17.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (2 matters)

Written Report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

Agenda Item 18. – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

No reportable actions to report

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019.