

**FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

March 20, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

**MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Puppo, Guice, Del Testa, Arabian, Chavez, Julian,  
Richter  
MEMBERS ABSENT: None  
CAL FIRE: Chrisman, Bontrager, Bowman, Bump, Hauff, McDougald,  
Michaels  
LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross  
GUESTS:

**ROLL CALL**

President Del Puppo requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were six (6) members present. Director Chavez arrived at the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

**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**

None.

**CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

None.

**Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-9)**

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, SECOND BY DIRECTOR RICHTER 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 station projects. DC Bump was successful on bidding on a 500-gallon fuel tank from Ritchie Brothers in Sacramento. The fuel tank will go to Harris Ranch, Station 94. Due the call volume and number of equipment a 1,000-gallon fuel tank is needed at the Mendota station. Staff are still waiting on better weather, so they can paint and landscape station 95. The women's bathroom at station 82 has been completed. Station 96 will be the next station to have their bathroom remodeled. At the Training Center, they had to install a new water pump on the domestic well. The old pump was 20-25 years old and was only pumping 2 gallons per minute. The new pump is pumping 30-40 gallons a minute. They are currently working on water treatment at station 82, Training Center and the shop. The water at that location is high in nitrates and very hard. Station 83 has a new tankless water heater. At station 85 they are working on new epoxy flooring, interior paint and window blinds. Station 85 and 89 is having their interior refurbished, these two stations represent our older stations in the District. New interior LED lights have been installed at stations 85 and 89. At station 83, they had a recent issue where a citizen drove his vehicle on the artificial turf causing damage. Station 94 replaced their acoustic tiles with new ceiling tiles. Extensive work is being done at the shop to make more room for inventory.

No Public Comment.

### **Agenda Item 11 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects**

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. DC Bump reflected on the question Director Richter asked regarding tire chains for the engines in the foothills. DC Bump inquired and found out that there were 4 fire apparatus that didn't have tire chains. Tire chains have been ordered and shipped. DC Bump has instructed the shop to keep a couple of extra sets of chains on hand. At the last Board meeting they approved the surplus of the old facilities truck and authorized consignment at Kingsburg Truck Center. They were successful in selling the vehicle within 10 days and it sold for \$10,000. After the consignment fee, the District netted \$8,800. The new engine and ladder truck have arrived. The Ladder truck is in LA to be professionally detailed by Smeal and then it will be at the show in LA next week. The Hooklift stake-side bed is almost finished. The Hooklift wildland module is a State funded project shop staff are working on. Brush 77 ran for two weeks as a frontline engine at Station 82 and Station 73. There were some minor electrical issues that have been repaired. The next brush engine is getting painted and will be done in a week or two.

No Public Comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item 12 – Metalmark Climbing Gym Fitness Equipment Donation**

DC Chrisman explained that Metalmark Climbing Gym is enlarging their climbing wall area and shrinking their fitness equipment area, so they contacted the District wanting to donate some excess fitness equipment. The fitness equipment is serviceable and compatible with what we already have in the District. Staff recommends the Board approves the donation of fitness equipment from Metalmark Climbing Gym and authorize the Chief to sign the acceptance and acknowledgement letter.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR JULIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE ACCEPTING THE DONATED FITNESS EQUIPMENT FROM METALMARK CLIMBING GYM AND AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF TO SIGN THE ACCEPTANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER.

No Public Comment.

### **Agenda Item 13 – Policy 1500, Personnel, Revision**

DC Chrisman and DC McDougald reported that Policy 1500 Personnel Revision is in relation to the potential need to hire additional fire inspectors. The policy revision would change the number of inspectors from 2 to 6. The personnel position authority for the future doesn't mean we will hire them all at once, but gives us room to expand and hire additional inspectors when we get to that point. DC McDougald explained that the information they had received from SB1205 wasn't accurate and it included more categories than they had thought. They realized that it also includes hotels, motels and any lodging houses, increasing the number of inspections that would need to be included. After several discussions with Board members it was decided to authorize only 2 additional fire inspectors, for a total of 4 for now and they could bring the topic back to Board to authorize more positions as needed.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR GUICE, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE 2 INSPECTORS AT THIS TIME AND GIVE AUTHORITY TO HIRE 2, INCREASE BY 2 FOR A TOTAL OF 4 AND COME BACK TO THE BOARD TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS.

No Public Comment

### **Agenda Item 14 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports**

Director Guice wanted to know what the status of the CFD was going to be now and implemented now that they have made changes to it. DC Chrisman said that information has been provided to Willdan and his understanding is they have already

made those changes and those properties will not be billed. The next step is to go to the County to remove the lien.

### **Agenda Item 15 – Staff Reports**

1. Chief Johnson announced via conference call that he was not at the meeting as he had spent the last three days in Sacramento in meetings. He stated that when Governor Newsom took office, he issued an executive order that required Cal Fire to provide a 45-day report on top priority fuel projects around at-risk communities in California. Out of that report, 35 projects were identified, 5 of which are in FKU. Funding is coming into the units to hire contractors along with our personnel to work on those fuel projects. The target completion date is January 1, 2020. Another thing in the Governor's budget is the direction for Cal Fire to reopen the Fresno Air Attack base, but it won't be staffed with an Air Tanker until approximately 2022.
2. DC McDougald introduced newly promoted BC Marc Bontrager. He was the previous Pre-Fire Engineer and he has accepted the position as Battalion Chief Pre-Fire Safety and Relief.
3. BC Michaels announced at every call that happens in the District is now in FireView. As FireView starts to build stats, staff will be able to evaluate performance levels. They are currently building our profile.
4. BC Bowman said that over the last 8 months there has been an array of partner agencies utilizing the Training Center. CHP Central division came out with its officers and used the training site, utilizing the classroom and the drill tower. They recently hosted the Fresno County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Team. They will also be hosting the Fresno Fire Department truck drills. The Training Center just recently completed our first night drills over the period of 7 nights for 4 hours each night. ISO requires the night drills and they had 25 engines come through.
5. DC Chrisman announced that we have ordered and received Narcan from the Narcan Distribution Project. We are currently waiting on EMS to review the District's Narcan policy before the Narcan is distributed to the field. We are also working with the Sequoia Safety Council on updating our rental agreement for Station 71.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

### **Agenda Item 16.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 54957.1.

**Agenda Item 16.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (1 matter)**

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

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION.

**Agenda Item 17. – Report Upon Return from Closed Session**

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

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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