

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

December 16, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF: Johnson, Bump, Chrisman and Hermosillo-via
teleconference

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross via teleconference

GUESTS: Cathy Dominico of Capital PFG and Stephen Huerta of
Cuttone & Mastro via teleconference

ROLL CALL

President Del Puppo requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were six (6) members present. Director Chavez joined meeting at 6:28pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Del Puppo called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Due to remote location the Pledge of Allegiance was not performed.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

None

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-9)

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND
DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ,
DIRECTOR GAREWAL AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS

VOTE IN FAVOR, 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 maintenance. Station 74, preparing for mobile home delivery in the first or second week of January. Station 82, exterior painting completed by station staff. Lastly, trench work done this week for the next phase of the solar project.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. New engines are in production. The CDBG grant for the refurbish of Water Tender 93 is on track to be completed in February.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 12 – Audit Report for FY 19/20

AO Chrisman introduced Stephen Huerta of Cuttone & Mastro to the Board of Directors to provide an overview of the annual Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR GAREWAL AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO ACCEPT THE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020.

Agenda Item 13 – Capital PFG Report, Funding for City of Parlier Territory Annexation

Following a presentation by Cathy Dominico of Capital PFG, AO Chrisman asked the Board of Directors to accept the Capital PFG Report titled "Funding for City of Parlier Territory Annexation".

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR GAREWAL AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS

VOTE IN FAVOR TO ACCEPT THE CAPITAL PFG REPORT TITLED FUNDING FOR CITY OF PARLIER TERRITORY ANNEXATION.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 14 – Adoption of the COVID-19 Prevention Program

AO Chrisman presented a Covid-19 Prevention Program based on information and templates for Cal/OHSA, FASIS and FAIRA. This District Program will be updated as new information becomes available.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR GAREWAL AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO APPROVE THE COVID-19 PREVENTION PROGRAM.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 15 – District Executive Officer Position

DC Bump and staff are recommending that the District Board of Director's approve and authorize the District Administration Officer to create and fill the District Executive Office with a permanent hire and to create an individual line item in the District budget for the position.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR GAREWAL AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE OFFICE POSITION.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 16 – District Division Chief Position

DC Bump and staff is recommending that the District Board of Director's approve and authorize staff to fill the District funded Division Chief position and add the costs for this position to the current 2020/2021 FY Budget.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR GAREWAL AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT FUNDED D4305 POSITION.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 17 – Board Member Elections

Chief Johnson advised elections for board members need to be finalized. Nominations are as follows; Director John Arabian as Vice President, Director Brad Richter as Secretary and Director Del Puppo as President.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR GAREWAL AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO ELECT DIRECTOR JOHN ARABIAN AS VICE PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR BRAD RICHTER AS SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR MICHAEL DEL PUPPO AS PRESIDENT.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 18 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

None

Agenda Item 19 – Staff Reports

1. AO Chrisman advised the CalPERS 457 plan will become effective December 28, 2020.
2. AO Chrisman advised that last week the District joined the Neighbors app, that works with the Ring doorbell camera, and is another tool that could be used by the District for outreach and public education.
3. Chief Johnson advised Board and staff he will be retiring December 30, 2020, 3 months shy of 41 years. He was very grateful for the opportunity to serve as Fire Chief.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR RICHTER, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR GAREWAL AND DIRECTOR FURRER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO MOVE INTO CLOSE SESSION.

Agenda Item 20.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 20.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (2 matters)

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

Agenda Item 21 – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

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

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

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on January 20, 2021.