

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting
April 20, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center
9594 E. American Ave.
Del Rey, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Furrer, Arabian, Richter and Mendes; Chavez and Bulla via teleconference

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF: Michaels, Brown, Bump, Urias and Hermosillo; Hail and Chrisman via teleconference

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross via teleconference

GUESTS:

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Furrer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Director Richter 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 RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2-9.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 10 – D-P Consulting Engagement Letter

Staff is recommending the Board of Directors approves to accept the engagement letter as presented and give authority to the Fire Chief to sign the engagement letter on behalf of the Board of Directors.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY ARABIAN CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER AND TO HAVE THE FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Resolution 2022-10, Termination of the Early Detection Program Restricted Fund

Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution #2022-10 and approve closing the Early Detection Program Restricted Fund.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MENDES CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-10 AND APPROVE CLOSING THE EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM RESTRICTED FUND.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 12 – Fire Station 72 Project Ad-Hoc Committee

Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors form an Ad-Hoc committee for the Fire Station 72 Project.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0), TO APPROVE AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE FIRE STATION 72 PROJECT.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 15 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

None

Agenda Item 16 – Staff Reports

1. AC Michaels advised Training Bureau is having the Ladder Truck Academy for two weeks along with Kingsburg and Selma Fire Departments.
2. AC Michaels advised Training Bureau is continuing the annual testing for the state mandates.
3. AC Michaels advised will have a school tour of the Training Center with 60 children.
4. AC Michaels advised we had new hires and rehires earlier this month.
5. AC Michaels advise met with California Conservation Corps on Monday to discuss the facilitation of training.
6. BC Urias advised Wildfire Preparedness Week starts May 2nd and a meeting invite will be sent out to the Board of Directors.
7. BC Urias advised on the April 29th the District will be donating a fire engine to Bald Mountain Fire Protection District and a press release has been submitted and an invite will be sent to the Board of Directors.
8. AC Bump advised Station 71 as of today only thing needed was propane hook ups from the vendor.
9. AC Bump advised Engine 82 should be at the shop by Friday and Breathing Support 82 is delayed.
10. AC Bump advised Transport 43 is close to be done and should be delivered by next week or after.
11. Chief Hail advised BC Brown set-up to have a service dog visit a handful of facilities to meet the staff.
12. Chief Hail advised waiting on signatures for the CAL FIRE lease of Sierra Elementary School. The Guard Crews will move to the school once the lease is signed.
13. Chief Hail advised the California Conservation Corps crew will be in the back of the property at Training Center by solar panels. Containers have been delivered and they are due to arrive May 16th. They will have 12 to 17 members with a full time CAL FIRE captain and will be named Mid Valley Crew 1. In addition, the California Conservation Corps purchased Auberry School to build their camp.
14. Chief Hail advised that a Type 1 air tanker will be back in Fresno and in mid-June the helicopter will be back to Sanger HQ.
15. Chief Hail advised a new land purchase agreement for Station 72 has been signed and AC Bump hand delivered the check and property should be in escrow.

Agenda Item 17. 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 17. B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (1 matters)

Agenda Item 17. C. – Confirmed with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government code section 54955.8; APN No's 300-021-275, 300-340-01S and 300-340-13S; Friant unincorporated area. Negotiator: Assistant Chief Chris Bump.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR MENDES AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0) IN FAVOR, TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION.

Agenda Item 19 – 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 MENDES AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (6-0) IN FAVOR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on May 18, 2022.