

**FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting  
February 15, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.  
Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center  
9594 E. American Ave.  
Del Rey, California

**MINUTES**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF: Hail, Michaels, Wittwer, Chrisman, Castaneda

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross

GUESTS:

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Furrer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and President Furrer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

None

**CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

None

**Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-8)**

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR BULLA, SECOND BY DIRECTOR RICHTER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2-8.

No Public Comment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item 9 - Report/Update on AB 2449 Procedures for Teleconferencing by Board Members at meetings.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item 10 – Ordinance No. 2023-01 Adopting the 2022 California Fire Code with Local Amendments**

Director Richter, moved to approve District Ordinance No. 2023–01 by reading of title only, stating:

I move adoption of District Ordinance No. 2023–01, an Ordinance of the Fresno County Fire Protection District adopting the 2022 addition of the California Fire Code, amending those portions identified hereunder, and repealing all conflicting ordinances and parts of ordinances.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY BULLA CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO ADOPT THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS.

No Public Comment.

**Agenda Item 11 – Nomination for District Representative on the FAIRA Governing Board**

UPON MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION FOR DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FAIRA GOVERNING BOARD.

No Public Comment.

**Agenda Item 12 - Board Member Stipends**

Directors discussed stipend for Board Members. Legal Counsel Ross will create an Ordinance and will be discussed at next Board Meeting.

**Agenda Item 13 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports**

None

**Agenda Item 14 – Staff Reports**

1. Chief Hail stated 72 met with contractor and settled on size to come up with cost. They are just waiting for an email back from them.
2. Chief Hail advised he still hasn't heard anything back from Geo tech or Zumult.

3. Chief Hail advised the Board members that the annual audit is being done along with a second audit due to receiving federal funding for COVID. We are needing to provide the auditor with more information due to the second audit being done.
4. Chief Hail gave an update on the S.W.A.T analysis he did with the Battalion Chiefs and the Division Chiefs.
5. DC Wittwer stated there are 5 Generators completed and 3 in the construction phase process.
6. DC Wittwer advised there are 5 that do not have permits and 93,95, and 85 have not started the process.
7. DC Wittwer stated we have exhausted all grant funds and will be closing out until July.
8. DC Wittwer gave an update on the Generator at station 90. It was turned on, on 2/14/2023.
9. DC Wittwer advised station 77 is waiting on the gas company to come out and do the connection.
10. DC Wittwer stated Station 82 is going to be a big cost for the generator. We are waiting on cost estimate.
11. DC Wittwer advised that they need to saw cut across the driveway of Station 93 to get to the gas line. This may take longer.
12. Michaels advised partial teeter payments to have come in and they will be expecting more. Several payments still haven't reported payment on anything.
13. Michaels stated it is too early to tell if we are close the 50%.

### **Agenda Item 15 – Legal Counsel Reports**

Legal Counsel Ross gave oral presentation for

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR BULLA AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0) IN FAVOR, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

### **Agenda Item 16 – Conference with Legal Counsel**

**A. – Anticipated Litigation - Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d) (2) and 54957 (b): (1 matter).**

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0) IN FAVOR, TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION.

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

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

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR BULLA AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0) IN FAVOR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on March 15, 2023.