

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting
October 20, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center
9594 E. American Ave.
DelRey, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arabian, Richter, Bulla, Mendes, and Chavez-via teleconference.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Furrer

STAFF: Bump, Johnson, Chrisman, Wittwer and Hermosillo.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross

GUESTS: None

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Arabian 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 2-8)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR BULLA, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (4-0), TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2-8.

No Public Comment.

Director Brad Richter presented his Certificate of Appointment for District Director from the County Board of Supervisors where upon District Counsel Ross administrated the Oath of Office.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 9 – Capital Facilities Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of capital facilities projects. Station 74 driveway; the demo was started this week and should take a month for completion. Training Center, broke ground on classroom project. November 15, 2021 is the installation date of classroom.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 10 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. Engine 90 should be put in service Friday. Engine 89 is stripped and needs some tools to be mounted. The Breathing Support is being sent to SVI next week.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 11 – Resolution 2021-06, Implementing Assembly Bill 361

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2021-06.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY MENDES CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-06.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 12 – Revised Board Policy: Attendance at Meetings

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors accept and approve the revised Attendance at Meetings Policy.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR BULLA, SECOND BY ARABIAN CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE REVISED ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS POLICY.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 13 – 3-4 Schedule Position Changes

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the budgetary elimination of one Firefighter II position to fund the upgrade of six additional FFII's to Engineer positions as they become vacant.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY MENDES CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0) TO AUTHORIZE THE BUDGETARY ELIMINATION OF ONE FIREFIGHTER II POSITION TO FUND THE UPGRADE OF SIX ADDITIOANL FFII'S TO ENGINEER POSITIONS.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 14 – Purchase of Type 1 Fire Engine

Staff is asking the Board of Directors to authorize the purchase of a new Type 1 Fire Engine to meet the District's service demands and to keep pace with the fleet replacement plan goals.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY BULLA CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TYPE 1 FIRE ENGINE.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 15 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

Director Richter asked what the best location would be for a future water tender. DC Bump advised that it would be Station 90.

Agenda Item 16 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Hail advised Water Tender 86 has been hard staff and on it's first day it was on a fire.
2. Chief Hail advised that resources where sent to the KNP Complex fire to assist and keep the fire out of county.

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

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)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR MENDES AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR BULLA AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION.

Agenda Item 17.C. – Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government code section 549556.8; 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 MENDES AND SECOND BY DIRECTOR BULLA AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0), TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION.

Agenda Item 18 – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

District Counsel Ross reported that there was no consideration of closed session Item No's 17.A and 17.B. With respect to closed session Item No. 17.C there was reportable action in the form of direction to obtain an appraisal of the referenced property and to obtain a determination of General Plan consistency of the involved property from the County Planning Commission as authorized by Government Code Section 65042 (c). Except as indicated, there was no other reportable action consistent with Government Code section 54956.8.

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

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on November 17, 2021.