

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

February 21 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Guice, Del Testa, Richter, Arabian, Julian, Chavez
MEMBERS ABSENT: Del Puppo
CAL FIRE: Johnson, Chrisman, Hauff, Hernandez, Bowman, Wittwer,
Christopherson
LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross
GUESTS:

ROLL CALL

President Del Puppo requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were seven (7) members present.

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

The Chief introduced Captain Wittwer to the Board as the newly appointed Relief Battalion Chief. The Chief reminded the Board that the Relief Battalion Chief position was previously approved by the Board to be upgraded from the current PIO position to a Relief Battalion Chief/PIO position.

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

None.

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-8)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2 THROUGH 8.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 9 – Capital Facilities Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of Station projects. Parking Garage has all electrical work completed and the fire protection monitoring system is installed and working. In the next couple of weeks our Fire Inspector and Maxon Alarm representative will be doing a final inspection and the project will be finalized. The bathrooms at the shop have been upgraded and now are ADA compliant. In the parking lot, we still need to do handicap parking and striping. Once everything is completed then a final inspection can be scheduled. Station 85 landscape project is nearly complete, and the block fence will have a perimeter around it, cleaned up and prepped for tomorrow. It is anticipated that by next week the grout with cement will be done on the fence. Station 83 had some drainage and minor driveway repairs. The French drain that the washer hooks up to was backed up, but now has been taken care of. The Station 87 had HVAC ducting replaced.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 10 – Update on CDBG Grant for Water Tender Refresh

DC Bump told the Board that the new Kenworth chassis that was received two weeks ago was dropped off with the vendor in San Bernadino. The old water tender is already there and the body and tank had been taken off the chassis. This week the pump will be taken off and its anticipated we will get the old chassis back next week. The refresh is ahead of schedule and the body build up with compartments are already primed.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on Tactical Water Tender Build Project

DC Bump said that a pre-construction meeting was held regarding the Tactical Water Tender project. He noted that the construction and craftsmanship is excellent and was being painted last week then would be reassembled. DC Bump said he had sent photos to the board members. The used Cal Fire engine that was purchased and in the best condition was being painted and the Type I engine was currently in the shop for maintenance. The new Smeal ladder truck had a pre-construction meeting yesterday. Some upgrades were made via video conference and the CAD engineers were doing updates as adjustments were being made. In the next week, we anticipate on getting the updated drawing.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 12 – Update on CFD

Chief Johnson stated that it would be discussed in closed session.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 13 – Independent Special District Representative to Countywide RDA Oversight Board

DC Chrisman announced LAFCO is requesting all Special Districts nominate one nominee and one alternate nominee as identified on the Independent Special District Representative Voting Ballot. DC Chrisman mentioned that one of the nominees was Vice President Guice. The recommendation is for the Board to nominate and vote for a representative and an alternate representative.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO , SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF DAN GUICE FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNTYWIDE RDA OVERSIGHT BOARD.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO , SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE ALTERNATE NOMINATION OF RENE GONZALEZ FOR ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNTYWIDE RDA OVERSIGHT BOARD.

AYES	7	Del Puppoo, Guice, Del Testa, Arabian, Chavez, Julian, Richter
NOES	0	
ABSENT	0	
ABSTAIN	0	

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 17 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

Director Richter would like staff to look into creating an ordinance for our Inspectors to only inspect businesses that are compliant with all State and Federal laws. Attorney Ross clarified if it was relating to marijuana. The Chief informed the Director that the inspections are to protect fire staff in case of a fire. Attorney Ross stated that this issue has come up in other fire districts and the only thing he can say for sure is that in the next three months there should be a set of state implementations/regulations. He suggested that the District might want to look into a Segregation Ordinance for costs that were incurred when the fire district goes into a facility and it is discovered that there is something that is not permitted. Under federal law, the idea is that if activities are

being paid by people who are violating federal law, the federal government can put a lien on their operating accounts. To safeguard the District, you can have a Segregation Ordinance that provides, should any funds be collected from an owner/distributor of marijuana, the funds collected can be segregated for a 6-month period and reviewed annually. Other Districts say it's a land use violation and to impose a fee or tax on that land use designation. Attorney Ross suggested to put this on next meeting for passing an Ordinance that says that you can only inspect if they comply with all State and Federal laws. Director Richter said to disregard as he didn't know what it all entailed. Sexual Harassment training was brought up and the Board agreed to coming in early to next month's meeting, so Attorney Ross can do the training.

Agenda Item 18 – Staff Reports

1. BC Bowman notified the Board that they had just completed 7 weeks of partner training with PG& E. PG&E came out to the Training Center and rotated through stations, did gas pipe line training and emergency preparedness. Today the training center received certification from the State of California for Rescue Systems I. The accreditation for the training site was a 6-month process. A walkthrough of the entire site was conducted, along with records being checked and inspection of buildings, classrooms, computer and electrical equipment. Fresno City was the only one in the valley to have the accreditation. Next weekend the Training Center will be hosting a Fire Control, 2-day training for all volunteer departments like Auberry, Shaver Lake, Huntington, Bald Mountain and Orange Cove to name a few. They will all be coming out March 3rd and 4th. The training with consist of structural firefighting.
2. BC Christopherson said Prevention and Planning is very busy right now with many permits being processed, due to all the development and building going on. The office recently enacted credit card processing and hopes it will minimize the impact of negligent payments with checks. The usage of paying by credit card is another avenue to speed the process.
3. Chief Johnson reminded the Board of the upcoming Fire District Association Conference in April. The conference will be held in Monterey and anyone interested in attending needs to let him know.

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

Agenda Item 19.A. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(2): (2 matters); and

No Reportable Action

Agenda Item 19.B. – Closed Session Consideration of Personnel Matter pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (1 matter).

Reportable action

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

Agenda Item 20. – Report Upon Return From Closed Session

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

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on March 21, 2018.