

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

February 20, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Puppo, Guice, Arabian, Chavez, Julian, Richter
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
CAL FIRE: Johnson, Chrisman, Bump, Bowman, Brown, Dunham,
Christopherson, Hauff, Hernandez, McDougald, Nolan,
Wittwer
LEGAL COUNSEL: Schwartz
GUESTS: James Mason

ROLL CALL

President Del Puppo requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were six (6) members present and (1) member absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Del Puppo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and Director Guice opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

President Del Puppo proposed moving Agenda Item # 13 to 1.B, so James Mason could be recognized for his years of service with the District as a PCF.

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-10)

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 2 THROUGH 10.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 11 – Capital Facilities Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of station projects. They have been unable to paint Station 95, as they need at least three sunny days to dry the paint. At Station 82 they finished the large bathroom remodel and now have moved on to the small bathroom which consists of only one stall. There is another fuel tank at the next Ritchie Brothers auction in March. DC Bump is hoping to obtain that tank and put it at Station 96 Mendota.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 12 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. The new Ladder 87 is completed and is still at the factory with the new engine. The new engine will not be completed till March 15th. Staff will be at the factory the week of the 15th to do the final inspection. Spartan Motors bought Smeal and they do a company-wide nomination process to pick vehicles for fire shows. The new Ladder 87 was selected to go to the Firehouse World show in Los Angeles on the week of the March 26th, 2019. DC Bump was able to negotiate with Spartan that in return for allowing the Ladder 87 to be at the show, they had to pay for all the striping at the factory, which they agreed to. The new engine will be placed at Station 84. Engine 83 in Selma is a newer engine but has a lot of miles since they run a lot of long distance calls. Station 85 runs shorter distance calls, so they will rotate Engine 83 with Engine 85. Brush 77 will be going to Station 82 so they can run it on calls to see if there are any issues before they sent it out to Station 77.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 13 – Resolution Recognizing PCF James Mason’s Service

The Chief read the resolution recognizing James Mason for approximately 30 years of service as a Paid Call Firefighter for the District.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-01.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 14 – Surplus Sale of Vehicle

DC Bump reported as in the past they periodically have surplus vehicles that need to be disposed of to keep our numbers in the fleet balanced. When the new

facilities truck was received, the decision was to keep the older truck would stay in our possession just in case it would be needed to take supplies at other stations. They monitored to see how much staff utilized the vehicle and determined whether it would be worth keeping. It was determined that the old facilities vehicle has not been utilized and instead of having it sit around depreciating, decision was made to sell the vehicle through consignment. A local dealer has agreed to take the vehicle on consignment. The District hopes to collect more than if it was sold at auction. Staff is recommending the vehicle be surplus and approved for consignment at Kingsburg Truck Center.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF TO DISPOSE OF THE VEHICLE THROUGH CONSIGNMENT.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 15 – School Bus Donation

BC Brown explained he was approached by Sanger Unified District Transportation Department regarding a bus donation. Sanger Unified is getting rid of six buses as they purchased 100% electric and fuel efficient buses. BC Brown and BC Bowman discussed if the buses could be utilized at the Training Center. They both agreed it would be beneficial for upcoming training. Sanger Unified is willing to donate two buses, but the caveat is that they have to disable the engines before they can give them to us. The District has agreed that we would not make them run or license them for the road in the future. BC Brown has drafted a letter of intent to Sanger Unified School District that the District has no intention to register or operate on the road, which also satisfied the Air Pollution Board District requirement.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR ARABIAN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE BUS DONATION FROM SANGER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Agenda Item 16 – Advanced Instructor Hourly Pay Rates – Mid Valley Regional Fire Training Center

BC Bowman reflected on the 80,000 hours of instruction that has been conducted at the Training Center. The Training Center just graduated its 7th Basic Fire Academy. The Basic Fire Academy has had 230 students come through, which have moved on to jobs with Cal Fire or other agencies. Feedback from other fire departments and staff from various parts of the state have asked about Company Officer, Chief Officer, Captain level training that is not available in the valley. This kind of training is only available in Los Angeles, San Francisco or Sacramento. BC Bowman is bringing forward to the Board a contractual agreement that would allow the Training Center to bring in individuals to teach

higher level classes. These instructors are currently going to other departments outside of the region to teach or they are teaching at community colleges. Depending on the instructor's educational level, they can get paid up to \$56 per hour. BC Bowman evaluated the State Center Community Center District instructional platform and what they offer. Instruction varied from lectures, classroom instruction and labs which is out in the field. The curriculum ranges from \$43 to \$56 per hour, so he chose a middle point of \$52 per hour. BC Bowman recommends the Board approve the hour rate of \$52 per hour for advanced instructors to teach higher level of instruction at the Training Center.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR RICHTER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE.

Agenda Item 17 – Employee Assistance Program

DC Chrisman brought forward a proposal for providing an Employee Assistance Program for District Schedule C employees. Currently Cal Fire employees have an Employee Assistance Program as part of their employment. DC Chrisman contacted five different vendors to compare pricing and services they provide. DC Chrisman recommended adding EAP services for District employees as an added benefit for working with the District. Staff recommends the Board approves the Chief to sign a contract with ESI Employee Assistance Group to provide EAP services to the District.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR DEL RICHTER SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO AND CARRIED BY FIVE AYES AND ONE NOE VOTE, TO APPROVE ESI EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE GROUP TO PROVIDE EAP SERVICES.

Agenda Item 18 – Amended Budget FY 18/19

DC Bump and DC Chrisman met with the budget sub-committee members last Tuesday and adjusted the budget. The midterm amended budget is based on the first teeter payment received and the annual audit that was completed in December 2018. After analyzing the teeter payment, we are on track for a 4.5% increase from last year. The projected gross fund balance is projecting to end for FY 18/19 at \$207,120.

UPON MOTION BY DIRECTOR GUICE, SECOND BY DIRECTOR DEL PUPPO AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AMENDED BUDGET FY 18/19.

Agenda Item 19 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

Director Richter asked about the status of Fireview. DC Bump indicated it has not been implemented as they are having problems getting information out of CAD. Director Richter asked if Naloxone is on the engines. DC Chrisman explained that once all the training is completed, then they can apply for the grant through the State. One of the requirements is training to be provided to staff before the agency can apply. Director

Richter asked if Lexipol policy were only for District employees. DC Chrisman replied that all staff need to know the policy as Cal Fire employees supervise District employees. Cal Fire employees can only be held to policies outlined by Cal Fire.

Agenda Item 20 – Staff Reports

1. DC Bump and the Chief went to the Air Pollution Control District Board to discuss fire service being overlooked from any cap and trade emission improvements and grants. APCD said they would take into consideration developing a program to include fire service.
2. DC McDougald and BC Christopherson met with the County of Fresno regarding the opportunity to buy into the County's program to track inspections/permits. The District and its constituents will benefit as the program will stream line the process and collects all data pertaining to permits that are issued.
3. BC Brown noted that last month the District partnered with the Red Cross on the Sound the Alarm campaign. The project was able to install almost 400 alarms in one day. BC Brown would like to work with Red Cross on this campaign in the future.
4. FSP II Nolan gave 2018 stats on fire instruction with schools in the District. In 2018, she instructed almost 2,700 students, the majority were in the District. For 2019, she has already instructed 1,461 students from 5 schools. The Burn Foundation gives the District material to teach, which amounts to \$1.06 per student. They provide the material just as long the District gives each student a pre-test, post-test and also maintain stats on the tests given.

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

Agenda Item 21.A. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(2): (2 matters)

Written Report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

Agenda Item 21.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (1 matter)

Written Report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

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

Agenda Item 22. – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

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

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on March 20, 2019.