

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

July 15, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Puppo, Del Testa, Guice, Arabian, Richter, and Chavez.
All members present via teleconference.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CAL FIRE/STAFF: Johnson, Bump, Chrisman and Hermosillo

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross via teleconference

GUESTS:

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Del Puppo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Due to remote location the Pledge of Allegiance was not performed.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

None

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-8)

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, 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 facilities maintenance. Received bids on stucco for Station 93 and the station sign has been ordered. Received bids on bathroom remodel for Station 96. Received the plan review back from county regarding training center and Chief Bowman is collecting the information that has been requested. Lastly, staff provided additional information to the County that was requested for the Station 74 mobile home project.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 10 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. The mobile equipment plan is almost complete, should be able to present at next board meeting. Brush 94 engine is near completion. Lastly, Clovis Fire Department reached out requesting interim fleet support, Chief Bump will meet with them next week.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 11 – Conflict of Interest Code Adoption

Admin Officer Chrisman presented the District's Conflict of Interest Code that is due for the biennial review as requested by the County. Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors review and approve the changes made to the Conflict of Interest Code.

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No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 16 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

Director Del Testa advised the Board and staff that he is resigning from the board and September will be his last meeting.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 17 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Johnson advised the Unit currently has a fire in Coalinga that is 14k acres and an incident command team has been ordered.
2. Chief Johnson advised that per the COVID-19 requirements everyone has to wear a mask.
3. Chief Johnson advised that within a couple weeks the Unit will be hiring another 24 seasonal firefighters.
4. Chief Johnson advised the Board that retired Division Chief Dale Letson and his wife Donna lost their only son and will be having a celebration of life on Friday, details will be sent to Board members.
5. Admin Officer Chrisman advised he was still working on 457 plan and should be able to present at next meeting.
6. Admin Officer Chrisman advised the job posting for the Fire Inspector position has been closed and 50 applications are being reviewed by Senior Inspector Watkins.
7. Admin Officer Chrisman advised the Board that Kuykendall Solar has resubmitted drawings to the County for the solar project to address back check comments. Anticipate that it will be another 3 to 4 weeks to hear back from the County.

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Agenda Item 18.A. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(2): (2 matters)

Reportable Action: Written report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.154957.1.

Agenda Item 18.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (0 matters)

No Reportable Action

Agenda Item 19 – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on August 19, 2020.