

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2016

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7:01 p.m. by President, Mike DeLaurentis.

Present:

Mike DeLaurentis, President  
Dave Harris, Vice-President  
Sean Mullin, Clerk  
Gary Grenfell, Director  
Terri Ryland, Director

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder  
Deputy Chief, Karl Fowler  
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros  
Battalion Chief, Jason Brooks  
Captain, Brian Midtlyng

Special Presentation: Chief Walder introduced the District's new Paramedic/Firefighter, Logan Stoner, hired full-time on 4/2/2016. Chief Walder commended his work and presented him with an official badge. His family was invited to step forward, take pictures and pin the official badge on his uniform. President DeLaurentis then officiated the oath of office. Chief Walder congratulated him and his family for his accomplishment and dedication to the fire service.

Public Comment: None

Closed Session: A closed session meeting took place at 6:30 p.m. to discuss current contract negotiations with the South Placer Firefighter Local 3809 and SPFAOA. President DeLaurentis reported that there was no action to report at this time.

Consent Agenda: Director Mullin made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Director Ryland. Carried

Ayes: Harris, Mullin, DeLaurentis, Grenfell, Ryland    Noes: None    Abstain: None    Absent: None

OLD BUSINESS

Ambulance Rate Review: Staff recommends approval and action on the updated ambulance rate schedule. Chief Walder explained that calculations were based on the 2014/15 Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) cost report to the Department of Health Care Services. From the report, the District per transport cost was \$1,788. He continued that raising transport fees an additional \$58 to match the GEMT cost report; would amount to a 3.4% increase for 2016/17. He continued that

he recommends the Board take action to approve the proposed rate increase and corresponding ordinance.

Director Grenfell made a motion to approve the proposed increase in ambulance transport rates and Ordinance No. 1-2015/2016. The motion was seconded by Director Harris. Carried

Roll Call:

Ayes: Harris, Mullin, DeLaurentis, Grenfell, Ryland Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

## NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget Update: Staff recommends a third quarter report on the Fiscal Year 2015/16 budget. Chief Walder reviewed the quarterly budget and current profit and loss statement. He noted that the District had received the next anticipated property tax draw of 45% from Placer County on April 10<sup>th</sup>. He continued that the Placer County Auditor Controller, Andrew Sisk, had assured that the District was guaranteed 99% of their budgeted property tax revenues. Both mitigation and strike team revenues exceeded expectations and are above schedule at 80% received to date. Ambulance revenues are still 6% below expectations for the year. Grant reimbursements for the purchase of radios of \$72,000 were received in April and not yet reflected on this budget report. Service and operations expenditures are currently on target at 75% of budgeted estimates. He continued that all strike team expenses have all been distinctly separated in financial reports. This reporting change allowed the District's overtime expenses to be within budget.

Director Grenfell made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Third Quarter Budget Report and the Profit and Loss Statement ending March 31, 2016 as presented to the Board of Directors. Seconded by Director Harris. Carried

Ayes: Harris, Mullin, DeLaurentis, Grenfell, Ryland Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Response Time Report: The Fire Chief recommends review and discussion on the quarterly response times. The District is currently tracking three different sets of data: SS-V ambulance response times, Board adopted response times, and NFPA national standard response times. Staff is submitting quarterly ambulance response time compliance reports to SSV EMS. The SSV standard is 90% of the time within 10 minutes. The District is in compliance with SSV response times. The Board adopted goal for responses is within 7 minutes 80% of the time. The current District average is around 6 minutes. Battalion Chiefs are responsible for making sure resources are available for all calls. Chief Walder explained that Captain Sex has begun tracking data for all incidents. He explained that call processing is done by the County dispatch and out of the Districts control. In response to Director DeLaurentis, he noted that he did not have data to explain why response times were high in summer and low in winter. Turnaround times have become expedited with the use of electronic patient care reporting.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Functional Consolidation or Merger with Loomis Fire Protection District: Chief Walder gave a brief update for continuing discussions between the Loomis Fire District Board regarding a consolidation or merger of the two Districts. The committee had their first meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>. He continued that in 1 1/2 years of the District's three year contract for administrative services the

two Districts have combined policies, emergency incident management, purchasing, community risk reduction and training. He presented the Board a brief description of the two districts along with an assessment of future topics for consideration.

He maintained that Loomis Fire has one station, no ambulance service, and territory covering 18 miles with favorable response times. Loomis Fire has passed special tax assessments of \$98 and an engineered assessment of \$200 per parcel with a yearly cost of living adjustment not to exceed 4%. In addition, they have .02 cent per dollar ad valorem tax rate. South Placer has a tax rate of .12 - .14 cents per dollar ad valorem tax rate and a special tax of \$70 per parcel with no cost of living adjustment. He noted that SCI Consultants state there is no danger to Loomis Fire losing their engineered assessments should there be a merger. At this time, Loomis is looking to hire a Paramedic in the next three months and provide an ALS engine service to Loomis by next budget year. South Placer will need to adjust contract prices to oversee the ALS program. Discussions will need to continue between both the Board committee members and labor groups to discuss objectives toward merging their organizations. The next meeting has been arranged for May 4<sup>th</sup> between committee members.

Correspondence: A letter to FASIS from Director Grenfell expressing his interest in serving on the FASIS Board of Directors. A letter from Pam Stephens of the Placer County Office of Education 49er ROP Careers with Children Program thanking Firefighters for their presentation on fire extinguisher safety. A letter from Placer County LAFCO officially opening the nomination period for one regular and one alternate Special District representative seat on the Placer Local Agency Formation Commission along with a letter from Chief Higgins of the Foresthill Fire Protection District, recommending Chris Reams for the vacant position. The most recent statement from the PARS OPEB Trust for the month ending February of 2016. A card of appreciation from a medical aid from the Cincotta family. Information was distributed regarding the CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy to interested board members.

Chief's Report:

- Chief attended the FDAC conference April 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> along with Loomis Board members Chris Gibson and Russ Kelley
- The new FAIRA grant writer has submitted the safer grant application for \$1.4 million. The District should hear back in 6 months.
- The Fire Services Improvement Study is out in a draft form. Placer County Chiefs will meet and unite to discuss with the County and OES to give input into the study. The draft will then be presented to the Board of Supervisors and then given to the public.
- The April training plan is being implemented. Training occurred at the Loomis Fire training house combined with 140 firefighters from Sac Metro, Roseville, and Rocklin. Many additional opportunities are upcoming such as the multi-casualty company training at Denio's Corporate Yard and the Sierra College flash over training.
- Prop 172 update: President DeLaurentis and Chief Walder attending a meeting to discuss ongoing issues surrounding lack of funding for the majority of Districts in Placer County. Penryn Fire reported their doors will shut by June 18<sup>th</sup> if there is no action.
- Captain testing is scheduled for week of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Engineer testing will follow.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: Director Ryland commended Station 20 for their professionalism during a station tour to her grandson. President DeLaurentis noted that he would be absent for the May and June regular board meetings.

Future Agenda Items: Promotional Badge Pinning, Budget Committee Meeting, Fire Chief Evaluation, Placer County Office of Elections Resolution

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Medeiros". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros