

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2016

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:05 p.m. by President, Mike DeLaurentis.

Present:

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

Absent:

Terri Ryland, Director

Staff in Attendance:

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

Special Presentation: None

Public Comment: Member of the public, Sandy Harris, informed the Board that a residential care facility is under review at Sierra College Boulevard and Old Auburn Road.

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. He continued that the Board will return into closed session after the close of the regular meeting.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ambulance Rate Review: Staff recommends review and discussion on the current ambulance rate schedule and proposed increase. In April staff will recommend action on the proposed rate increase and corresponding resolution. Chief Walder explained that per the 2014/15 Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) cost report to the Department of Health Care Services, the District calculation per transport cost was \$1,788. He continued that he recommends raising transport fees an additional \$58 to match the GEMT cost report; a 3.4% increase for 2016/17. He explained that

for a Medicare/Medi-Cal transport that is invoiced \$2,000, the District receives only \$580. Private pay insurance carriers pay the entire transport cost. Rates were last increased by 3% in 2014. There were no increases in 2015. He continued that the average age in the community has risen with the increased residential care facilities in the District. He noted that it is his intention to keep rates in line with neighboring agencies while keeping in compliance with SSV; the local governing agency.

Chief Walder explained that he would like the District to continue to standardize transport rates with SSV unless the GEMT calculation is higher. He continued that discussion of the ambulance rate increase will return to the April Board meeting with a Resolution for approval.

Grant Writer Contract: Staff recommends discussion on entering into an agreement with Bickmore/FASIS to provide a grant writer on retainer. As part of the Board adopted goal staff have been directed to pursue grant opportunities as they become available. The District has been successful with many small grants over the past few years but has not been successful with larger grant opportunities that have been available. Chief Walder explained that staff has met with the grant writer from Bickmore, Mollie Ailene, and are encouraged by her knowledge and success rate at receiving grants. The total contract for grant writing services has been proposed for \$12,000. Chief Walder requested the Board authorize him to sign the contract for grant writing services with Bickmore.

Director Grenfell made a motion to authorize Chief Walder to enter into agreement with Bickmore Grant Writing Services. Seconded by Director Harris. Carried

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

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Functional Consolidation or Merger with Loomis Fire Protection District: Chief Walder gave a brief discussion and direction for continuing discussions between the Loomis Fire District Board regarding a consolidation or merger of the two Districts. Currently, two Board members from each agency have been assigned to the committee. President DeLaurentis and Director Mullin were assigned to the committee in May of 2015. He continued that committee members have heard a presentation from LAFCO Executive Officer Kris Berry. Discussions will continue on the 24th of March between Board committee members to discuss objectives to move forward. Thereafter, labor groups will be included in future discussions to express the goals in mind for the two agencies.

Correspondence: None

Chief's Report:

- Deputy Chief Fowler has passed his Certified Fire Investigator exam thru CCAI. He is the first employee to reach this level of certification.
- The new Battalion 19 vehicle has been received and is in the process of completing the buildup customization.
- All required Form 700 Conflict of interest forms have been filed for the District.
- The FDAC Conference is April 6th - 8th in Napa. Chief Walder and Loomis Board President Chris Gibson will be attending.

- Two promotions have occurred: Engineer Tracey Kincheloe has been promoted to Captain and Paramedic Firefighter Daniel Justus has been promoted to Paramedic Engineer. The swearing in and badge pinning will be at the April Board meeting.
- The March training plan is being implemented. The February training plan was a success.
- 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 18th if there is no action. The Board of Supervisors wish to wait for the results from the county fire services improvement study.
- The fire services improvement study is in draft form with the CEO. The study will be available to the Fire Chief's sometime after the 21st then sent to the County Board of Supervisors.
- Captain testing is scheduled for week of June 13th.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: None

Future Agenda Items: Promotional Badge Pinning, 3rd quarter Budget Report, Budget Committee Meeting Schedule

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 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