

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2016

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:02 p.m. by Vice-President, Dave Harris.

Present:

Dave Harris, Vice-President
Gary Grenfell, Director
Terri Ryland, Director

Absent:

Mike DeLaurentis, President
Sean Mullin, Clerk

Staff in Attendance:

Fire Chief, Eric Walder
Deputy Chief, Karl Fowler
Board Secretary, Kathy Medeiros
Battalion Chief, Matt Feeley
Captain, Kelly Moretti
Captain, Tracey Kincheloe
Engineer Paramedic, Pat Patterson

Special Presentation: Chief Walder introduced Captain Tracey Kincheloe. He noted that he was a District employee of 15 years who began his career as a volunteer firefighter and has now been promoted to Captain. 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. Vice President Harris 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. Vice President Harris reported that the groups have reached agreement. A final vote and approval will be at the next month's board meeting.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

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. He noted that the consultant, Mr. Seger, for the Placer County Consolidation Study agreed to add Chief Walder's suggestions into the study

recommending the consolidation. The final draft of the study should be available in July when it is submitted to the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

On May 4th the consolidation committee members had a 1 ½ hour meeting with labor groups to discuss moving forward. Chief Walder is still researching the feasibility of Loomis Fire consolidating employee wages and benefits with South Placer. He continued that Loomis Fire is a stable district with a healthy reserve. He reported that should consolidation attempts fail, the renewal of the contract for administrative services will be significantly different.

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget Planning: Staff recommends presentation and discussion on the draft preliminary fiscal year 2016/17 budget. The Board budget committee had a meeting on May 6th. Chief Walder explained that at this time he anticipates a modest tax increase of 3.5% based on county projections. General Revenues are expected to surpass \$9 million for the year with a \$400,000 projection for OES strike team response reimbursements. Ambulance revenues have been below expectations and may be reduced before the final budget. This budget assumes that the District stays at full staffing through the fiscal year. Total salaries and benefits are \$7.1 million and 79.53% of general revenues; well under the 80.25% budget principle. Service and operations projections are from the current year's budget and within the 12% budget principle. Fixed assets are place holders for purposes of the preliminary budget and are at .97%; while the budget principle is 1%. Capital expenditure purchases include a new staff vehicle and a new ambulance to replace the Medic 17. Medic 20 would then be moved to reserves. For major equipment, purchases would include new thermal imaging cameras and Lifepak 15 heart monitors.

In the preliminary budget, \$250,000 is designated from general funds for the Station 15 remodel although the project will cause the District to deficit spend out of designated reserves. The project could be held off for another year to fiscally prepare the District. At this time, the budget committee recommended further research be compiled for the current costs of the project by the facilities committee. Station 17 is scheduled to update the exhaust removal system for the safety of employees at a cost of \$50,000. Total capital expenditures are at 6.45% of general revenue, well below the 6.75% budgeting principle. Mitigation account expenditures anticipated include \$240,000 from mitigation revenues for the Station 15 remodel costs. He continued that this budget was only preliminary at this time.

Election Services Request: The Chief recommends approval of the resolution requesting election services from Placer County for the November 8, 2016 election. These election services are for three Board of Director positions, Director Grenfell, Mullin and Harris, whose terms will expire. This is standard procedure prior to each election the District is required to request election services from the Placer County Elections Division. The election is expected to cost \$26,000 or \$1.25 per voter.

Chief Walder asked the Board of Directors to pass Resolution No. 12-2015/2016. A motion was made by Director Ryland and seconded by Director Grenfell. Board of Directors approved Resolution 12-2015/2016.

Roll Call:

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

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Election of Special District Representative to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO): Staff recommends discussion and then a vote to appoint a member to the LAFCO board from the nominees that have been identified. Chief Walder explained that their District receives one ballot and vote for two candidates for the vacancy on the LAFCO board. Chief Walder suggested the board support Chris Reams a Director from the Foresthill Fire Protection District and cast the second vote for Mike Lynch of Auburn Recreation District. Director Ryland made a motion to cast a vote for Chris Reams and Mike Lynch for the LAFCO board vacancy on behalf of the District. Seconded by Director Grenfell. Carried

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

Correspondence: The most recent statement from the PARS OPEB Trust for the month ending March of 2016. A card of appreciation from a recent public education event at a preschool. Information regarding the toast to the passing of Capt. Preston Thomson held on April 1st at the Hyatt Grand Hotel.

Chief's Report:

- Fire Services Improvement Study should be out with the agreed upon changes to delineate the District from the failing districts.
- RT-130 Annual wild land refresher was held at the Weimar institute in Meadow Vista. Thirteen agencies in the County participated. Battalion Chief McMillin was instrumental in delivering the training.
- MCI on May 18th was a high intensity accident that reflected the great work done in preparation with training.
- Additional training in hose testing, inspections and pump testing have been in progress for May.
- Prevention is preparing for a public education event at Greenhills School on May 20th and Douglas Ranch Supply on May 22nd.
- A combined Loomis and South Placer Captain testing is scheduled for week of June 13th. Engineer testing will follow.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: Chief Walder discussed the upcoming annual Fire Chief Evaluation and noted that his contract was signed in December. Board members agreed to move the evaluation to October or November.

Future Agenda Items: Special Tax Resolution

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros