

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2017

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. by President, Gary Grenfell.

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

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

Special Presentation: Chief Walder postponed the special badging presentation until the next month's board meeting due to one of the recipients being ill and another deployed on a strike team.

Public Comment: None

Report from Closed Session: None

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Consolidation with Loomis Fire Protection District: Staff recommends discussion of current progress of consolidation. Chief Walder gave an update on the progress of the consolidation effort. Chief Walder noted that a lot has happened since the last update. The protest hearing was held on July 19th without any public protest or media. He continued that the certificate of completion will be effective July 22nd. Chief Walder noted that the new budget combines South Placer and Loomis Fire employee wages and salaries. After transitioning the salaries and benefits, the expense still amounts to 78% of general budget. He continued that the Loomis Personnel Committee reviews the changes in work conditions and unanimously chose to move forward. Chief Walder noted that a new consolidated budget will be presented at the next board meeting. He continued that Loomis and South Placer administration met for two hours to discuss

transitions and responsibilities. Currently, Loomis employees will cash out any comp time off accrual with Loomis Fire to minimize the three week delay in payroll to transition to South Placer. The County has been contacted to consolidate the accounts. Wells Fargo has been contacted to merge the two operating accounts with the District. Along the way, expenses that have been eliminated will be captured in order to reflect all savings from the consolidation. The employees of Loomis have already been given a new hire package and met with Kathy Medeiros to expedite the upcoming transition. Chief Walder continued that the general liability carrier, FAIRA, has been notified of the consolidation.

Chief Walder explained that all mitigation revenues will need to continue to be charged separately for the two jurisdictions until the next Nexus Study is completed for the consolidated District boundaries. All plan review submittals will occur at Station 17 with plans to transition personnel into additional prevention responsibilities.

Director DeLaurentis commended Chief Walder on meeting with all the employees involved individually to address any concerns they might have and congratulated him for his work on the consolidation.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution of Intention to approve an Amendment to CalPERS Contract: Staff recommends discussion and approval of the Resolution of Intention to approve an amendment to the contract between CalPERS Board of Administration and SPFD Board of Directors. Chief Walder began that negotiations agreed to an additional 3% increase in salary with an additional increase to the employee contribution to PERS for both safety and miscellaneous members. The proposed change is to provide for Section 2016 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost) of additional 3% for classic local miscellaneous members, 3% for Classic Local Safety, and .5% for new local safety members. He continued that to approve the contract amendment, CalPERS required the District hold a secret ballot approving the new increases in employee contributions. The ballot vote was 100% approved by the CalPERS members.

Director Ryland made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing an amendment to the CalPERS contract. A second was given by Director Mullin. Carried

Roll call:

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

2016/17 Final Goals Update: The Chief recommends a brief discussion on the final status of the 2016/17 goals. In September 2016 the Board adopted goals for the Fiscal Year 2016/17. Chief Walder explained that the new consolidated District will have new goals for next year.

For Board Goals, the first Board goal was completed with the consolidation between South Placer and Loomis Fire. Local grants opportunities have been awarded such as a radio grant for \$12,000 in new radios. In addition there have been positive inclinations toward the awarding of a \$870,000 in a safer grant award. The District received notification of passing the peer review panel and direct deposit information was requested by FEMA. The application requested federal monies up to \$870,000 over 3 years with the district matching \$541,000 for 6 new firefighter

paramedic and an increased staffing for 2 stations. This funding would enable the medic to move back to Station 16. The Long Term Facility plan is still in progress.

For administration, the ACA impacts on the District are still under review each year. Alternative options to the CalPERS medical benefits are still being considered. Permanent storage option has been found with the addition of Station 29.

In Operations, currently 9 personnel are close to certification to staff OES RT-14.

Fire prevention under Chief Ritter is doing well. Chief Ritter is currently Level 2 Certified working on Level 3 with Katrina Hoop working to complete a task book for Level 2. All residential inspections are done in-house and over \$380,000 have been received in mitigation fees. There is consideration of hiring an additional full time employee with the additional prevention work coming from Loomis. All public education programs have been done with in house personnel. The 2016 Fire Code Adoption is complete.

For EMS, Battalion Chief Brooks has updated the Policy Manual Section 9000 and the District has implemented the Loomis Fire District ALS program.

In Facilities, installing drought tolerant landscaping is still in progress at the stations. The exhaust removal systems have been installed at Station 17 and the Shop. The Station 15 remodel project is in progress.

For safety, research is currently in progress to invest in the Lexipol online software program to ensure policies are up to date. Costs should pay for itself if the program eliminates just one lawsuit. The NFPA 1851 standard on turnouts and SCBA's is complete with work still ongoing. In order to improve compliance with OSHA standards, the District Safety Officer has been sent to several seminars this year.

In Training, six personnel have completed the OES RT-14 qualifications this year. Truck training and technical rescue training have been ongoing in addition to opportunities to participate with the Placer County Incident Management Team.

The Administration office still has two part time volunteers in the office with one intern volunteering as well.

The Shop is has been busy and is working on completing the buildup of the 1701 Command Vehicle that will be utilized by Deputy Chief Fowler. The updating of apparatus and truck check forms is still in progress.

In IT, the District is in progress to complete a user friendly web site while improving District wide network capabilities that will decrease costs.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

None

Correspondence: A letter was distributed from Cal OES Director Mark Ghiarducci to the United States' Forest Service regarding the failure to comply with the CFAA agreement. An email

received thanking the District for their response at a fire on 7940 W. Hidden Lakes Drive on Father's Day, June 18th. A letter from the Placer County Grand Jury announcing the 2016/17 Final Grand Jury report.

Chief's Report:

- A recent structure fire on No Name Lane was contained with great operation from the on duty staff.
- Early season strike teams: OES 380 to Nevada, then OES 380 to Butte County for the Wall Fire, then to the Detwiler with McMillin as STL. XPL4125C – Winter Fire was redeployed to the Garza Fire then reassigned to the Detwiler with Brush 17. XPL4126A deployed in county for a structure fire in Clipper Gap. BC McMillin deployed as Overhead to the Wall Fire.
- Attended State Fire Summit.
- Recently sat on interview panel for Cal Fire's new Deputy Chief.
- 2 hours of mandatory training each day in addition to EMS training for infrequently used skills.
- New Hose deployment training occurred.
- Truck 17 was at Sac Truck for warranty work
- New Engine 28 contract signed and check mailed saving \$31,000 for prompt payment.
- 1701 Vehicle at Lehr getting Code 3 package installed.
- In preparation for Paramedic testing with a flyer being distributed soon.
- One job offer and one background investigation received.
- Chief Fowler and Chief Walder attended the funeral for Chief Mrozinski.
- Penryn's tax measure passed at 80%, Foresthill's tax measure has failed.
- Loomis and South Placer were represented at the Placer Communications meeting.
- Meeting of Operations Officers and Training Officer Associations
- District is researching the online safety policy software program Lexipol.

Functions: None

Board/Staff Comments: Director Ryland commended Director DeLaurentis for his outstanding work for the District noting that that this was his last meeting due to the reduction of the Board for the consolidation. President Grenfell thanked him for his service noting he was a real asset to the Board and expressed his wish for his continued participation.

Future Agenda Items: Special Board Meeting on Monday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for a special meeting held on Monday, July 24th, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary, Kathy Medeiros