

SOUTH PLACER FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 09, 2024

REGULAR BUSINESS

The South Placer Fire District Board of Directors regular meeting was called to order on Wednesday, October 09, 2024, at 6:13 p.m. by President, Tracy Randall.

Board Present:

Tracy Randall, President  
Chris Gibson, Vice President  
Pete Gallegos, Director  
Dan Bajtos, Director

Absent:

Ken Musso, Clerk  
Mike Johnson, Director  
Gary Grenfell, Director

Staff Present:

Mark Duerr, Fire Chief  
Kathy Medeiros, Board Secretary  
Devin Fuller, Captain Paramedic,  
Matt Feeley, Deputy Chief  
Jeff Ingolia, Fire Marshal  
Engineer, Brian Bailey  
Engineer Paramedic, Kenny Kaiser  
Captain, Joshua Green  
Captain Paramedic, Shawn Cline

Engineer Paramedic, Pat Patterson  
Deputy Chief, Matt Feeley  
Captain, Joe Stephens  
Captain Paramedic, Nick Paskey  
Captain, Justin Buathier  
Battalion Chief, Brian Midtlyng  
Firefighter Paramedic, Brandon Johnson  
Captain Paramedic, Mike Long

Public Comment: Member of the public Gary Dahlbeck asked for further information regarding the prior meeting discussions on Community Facilities District rates of taxation for different occupancy types. Member of the public, Gary Flanagan, thanked staff for the recent pancake breakfast held at Station 18 for the Loomis Fruit Shed Festival.

Consent Agenda: President Randall asked to amend the agenda and pull Item 7 C: District Strategic Planning to be delayed until the November board meeting in order to give labor an opportunity to give input. Director Gibson made a motion to approve the amended consent agenda as requested. The motion was seconded by Director Bajtos.

Ayes: Gibson, Randall, Bajtos, Gallegos Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Musso, Grenfell, Johnson

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

South Placer Fire District Policy Updates: Staff recommends a second reading and adoption of the proposed policy updates. Six policies to be reviewed and approved following their first reading. Chief Duerr noted the policies were reviewed by labor with no issues. Director Gibson made a motion to approve the policy updates as presented. Director Gallegos made a second to the motion.

Ayes: Gibson, Randall, Bajtos, Gallegos Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Musso, Grenfell, Johnson

Carried

South Placer Fire District Board Reduction Update: Staff will update the Board on reducing the number of District Board members. In prior meetings, the Board requested an update on the process of reducing the board from seven to five and altering the composition per Division representation. Chief Duerr

explained that this action can be done three ways: 1) the Board may adopt a resolution placing the question on the ballot, 2) upon receipt of a petition of 25 percent of the registered voters, the Board shall adopt a resolution placing the question on the ballot, 3) LAFCO may change the number of members of a district board as a term and condition of approval by the commission of any change of organization or reorganization. Chief Duerr explained that the Board opted to continue with seven members at the initial 2017 consolidation with Loomis Fire. Chief Duerr continued that he would need authorization from the Board to research the options and to retain legal advice from the District's attorney, which could be costly. He noted that a regular election would cost the District between \$30-\$40,000, and a special election would cost between \$70-\$90,000. President Randall recommended the item be postponed at this time and to keep in mind there were possibilities for future consolidations.

## NEW BUSINESS

South Placer Fire District Policy Updates: Staff recommends a first reading of the proposed policy updates. Eleven policies to be reviewed for their first reading. President Randall asked Chief Duerr to give further review and edits to policies 1002, 1003, 1004, and table policy 1005 before returning to next month's meeting for approval.

Adoption of the Consolidated South Placer Fire District Report for the Fire Impact Fee Program: Staff recommends approval of the resolution adopting the Fire Impact Fee Program annual report for the fiscal year 2023/24. Chief Duerr explained that the District is required to prepare an annual report regarding its Fire Impact Fee program. Interested parties can request notification of the report 15 days prior to the board meeting, but no requests have been received. The report is available on the District's website. Director Gibson made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Fire Impact Fee Program annual report and approve Resolution No. 6-2024/25. Director Gallegos made a second to the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Gibson, Randall, Bajtos, Gallegos Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Musso, Grenfell, Johnson

Carried

Correspondence: One PARS financial statement received for the month of August.

### Chief's Report:

- 341 responses in August
- M16, E17 most calls by apparatus
- Station 18, 17 busiest by station. Engine 16 into St. 15 response area
- 5 fires: 3 vegetation, 2 structures
- Turn out and travel times down.
- Ambulance responses met SSV compliance.
- Fire Prevention department (Chief Ingolia): 8 new starts, 0 commercial projects. 16,000 square feet in remodels this month down from last month, 54 sets of plans received and 43 inspections for the month. Granite Bay High School homecoming and fireworks at the end of the month
- Facilities (Chief Ingolia): EV charging station at St.17
- Fire Investigations (Chief Ingolia): 1 investigation for a fire with injuries, Capt. Hernandez last fire for task book completion.
- Weed Abatements (Chief Ingolia): 23 total, 4 pending.
- Overtime: 19% Vacation, 42% OES
- Volunteer vs. mandatory Overtime: Volunteer Overtime down, mandatories up.
- Overtime total hours up, leave usage up, vacation leave up, sick leave down.
- Wildland deployments
- 1 structure fire on Lakeshore Drive
- iPads issued for board members next month.

- Coffee with First Responders held at St.16
- Loomis State of the Town
- Public Safety Day held at the Loomis Train Station
- ISRAM ambulance progress almost complete
- Water tender now in service
- The Compliance Engine started October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- IV fluid shortages due to hurricanes

Labor Report: Engineer Paramedic Pat Patterson thanked Capt. Devin Fuller and staff for a great turnout for the pancake breakfast at Station 18. He continued that the unit lost two additional firefighter paramedics since the last meeting, amounting to a total loss of 1/3 of the department over this administration. He continued that these losses are not found in other fire agencies, and poor morale continues to be the issue. Director Gallegos commented that South Placer should be a destination department and inquired about labor's solutions and ideas for these issues. Engineer Patterson noted that zero tangible things have been done to slow the retention loss. He noted that administration and labor have begun to make arrangements to meet on a regularly scheduled basis.

Functions: All Hands Meeting Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at EUSD 9 am -1pm, 1582 physicals week of 11/11, Pancake breakfast with Santa at Station 17 in December, First Responder night at GBHS this week.

Board/Staff Comments: None

Committee Reports: none

Future Agenda Items: Strategic Planning

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

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