



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: CAL FIRE Headquarters
Highway 9 in Felton, CA 95018
DATE: January 16, 2013
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

APPROVED Minutes for January 16, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

First District Representative/FDAC Chair: Alex Leman
Second District Representative: John Willett
Third District Representative: Tom Scully (*arrived at 4:32 p.m.*)
Fourth District Representative: Bob Stokes
Fifth District Representative: Arnie Wernick (*arrived at 4:05 p.m.*)
Office of Emergency Services Manager: Paul Horvat
Volunteer Firefighters Representative: Doug Aumack

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

- 1.0 Introductions/Call to Order
Meeting began at 4:00 pm
- 2.0 Approval of draft minutes from December 5, 2012
 - **Motion:** Bob Stokes to approve draft minutes
Motion Seconded: John Willett
In Favor: Alex Leman, Paul Horvat, Doug Aumack
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Tom Scully, Arnie Wernick
- 3.0 Oral Communications (items not on agenda, 3 minutes per person)
 - 3.1 Walt Brown, representing "Friends of County Fire", introduced himself and his wife Linda and expressed interest in learning more about County Fire and what he and his group could do to show their support.
 - 3.2 Russ Mackey requested an update of volunteer response statistics. Loma Prieta stats have been unavailable since June and all stats have been unavailable since November.
 - A. Ginny Petras clarified that this has been due to technical difficulty and CZU ECC in conjunction with Sacramento IT was able to fix the program and reports are now available as of 1/16/13. Reports will be forwarded after the meeting.

Arnie Wernick arrived at 4:05

- 4.0 Correspondence
 - 4.1 John Leopold correspondence dated 1/8/13 regarding the annual report.

- 5.0 Business
 - 5.1 New Business
 - None
 - 5.2 Old Business
 - None

- 6.0 Informational Reports
 - 6.1 Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report
 - A. Several personnel transactions are occurring within the unit.
 - 1) Scott Jalbert has been named Unit and County Fire Chief as of 1-21-13.
 - 2) Ian Larkin is now Acting Deputy Chief presiding over Santa Cruz County Operations.
 - 3) Rob Sherman is now Assistant Chief at BLC leaving the 1712 Battalion Chief position vacant.
 - 6.2 Updates:
 - A. County Fire's ISO rating has improved from 6/8B to 5/8B.
 - 1) Staff is working with the ISO representative to correct some small discrepancies which will not affect this rating. The final report should be available by March.
 - B. Incidents
 - 1) No significant incidents to report aside from a couple of structure fires.
 - C. Training /Academies
 - 1) The Basic Volunteer Firefighter Academy is scheduled for 2/9/13-4/25/13. This county-wide academy involves all Santa Cruz County local agencies as well as San Mateo County Fire.
 - 2) Five volunteers from County Fire are enrolled. Chief Jalbert requests attendance at graduation.
 - D. Volunteer Handbook
 - 1) No Update
 - 6.3 FDAC Reports
 - A. Updates:
 - 1) Master Plan Subcommittee
 - (Members: Paul Horvat, Arnie Wernick, Tom Scully)
 - a) Through EMSIA we are exploring options for Advanced Skills pilot program. Discussions are still underway. Implementation will commence upon confirmation from EMSIA.
 - 2) Recruitment Subcommittee
 - (Members: Scott Jalbert, Alex Leman, Vacancy)
 - a) Two volunteers responded to the second email request for members. This committee will not wait for further response and will move from information gathering to implementation.
 - b) Doug Aumack volunteered to fill the vacancy in this subcommittee.
 - 3) County Fire Reorganization Committee
 - (Members: Tom Scully, Paul Horvat, Bob Stokes)
 - a) Three possible options for County Fire reconfiguration were presented for discussion.
 - b) The committee will continue to research these proposals for feasibility.
 - 4) Budget Subcommittee
 - (Members: Arnie Wernick, John Willett, Scott Jalbert, Ginny Petras)

Tom Scully arrived at 4:32pm

- a) Fund balance has been maintained primarily through savings on CAL FIRE contract and deferral of MERP.
- b) Currently experiencing critical apparatus failures.
- c) Suggestions were given for changes to the proposed FDAC recommendation letter to the Board of Supervisors':
 - i. Emphasize the need for increased staffing.
 - ii. Remove General Fund and Prop 172 options.
 - iii. 2/3rd votes needed not 51%.
 - iv. Include bond measure costs.
 - v. Account for County Fire volunteer presence.
 - vi. Correct number of new engines listed to two: E4111 and E3211.
- d) **Motion:** Tom Scully to reconfigure the Budget Subcommittee's letter to the Board of Supervisors to include the FDAC recommended changes and add direction to move on the bond measure proposal immediately. Budget Subcommittee to resubmit the updated letter to the FDAC for final approval.
Motion Seconded: Bob Stokes
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent:
- e) **Motion:** Doug Aumack to add "engine purchase" as an item to the agenda due to a state of emergency.
Motion Seconded: Arnie Wernick
In Favor: Alex Leman, Tom Scully
Opposed: John Willett, Paul Horvat
Abstained: Bob Stokes
Absent:
Motion not passed
- f) Agreed to move discussion on purchase to next meeting.

7.0 Roundtable
 Bypassed due to time limitations.

8.0 Adjournment at 6:40 pm.
 ➤ **Motion:** Alex Leman to adjourn.
Motion Seconded: John Willett
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

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Next regular meeting – Wednesday March 20, 2013 at 4:00 pm

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