



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: CAL FIRE Headquarters
Highway 9 in Felton, CA 95018
DATE: July 17, 2013
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

APPROVED Minutes for July 17, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

First District Representative/FDAC Chair:	Alex Leman
Second District Representative:	John Willett
Third District Representative:	Tom Scully
Fifth District Representative:	Arnie Wernick (<i>Left at 5:15 pm</i>)
Office of Emergency Services Manager:	Paul Horvat
Volunteer Firefighters Representative/Co-Chair:	Doug Aumack

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fourth District Representative:	Bob Stokes
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- 1.0 Introductions/Call to Order
Meeting began at 4:04 pm
Introduction of Battalion Chief Eddy Moore (1712) and RA Division Chief Steve Robertson (Administrative Officer)
- 2.0 Approval of draft minutes from May 15, 2013
 - **Motion:** Tom Scully to approve draft minutes
 - Motion Seconded:** Doug Aumack
 - In Favor:** Alex Leman, John Willett, Arnie Wernick, Paul Horvat, Tom Scully, Doug Aumack
 - Opposed:** None
 - Abstained:** None
 - Absent:** Bob Stokes
- 3.0 Oral Communications (items not on agenda, 3 minutes per person)
 - 3.1 Russ Mackey noted inconsistencies in the volunteer statistics and recommended continued improvement in these reports.
- 4.0 Correspondence
None
- 5.0 Business
 - 5.1 New Business
 - A. None.
 - 5.2 Old Business
 - A. None

6.0 Informational Reports

6.1 Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report

A. Updates

- 1) Newly purchased Felton Fire engine should be ready this week for service at Company 29.
- 2) Incidents
 - a) 500 acres in the Los Padres National Forest.
 - b) Arson arrest made for Henry Cowell Fire.
- 3) Training /Academies
 - a) The FFI Academies are completed for the year.
- 4) Volunteer Handbook
 - a) None.

6.2 FDAC Reports

A. Updates:

- 1) Master Plan Subcommittee
(Members: Arnie Wernick, Tom Scully)
 - a) No Update
 - 2) Recruitment Subcommittee
(Members: Alex Leman, Doug Aumack)
 - a) County wide open house set for 7/27/13.
 - b) Will add flyer to County PIO Melody Sereno.
 - 3) County Fire Reorganization Committee
(Members: Tom Scully, Paul Horvat, Bob Stokes)
 - 4) Budget Subcommittee
(Members: Arnie Wernick, John Willett, Paul Horvat)
 - **Motion:** Tom Scully to approve BOS funding recommendation letter with amendments as discussed.
 - Motion Seconded:** Paul Horvat seconded with additional amendments.
 - In Favor:** Alex Leman, John Willett, Arnie Wernick, Tom Scully, Paul Horvat
 - Opposed:** Doug Aumack
 - Abstained:** None
 - Absent:** Bob Stokes
- (Arnie Wernick left at 5:15 pm)
- 5) Volunteer Company Officers' Representative
(Douglass Aumack)
 - a) Continued concern regarding adequate equipment and increased need for required training.
 - b) Recommended a training probationary period.

7.0 Announcements

- 7.1 Jed Wilson promoted to Training BC, Scott Ernest promoted to BC 1711, interviewing for South Division relief BC.
- 7.2 Current fuel moistures are 4-6 weeks dryer than normal for this time of year.
- 7.3 Las Cumbres will be hosting CERT training on July 31 and August 24, 2013.
 - A. Las Cumbres has doubled the number of CERT volunteers to 20.
- 7.4 Bonny Doon hosted a successful CERT class on July 13, 2013 at McDermott station.
- 7.5 Bonny Doon Fire Safe Council is continuing active clearing and working to open up two additional fire exits.
- 7.6 Paul Horvat will host a tour of the EOC for the next FDAC meeting.

8.0 Adjournment at 5:45 pm.

- **Motion:** John Willett to adjourn.
- Motion Seconded:** Tom Scully

In Favor: Alex Leman, Paul Horvat, Tom Scully, John Willett
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Bob Stokes, Arnie Wernick

Next regular meeting – Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 4:00 pm, located at the Santa Cruz County Emergency Operations Center, 495 Upper Park Road Santa Cruz, CA 95065

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