



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 23, 2019
CAL FIRE-CZU HQ CONFERENCE ROOM
6059 HIGHWAY 9, FELTON, CA 95018
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:

Meeting called to order at 4:06 pm

Present:

Volunteer Firefighters Representative/Chair:	Doug Aumack
First District Representative:	Alex Leman
Second District Representative:	Carey Pico
Third District Representative:	Janet Webb
Fourth District Representative:	John Walker
Fifth District Representative/Co-Chair:	Arnie Wernick
Office of Emergency Services Manager:	Rosemary Anderson

Absent: None

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:

A. None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2018

A. **Motion:** Leman to approve draft minutes.

Motion Seconded: Wernick

In Favor: Anderson, Aumack, Pico, Walker, Webb

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION: (Items not on agenda, 3 minutes/person)

A. B. Steinbruner gave input on the following:

- i. Announced that the State Insurance Commission Officer will be speaking at upcoming Fire Safe Council meeting, date to be announced.
- ii. Mentioned that a good article appeared in the Mercury News this week regarding Defensible Space.
- iii. Restated her opposition to support a potential ballot measure for CSA 48 unless matching Prop 172 and/or Measure G funds were also included as a means to regain public trust.

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Email response from the Planning Commission (Beaton)

- i. B. Steinbruner clarified that her statement at the November meeting regarding the County Planning Commission's public hearing notification to

the FDAC was mentioned because she had not seen it on any of the prior FDAC agendas.

- ii. Staff will request the Planning Commission notify FDAC when they need input regarding County Fire related issues.

VI. **BUSINESS MATTERS:**

A. Election of 2019 FDAC Officers

Motion: Wernick to elect Douglass Aumack as FDAC Chairman

Motion Seconded: Pico

In Favor: Anderson, Aumack, Leman, Walker, Webb

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion: Pico to elect Arnie Wernick as Co-Chair

Motion Seconded: Leman

In Favor: Anderson, Aumack, Walker, Webb, Wernick

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

B. Review and approval of FDAC Biennial Report

Motion: Pico to approve report with corrections.

Motion Seconded: Wernick

In Favor: Anderson, Aumack, Leman, Walker, Webb

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

C. Discussion of potential County Fire ballot measure in 2019

i. Review of CSA 48 Special Assessment Options (Wernick)

a) Target date is spring of 2019.

b) Matching Measure G, Measure K, or Prop 172 funds may help to sway votes for a ballot measure.

c) Executive committee has been formed with FDAC, County Fire's staff, and Bruce McPherson's office.

ii. Public education program development (Wernick)

a) RFP has been issued for ballot measure/public education consultant with proposals due 1/25/19.

D. Updates from Commissioners

i. Recruitment Subcommittee (Aumack)

a) Met with South Skyline Volunteer Committee.

b) Need to share the reality of County Fire through more public information. Partnering with the local Fire Safe Councils may be a good opportunity for more public education.

ii. Volunteer Company Officers' Representative (Aumack):

a) BFFA starts this weekend and runs through June 12. It is conducted every weekend, Monday night, and Wednesday night. Approximately 10 candidates for County Fire with 30 total students from agencies throughout the county.

E. Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report (Sherman)

- i. The state has been billed for reimbursement of County Fire equipment.

- ii. Two state engines are funded for projects throughout the winter.
- iii. New Governor Gavin Newsom, new Director Thom Porter, new Region Chiefs as well.

F. Announcements

- i. Janet Webb will retire at the end of her term in April of this year.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT AT 5:49 PM**

Motion: Walker

Motion Seconded: Anderson

In Favor: Aumack, Leman, Pico, Webb, Wernick

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Next regular meeting – March 20, 2019 at 4:00 pm, located at CAL FIRE CZU HQ Conference Room, 6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018

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