



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

AGENDA: MARCH 2023 REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting

CalFire / County Fire Meeting Room, 6059 HIGHWAY 9, FELTON, CA 95018

Remote Participation

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I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm

Present:

First District Representative/Chair:	Sanjay Khandelwal
Second District Representative/Co-Chair:	Carey Pico
Third District Representative:	Janet Webb

Appearing Remotely:

Office of Emergency Services Manager:	Michael Beaton
Volunteer Firefighters Representative:	Doug Aumack
Fifth District Representative:	Arnie Wernick

Absent:

Fourth District Representative:	John Walker
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II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

A. None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 18, 2023

A. Postpone to next meeting due to no quorum.

IV. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE:

A. B. Steinbruner-grand jury report feedback suggestion (attachment)

V. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

**Matters not on the agenda (3 minutes per person)*

A. B. Steinbruner

- i. Aptos Fire Wise community leaders met recently.
- ii. Educational event on June 4 at Temple Bethel from 2:00-3:00 pm.; Nancy Yellen will lead; Sonoma group cannot make it so another event will be planned; Marshal Turbeville will be a speaker.

Any member of the public may address the Commission on any item within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not already on the agenda. The Commission will listen to all communication,

but in compliance with State law, it may not act on items that are not on the agenda.

Members of the public may also address the Commission on any item on the agenda at the beginning of the discussion of that item. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person.

VI. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS (Oral reports from Commissioners; No discussion or action).

A. Webb

- i. Third District representation ending this month as last meeting is tonight.

B. Pico

- i. None

C. Khandelwal

- i. Should prepare report for Supervisors in future.

VII. BUDGET STATUS REPORT (Scalia)

A. Public Comment

- i. B. Steinbruner-supports simplifying budget.

VIII. SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT (Wilson)

- Volunteer Daniel Lamothe passed during training; Services will be held on 4/2
- Storms continue-
 - Monterey side of levee breached and is currently being repaired
 - Pajaro Valley flooded
 - EOC activated
 - Little damage to facilities
 - Fuel tank at McDermott still under construction with modifications
- Engine 4111 and 4711 in service at Corralitos and Bonny Doon
- Staffing two type 3 engines for weather conditions
- Vehicle from Rialto being built
- Surplus in process
- Corralitos and Davenport new rescues being outfitted
- In proposed budget for 23/24 County Fire will purchase another type 1
- Offer accepted by new SSA
- All 5 objectives will all be complete this FY
- Working with volunteer center to recruit "non-fire" volunteers
- New website up and running
- Received SAT runner
- Green climber-training delayed due to weather
- MP 50% complete
- BFFA going well, down 2 students (10 now)
- Working with Agile (new provider)
- Toured with Justin Cummins

A. Public Comment

- i. Becky-fuel tank questions

IX. BUSINESS MATTERS (CONTINUING)

A. Master Plan Status (Beaton)

- i. Draft ETA is 1-3 months

B. Volunteer Center Partnership (Beaton)

- i. Will increase community involvement, meetings are ongoing

C. Website support move to County IT (Beaton)

- i. Delayed but in the works, 3-5 months

D. Public Comment

- i. B Steinbruner-FDAC should weigh in on the master plan

- ii. B. Steinbruner-community should have input on the website
- iii. L. Jensen-made a request to please coordinate volunteer center with Fire Wise

X. BUSINESS MATTERS (NEW)

A. New County Fire Contract/2023-24 Budget (Armstrong/Beaton)

- i. CAL FIRE contract expiring in June
- ii. Amador does not work anymore for CAL FIRE (starting 2016)
- iii. Different staffing options available (see power point)

B. Public Comment

- i. B. Steinbruner-County should try to gain ERAF money from state, and there should be a movement to review allocation of prop 172 funds

XI. ADJOURNMENT at 5:56 pm

Set next regular meeting – Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 4:00 pm, location:
CalFire / County Fire Meeting Room, 6059 HIGHWAY 9, FELTON, CA 95018

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