



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES: MAY 17th 2023 MEETING

Wednesday, May 17, 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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CALL IN: 831-454-2222 Conference ID: 702 367 794#

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

Present:

Second District Representative/Vice-Chair:	Carey Pico
Third District Representative:	Mike Phinn
Volunteer Firefighters Representative:	Doug Aumack
Office of Emergency Services Manager:	Michael Beaton

Absent:

Fourth District Representative:	Vacant
Fifth District Representative:	Arnie Wernick
First District Representative/Chair:	Sanjay Khandelwal

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

A. None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 15, 2023 and May 3rd, 2023

A. Unanimous

IV. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE:

A. May 9th 2023 – Becky Steinbruner

V. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

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

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

A. Pico

- i. Requesting clearer communication with Budget and projections
- B. Phinn
 - i. None

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

A. Facilities

Fuel Tank at McDermott still moving forward

Equipment

4111 and 3711 in-service (49 and 31) until June 5th, 2023

WT3952 Water Tender, dropping off tonight

Surplus process

Rescues being retrofitted – completed

23/24 - New Type 1

B3905 vehicle arrived - Filson

General

June 5th and 19th staffing – SLIII and SLIV

RPP Questionnaire on VS – 33 of 65 active

Inventory Tags to Melissa – important

SFT/ South Bay Testing

First Due – contract signed

New SSA for County – Julianna R.

Volunteer Center Collaboration - non-fire volunteer help

Amador period over on May 1st

23/24 Preliminary budget – submitted

Sat Runner - received, training and opportunity for volunteers

Tracked Chipper – trailer – approved – Direct funded CALFIRE Grant

Master Plan – moving forward, they been asking more specific questions lately. - draft soon

Uniform issuance continues

BFFA – graduation completed

Non-compliant volunteers (safety training, LOA)

Starting the annual testing process for SCBA (done), ladders, fire extinguishers, extrication equipment.

VIII. BUSINESS MATTERS (CONTINUING)

A. Master Plan Status (Beaton)

- i. Delay in report due to data sets

B. Volunteer Center Partnership (Beaton)

- i. In-progress, awaiting handbook and policy update
- ii. 23-24 Firefighter recruit will remain a priority

C. Website support move to County IT (Beaton / Wilson)

- i. In the que to be updated from County ISD, not timeframe given.

IX. BUSINESS MATTERS (NEW)

A. Volunteer Deficiencies (Aumack)

- i. Volunteer Firefighter Structure of Knowledge and Expectation
- ii. Increase Transparency with Volunteer Officers and Paid Staff
- iii. How the Public views the Volunteer Program

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Set next regular meeting – Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 4:00 pm, location TBD.

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