



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 3:00-6:00 pm**

CalFire / County Fire Meeting Room, 6059 Highway 9, Felton  
Remote Participation Option for Guests: Join Teams Meeting (FDAC)  
CALL IN: 650-564-3271 Conference ID: 887 871 738#

Commission Quorum: State law indicates that a quorum must consist of Commissioners in person pursuant to AB 2449. Visitors and Guests may attend via internet.

### **I. ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS**

A. Welcome New Commissioner – Rob Sherman

### **II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

### **III. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. None

### **IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION**

A. Matters not on the agenda (3 minutes per person)

*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.*

### **V. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS (Oral reports: No discussion / action)**

*This is an opportunity for Commissioners to comment briefly on issues not listed on the agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No discussion or action may occur or be taken, except to place the item on a future agenda, as needed.*

### **VI. SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FIRE UPDATE / REPORT**

### **VII. BUSINESS MATTERS (CONTINUING)**

A. Master Plan Assessment Update – Update on next steps on the FDAC report prepared at last meeting and also what County is planning to do based on the Assessment (Michael Beaton)

### **VIII. BUSINESS MATTERS (NEW)**

A. Santa Cruz Firewise Update (Lynn Sestak)

B. Update on County Budget for 23-24 (Staff)

C. County Fire Budget 24-25 (Michael Beaton)

D. CalFire Contract Negotiations (Michael Beaton)

E. Future of FDAC – This Commission is being reviewed by the BoS. In the Jan BoS meeting, the following was on the agenda – “*In the 2023 Long-Range Master Plan, the Santa Cruz County Fire Department identified the role of the [Fire Department Advisory Commission](#) (FDAC) as not fully utilized and/or understood and **the work of the commission as ineffective**. Commission members acknowledge the FDAC needs to change. Staff will work on what this looks like and return with a recommendation.*” (Michael Beaton & Mike Phinn)

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Next regular meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2024

*The County of Santa Cruz does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its services, programs or activities. This meeting is located in an accessible facility. If you wish to attend this meeting and you will require assistance in order to participate, please contact the ADA coordinator at 831-454-2210 (TDD number is 831-454-2123 or 831-763-8123 from Watsonville area phones) at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, to make arrangements. As a courtesy to those persons affected, please attend the meeting smoke and scent free.*