

September 20, 2022 Tuesday @ 6:00 PM
SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1
FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA
FIRE STATION 82, SIERRAVILLE CA

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON AND VIA “CONFERENCE CALL”. THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELEPHONE SHOULD CALL (701) 802-5316 AND USE ACCESS CODE 5188908. YOU MAY ALSO ACCESS VIDEO AND ONE-WAY AUDIO VIA ZOOM AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8274761160?pwd=NGVuTCtJL3d2akZGanpUVzlsSGF2UTo9>

Meeting ID: 827 476 1160, Passcode: 419056

CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 pm, Vice Chair McCollum

Roll Call of Commissioners

{ X } Shawn Burt, Chairperson **6:10pm** { X } Jeff McCollum { } Tom Rowson { X } Richard Maddalena
{ X } Candy Hunter { X } Tom Archer { X } Victoria Fisher **6:11pm**

Quorum **Yes/No**

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION: Representatives from Calpine Community Fire Association, Volunteer Ben Hitchcock, Clerk Champion, Chief Connolly

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Matters under jurisdiction of the Sierra County Fire Protection District #1, and not on the agenda, may be addressed by the Public at the beginning of the regular agenda and any off-agenda matters before the Board for consideration. However, California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda. Any member of the public wishing to address the Board during the “Public Comment” period will be limited to a **maximum of five minutes**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 08/16/22 **Comm. Maddalena moved to approve the minutes, Comm. Archer seconded. Roll Call Vote: 4 Ayes (McCollum, Maddalena, Archer, Hunter), 1 Abstain (Rowson), 2 Absent (Burt, Fisher), motion passed.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of August 31, 2022 **H**
2. Approve Bill Payments **H Comm. Maddalena moved to approve the financial statements and payment of bills, Comm. Hunter seconded. Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes (Burt, McCollum, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter, Archer, Fisher) motion passed.**

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM DISTRICT CHIEF, BATTALION CHIEFS AND EMS COORDINATOR:

1. Chief's Report (Response Summary, Fleet, Communications System, Facilities) **Chief Connolly reported just completing a 9 day county-wide repositioning, the district also received calls to a critical motorcycle crash and incidental fires from a logging operation off 54 road on Yuba Pass. W82 was out of service for a couple weeks and E282 briefly. They did extensive clean up at Station 84, Pat Blide fabricated a plate for the siren bracket, Mike Cory installed the new lights at the Sierraville station, Serenity helped price and order rope rescue equipment.**
2. Training / Recruitment/ Retention **Recent training included a rope rescue course and Zach from the USFS put on a FFT1 training. The USFS crew invited the SCFPD crew down for dinner one night and the next Ben Hitchcock BBQ'd at the Sierraville station in return. He used a hydrant in Calpine for a fire drill and felt that the water flows were low. Rudy Hoyos showed the public how to use a fire extinguisher during the Family Fun Fest/Calpine Marketplace event. There is a hydrant in Sierraville that may have been hit and needs repair. There was additional discussion regarding the hydrant marking systems. All hydrants are exercised at least once per year.**
3. Approval of Assignment of Deputy Chief- B. Hitchcock **Volunteer Ben Hitchcock, who joined the meeting via telephone was introduced. Chief Connolly discussed his qualifications and contributions to the District and nominated him for Deputy Chief. Comm. Rowson moved to approve the nomination, Comm. McCollum seconded. Comm. Archer questioned Mr. Hitchcock's further on his background. Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes (Burt, McCollum, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter, Archer, Fisher) motion passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Calpine siren project (Shawn/Jeff) **The District is working to get a boom truck to move the siren.**
2. Update on Sattley property project (Rick) **Comm. Maddalena reported that there was power to the pump and it is ready to use, he thanked Alley Electric for donating some time on the project. We are waiting for a quote on a prefab 6 x 6 pumphouse and there is a notable water leak needing repair.**
3. Follow up on TNF Agreement (Rick) **In process.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of Annual Audit **H The Commission reviewed the annual audit presented and the Clerk noted requested edits. Comm. Archer clarify the District's capital assets valued at acquisition costs vs actual value. It was discussed that there were no findings or material weaknesses reported.**
2. Approve opening bank accounts with Plumas Bank and closing Wells Fargo, authorize signers **Comm. Archer moved to open a checking and savings account with Plumas Bank, Inc. and add Clerk Kelly Champion as a signer for administrative purposes and to acquire an ATM/Debit card, and add all Commissioners as signers including Shawn Burt, Jeff McCollum, Thomas Rowson, Richard Maddalena, Candance Hunter, Thomas Archer, and Victoria Fisher; and to transfer funds from Wells Fargo and close the checking and savings accounts with Wells Fargo Bank. Comm. Fisher seconded. Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes (Burt, McCollum, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter, Archer, Fisher) motioned passed.**
3. Preposition Pay for Volunteers (Tom R./Mick) **H Comm. Archer moved to authorize prepositioning payment for the volunteers up to 50%, estimated at \$18,920.20 conditioned on the acceptance of CalOES for payment to the District, Comm. McCollum seconded. Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes (Burt, McCollum, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter, Archer, Fisher) motion passed.**
4. Calpine Pond Dredging (Rick) **Comm. Maddalena reported that the cost of a required CA Dept of Fish & Game frog survey was high in comparison to the available funding for the project. The group was seeking possible relief, still planning to complete the project in the fall.**
5. DigitalPath Proposal (Rick) **Comm. Maddalena presented a proposal from DigitalPath to use power from the Sierraville station. There was discussion and the consensus of the Commission was to request a more formal proposal with specific details. Comm. McCollum would like the power source to be on a dedicated breaker.**
6. Pump System for WT-82 (including thank you to contributors) (Rick) **Comm. Maddalena reported on the repairs done for the hydraulic pump system on WT82. The Commission thanked Al Pombo, Troy Carson, and Paul Roen for their time and contributions to the District in getting the apparatus back in service.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS: Comm. Rowson volunteered to be the District representative and point of contact with CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife for the Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area Fire Resiliency Advisory Group.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: October 18, 2022 at 6:00pm in Sierraville

ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 pm

Key: T – Tabled from previous meeting H – Handout

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER & EMPLOYER, PLEASE CALL 530.604.4013 AHEAD IF YOU NEED ANY ACCOMODATIONS.