

March 15, 2022 Tuesday @ 6:00 PM
SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1
FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA
FIRE STATION 82, SIERRAVILLE CA

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Meeting ID: 827 476 1160, Passcode: 419056

CALL TO ORDER: 18:01 pm

Roll Call of Commissioners

{ X } Shawn Burt, Chairperson { X } Jeff McCollum { X } Tom Rowson { X } Richard Maddalena
{ X } Candy Hunter { X } Tom Archer { } vacancy

Quorum **Yes/No**

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION: Russell Rosewood of Calpine, John Mitchell, Mike Estrada, Chief Kim Olson of Calaveras Consolidated Fire Protection District (remote), Clerk Kelly Champion, Chief Connolly.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 02/15/22 **Commissioner Rowson moved to approve the 2/15/22 minutes, Commissioner McCollum seconded. Roll call vote- 5 Ayes (Burt, McCollum, Rowson, Hunter, Archer) 1 Abstain (Maddalena) motion passed.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of February 28, 2022 **H**
2. Approve Bill Payments **H**
3. Update regarding preposition pay **in progress**
Commissioner Maddalena moved to accept the financial statements and payment of bills, Commissioner Archer seconded. Roll call vote-Ayes (Rowson, Burt, Hunter, Archer, Maddalena, McCollum) 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 that there were a few medical calls and two structure fires in Sierraville: the Pasquetti shed that burnt down on February 16th and another smaller shed at another location. Commissioner Archer commended the Chief and Volunteers for a quick response time and the protection of adjacent houses. A Go Fund Me for Don Pasquetti had been community organized and could be found online at www.sierraville.org . Chief Connolly reported that a total of 28 personnel had responded from three agencies: SCFPD#1, USFS and Loyalton Fire. There had been various after-action reviews conducted following both incidents. Multiple volunteers reported their appreciation of the structure fire training they had received. Commissioner Maddalena thanked the Calaveras Chief again for selling the District the engine.**
2. Training / Recruitment/ Retention **Regular trainings continue as scheduled. Commissioner Rowson requested that the Chief be more involved in the annual budgeting process and provide a needs list.**
3. Update on AFG and SAFER grant applications **Chief Connolly clarified the full name of the SAFER grant: Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants. He introduced Chief Kim Olson from Calaveras Consolidated who spoke about his experience and benefits from the SAFER grant. He noted that a Grant Administrator had been used to manage the grant and that references could be found through the California State Firefighters' Association, www.csfa.net .**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on PSPS Grant/generator install in Calpine and Sierraville (Rick) **Commissioner Maddalena reported that the District is awaiting the floodplain certification letter from the engineer and thanked John Mitchell of Calpine for helping with a backhoe.**
2. Update on surplus hose washer/dryer **Chief Connolly reported that Mr. Tucker still wanted the item.**
3. Update regarding fire mitigation fee annual escalator (Rick, Tom A.) **Commissioner Archer reported Commissioner Maddalena presenting the District letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding implementation of the inflation adjustment to the \$1.90 per square foot Mitigation Fee. There was no other public comment and the \$0.06 cent increase was approved, commencing immediately. The BOS gave positive feedback on the District's accomplishments.**
4. Committee Report – June 4, 2022 Tour de Manure planning (Tom A./Rick) **Commissioner Archer reported that there has been 400 sign ups so far and that Mike Blide was working to finalize the agreement still. There was discussion between the planners regarding recognition of the founders of the event and its historical name. Commissioner Hunter commented that it was a great website for enrollment.**
5. Committee Report – updating District Bylaws, second reading (Rick/Candy) **Commissioner Hunter reviewed the changes briefly from the first reading and there was discussion regarding adding back 'Division Chief' and some other minor terminology edits. To be approved by Resolution in next meeting.**
6. Discussion/Action regarding Calpine siren testing (Shawn/Jeff) **Chair Burt sent out a letter to the Calpine community and received around 12 emailed responses. Overall, there was feedback regarding the frequency of the siren and concern around how it works if power or cell service goes out. Commissioner McCollum began working the timer and other logistics. Chair Burt moving forward with cost analysis.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/Action regarding LAFCO Executive Officer and County Council direction on where Commissioners geographically can be drawn from including status of potential candidates for consideration (Tom R. /Rick) **Commissioner Rowson had sought direction as to which area to draw from for the current District vacancy. He confirmed that the Commission shall consist of one member from Sierra Brooks, one from Loyalton Pines or the unincorporated area of the City of Loyalton and one from the Long Valley/Verdi area. In short, any candidate from the East side of the County could fill the vacancy. Rowson noted that there was an interested party who had experience with fire suppression.**
2. Discussion/Action regarding TMFPD contract (Candy) **H Commissioner Hunter reported concern from a Verdi resident regarding the response time in consideration of new construction. The process of staffing stations appropriately was noted and it was not an area of concern. Commissioner Archer reviewed the terms of the service agreement and no action was taken.**
3. Discussion/Action to appoint three members of Commission to the Finance Committee to complete the 2022/2023 fiscal year budget (Tom R.) **Commissioner Rowson stressed the importance of the Finance Committee and requested a third person be appointed now that Commissioner Belli has vacated the position, currently comprising of Commissioners Maddalena and Rowson. Chairperson Burt confirmed adding Commissioner McCollum to the Finance Committee. District Clerk to assist.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS: District Clerk reminded Commissioners that the Annual Form 700's are due to the County Clerk. Commissioner McCollum noted a grant available for air purification devices.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: April 19, 2022 at 6:00pm in Sierraville

ADJOURNMENT: 20:12

Key: T – Tabled from previous meeting H – Handout

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