

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; October 7, 2015

1. Call to order; Flag salute; Roll call:

Director Hills convened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Directors in attendance: Harvey, Hills, Lofrano, McCray and Wright.  
Directors absent: None.  
Staff in attendance: Chief Gow, District Manager Lofrano and Engineer Chambers.

2. Agenda approval:

The agenda was approved as posted. (Wright/Lofrano)

3. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes for the regular meeting on September 2, 2015 were approved. (Harvey/McCray).  
Director Lofrano abstained.

4. Public Comment: None.

5. Correspondence (not covered in Agenda items below):

The district's attorney, Susan Schoenig, has left the law firm of Best Best & Krieger and joined Kennaday, Leavitt & Daponde. Director Hills authorized the immediate transfer of the district's files. The Board will consider the agreement for legal services at next month's meeting.

6. Information items:

a. Fire Chief Ian Gow's report:

- Typical call volume for the month. Foresthill had a 3 acre fire last night. There was a wildfire with significant spotting off Tokayana which started at the railroad tracks. Placer Hills Engine Company with a hand crew, saved a home.
- Southern California had some rain.

b. Association Report by Chief Gow and Engineer Chambers:

- Boot drive this Friday and Saturday to benefit Muscular Dystrophy.
- Scheduling a Christmas party.
- Approved the purchase of recliners and attendee registration at the Portland training symposium.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

a. Commendation honoring Kress McKinney for 25 years of service:

Captain McKinney worked his last shift on Friday. He hosted his own retirement party last weekend. Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Captain McKinney's commendation. (Wright/Harvey).

b. Discussion on the District's Underfunded Liability Obligation with Cal PERS:

The Cal PERS report is still not available. The key will be the amount of the district's debt.

c. Discussion on PILT and Proposition 172 monies as potential funding sources:

Directors Harvey and Hills attended Foresthill's MAC meeting where the County gave a presentation about PILT and Proposition 172 monies. The County has no intent of parting with these monies. The County suggested that Foresthill should use its reserves. Foresthill's Board of Directors directed Chief Gow to reduce services to the USFSA area. This will increase the risk to everyone concerned. Placer County Counsel disagrees with the Attorney General's opinion of Proposition 172 and advises the County that these monies cannot be used for Special Districts. Director Hills cannot attend the County's meeting to discuss the future of the fire service in Placer County. Director Harvey volunteered to attend. Director Hills will attend the meeting tomorrow of the Fire Chiefs and Board representatives. Chief Gow added that Supervisor Montgomery believes that the districts should ask the public for additional funding. Most fire districts have failed in recent attempts to pass a measure, Higgins failed last month. A two thirds majority is needed to pass such a measure making the minority in control. The Fire Chiefs met with Senator Gaines. He will broker a meeting with Supervisors Holmes and Weygandt. Director McCray asked if anyone had a contact at the Attorney General level.

d. Budget update and approval of expenses in September 2015:

The medical expenses are due to the annual defibrillation service. Crews were out on strike teams for several weeks. Motion made and passed unanimously to accept the budget update and expenses for September. (Harvey/Lofrano).

e. Adjourn to Closed Session; Govt. Code Section 54957.6 (a) Labor Negotiations:

The public meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. and the Board went into closed session. The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m. Director Hills reported that the negotiating team was given direction.

8. Directors' comments:

- a. *Report on activities of interest to the District which the Director is engaged in or is considering. No action will be taken on these items at this meeting.*

Director Hills will miss the December meeting.

- b. *Request items for inclusion in subsequent meetings, or request a special meeting:*

Consideration of agreement with District Counsel.

- c. *Reminder of next Board meeting:*

November 4, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Meadow Vista Fire Station.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Gillian Lofrano, Board Secretary

Approved by:

Alex Harvey \_\_\_\_\_

Peter Hills \_\_\_\_\_

Fred Lofrano \_\_\_\_\_

Russell McCray \_\_\_\_\_

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