

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; November 4, 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 Captain Nelson.

2. Agenda approval:

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

3. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes for the regular meeting on October 7, 2015 were approved. (Lofrano/McCray).

4. Public Comment: None.

5. Correspondence (not covered in Agenda items below): None

6. Information items:

a. Fire Chief Ian Gow's report:

- Captain Paskey and crews did a great job extinguishing a wild fire on Plumtree. There was a female fatality in a vehicle accident on Placer Hills Road.
- Foresthill Board will be approving job descriptions at their meeting tomorrow. Just completed ladder testing for the first time. Chief Gow will next work on modifying Placer Hills Policies and Procedures to implement at Foresthill. Foresthill's Board has written a reduced response policy into the forest. The County refuses to give Foresthill any of the PILT monies to provide service into federal lands. Board has directed Chief Gow to only respond the ambulance and get back up from Station 10. Placer County Counsel disagrees with the Attorney General's opinion of Proposition 172 and believes that local government is exempt from receiving any of these monies.

b. Association Report by Chief Gow:

- Christmas Party on December 11, 2015.

d. NCPF Local 3800 and Apparatus Committee Report by Captain Nelson:

- Appreciated the start of labor negotiations.
- The unions have joined forces with the Chiefs to determine fire services in the county.
- The Type 1 engine is being built and will be delivered next April.
- The Apparatus committee has found a chassis for a Type 3 engine which is exempt from the current diesel emissions regulations. This reduces the size and height of the vehicle so it will fit in the bays at Station 84. It is also less expensive. A Finance Committee will be scheduled to consider the purchase.

Placer County Supervisor Jim Holmes joined the meeting. Chief Gow introduced him to the Board members.

7 Discussion and Action Items:

- a. Matthew Pfeiffer's beautification proposal for the corner of Placer Hills/Combie Roads:
Matthew Pfeiffer presented his proposal for landscaping the corner for his Eagle Scout project. Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Matthew Pfeiffer's project. (Wright/McCray).
- b. Consideration of Engagement of Legal Services with Kennaday, Leavitt & Daponde:
District Attorney Susan Schoenig has joined the law offices of Kennaday, Leavitt & Daponde. Director Hills has already approved the transfer of the district's files. Motion made and approved by all to accept the letter of engagement with Kennaday, Leavitt & Daponde. (Lofrano/Wright).
- c. Call for Nominations for LAFCO Special District Representative:
Director Harvey was interested in running for the vacant position. Motion made and approved by all to nominate Director Harvey for LAFCOs vacant Alternate Special District Representative seat. (Lofrano/Wright).
- d. Discussion on the district's PERS Unfunded Liability Obligation:
Cal PERS has not released the reports. This item was carried to next month.
- e. Discussion on potential funding sources and the County's Consolidation Study:
Supervisor Holmes convinced his colleagues to hire the consultant recommended by the Fire Chiefs. The first meeting was held with the districts' Chiefs and elected officials, Placer County staff and the consultants. The consultant set the stage. The study should be completed by March 2016. Supervisor Holmes was pleased with the meeting. This is the first time that the County is committed to the study. There is one jurisdiction holding up the LAFCO study. Director Hills hoped there would be enough time to comment on the report before it is considered by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Holmes is available to meet at any time. Input from the fire Boards is critical. Special taxes would stay local in a consolidation. ALS services would extend to the jurisdictions in a consolidation. Director Harvey noted that it may take time to get everyone to the same level in a consolidation. Administrative costs should decrease. The County Study will be kept on the agenda.
Supervisor Holmes commented that Rocklin and Lincoln are discussing sharing a City Manager. South Placer has provided Penryn/Newcastle a proposal for administrative services. Placer County Fire may have also submitted a proposal.
- f. Budget update and approval of expenses in October 2015:
The medical expenses are due to the annual defibrillation service. Motion made and passed unanimously to accept the budget update and expenses for October. (Harvey/McCray).
- e. Adjourn to Closed Session; Govt. Code Section 54957.6 (a) Labor Negotiations:
The public meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. and the Board went into closed session. The meeting reconvened at 9:43 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:*

A meeting of the Finance Committee will be scheduled.

- c. *Reminder of next Board meeting:*

December 2, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Meadow Vista Fire Station.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: 
Gillian Lofrano, Board Secretary

Approved by:

Alex Harvey _____

Peter Hills _____

Fred Lofrano _____

Russell McCray _____

Mark Wright