

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; December 27, 2017

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

Director Hills convened the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Directors in attendance: Harvey, Hills, Lofrano, McCray and Wright.

Directors absent: None.

Staff in attendance: Chief Kushen and Battalion Chief Nelson

2. Agenda approval:

The posted agenda was approved. (Lofrano/McCray)

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting on October 25, 2017 (McCray/Harvey, Director Hills abstained) and the Special meeting on November 29, 2017 (Lofrano/McCray) were approved as posted.

4. Public Comment: None.

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

6. Information items:

a. *Chief Kirk Kushen:*

- Active month for calls with 2 major traffic collisions and 2 structure fires. 2017 has been the busiest year with approximately 1200 calls.
- Staff looking at modifying the apparatus replacement schedule.

b. *Firefighters Association/Local 2800 and Operations reports by Chief Nelson:*

- The Association is supporting the Colfax High School Leadership Group who are putting on the "Every 15 minutes" drunk driving/texting awareness program.
- An Auburn City firefighter brother has Stage 4 brain cancer – many fundraisers are happening.
- Captain Lippold, Engineer Sutherland and Firefighter Burbank were on a 14 day strike team deployment at the Thomas fire in Ventura. They saw a lot of active firefighting.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

d. Update from the Placer County Fire Districts' Financial Stability Task Force:

Retired Chief Gow reported that the Task Force has now a better idea of what the County is looking for. Director Hills has drafted a great template for the report and is currently working on the numbers. The report will go to the County representatives and then back to the individual Fire Boards. Costs are being generated for both current staffing and proposed staffing at the current South Placer rates. Also looking at the ad valorem tax rate at 12% and 16%. At 6:30 pm the public meeting was adjourned and the Board went into Closes Session.

f. Closed Session:

- i. Government Code § 54957.6(a) Labor Negotiations; Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding. Reconvene and report Action taken in Closed Session
- II. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION; Pursuant to CA Govt. Code Section 54956.9 Tess Clark v. Placer Hills Fire Protection District SCV0040302
The public meeting was reconvened at 7:40 pm.

- I. The Negotiating Team was given direction and has all the information needed for the MOU. The MOU will be on the January agenda as long as Local 3800 approves the latest draft.
 - II. The Board conferred with Legal Counsel. There is no report to make at this time.
- a. Approval of the District's Audit for Fiscal Year 2016-2017:
Director Hills recommended carrying this item to next month to allow the Finance Committee to review the Audit. There seems to be a positive cash flow. The Auditor will be invited to the Finance Committee meeting to answer questions about the restricted assets and the concern about district debit cards.
 - b. Resolution No. 2017-006, transfer of Mitigation Funds to Assigned Capital Assets to correct the engine loan:
Motion made and passed to approve the transfer of the Mitigation Funds to Capital Assets to correct the engine loan (Lofrano/McCray).
 - c. Approval of the District's Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2017-2018:
Motion made and passed to set the District's Appropriation Limit at \$2,798,027.26 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as calculated by Placer County Auditor-Controller's Office (McCray/Lofrano).
 - e. Approval of the budget update and the current expenses:
Motion made and passed to approve the budget update and the expenses of \$128,615.36 for November 23 through December 22, 2017 (McCray/Harvey).

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.*
- b. *Request items for inclusion in subsequent meetings, or request a special meeting: Finance committee meeting will be scheduled and the District Auditor will be invited to attend.*
- c. *Reminder of next Board meeting: January 24, 2018 at 6 pm.*

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: _____


Gillian Lofrano, Board Secretary

Approved by: _____