

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; April 3, 2013

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

Director Hills convened the regular meeting at 7 p.m.

Directors in attendance: Harvey, Hills, Stuart and Tresidder; Johnson absent.

Staff in attendance: Chief Gow, District Manager Lofrano,

Guests: Mr. McCray and Mr. Stuart.

2. Agenda approval:

The posted agenda was approved. (Harvey/Tresidder).

3. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes of the regular meeting on March 6, 2013 were approved as written. (Tresidder/Harvey).

4. Public Comment: None.

5. Correspondence (not covered in Agenda items below): S-SV EMS Agency approved the district's application to provide EMT training and offered to advertise the classes. Director Stuart put in a huge amount of work and produced an outstanding program that impressed everyone at S-SV. Director Stuart would like to provide National Registry testing in the future as this is potentially a good source of revenue. Director Stuart will meet with Chief Gow to discuss the details.

6. Information items:

a. *Fire Chief Ian Gow's report*

- ◆ Usual call volume for the month.
- ◆ Chief Gow gave a fire safety presentation to the Friendly Neighbors.
- ◆ The CalFire State fee is on hold as they are still processing the petitions for reconsideration. Howard Jarvis Tax Payers Association is re-filing their lawsuit against the fee. Senator Gaines has asked Chief Gow to testify in support of the repeal of the Fire Tax bill to the Senate.
- ◆ The visor on the traditional helmets does meet OSHA standards but staff is not comfortable with it. Everyone carries safety goggles.
- ◆ AMRs average response time is approximately 12 minutes.
- ◆ Chief Gow requested to re-visit the 96 hour work rule to allow more flexibility. The Board had no objections.
- ◆ The Fire Chiefs long range planning has gained momentum. The elected officials want to keep it moving forward. Chiefs Gow, D'Ambrogi (Auburn City), Harris (Cal Fire) and Mr. Cunhu (Placer County Fire) have met with the Supervisors who all seem supportive. Supervisors Montgomery and Uhler are against Placer County Fire

managing a countywide fire department due to union concerns. Looking at the Orange County model. Chief Gow also met with Vicki Pinette, Director of S-SV EMS Agency and Steve Guisti, Operations Manager for AMR. The ambulance contract is up in 1½ years. The Chiefs are working on a couple of short term goals:

- a. Joint dispatch; currently have 5 different dispatches.
- b. Purchasing and standardization of PPE, hose etc.

The mid-term goal is the ambulance contract.

The County is funding a Municipal Services Review by LAFCO on current levels of service and response times. The Chiefs gave their input for the review. Director Hills reported that LAFCO law now requires a greater obligation to look countywide and there is also a fiscal component. Once the outline for the review has been developed it will be brought back to the elected officials. Director Hills' LAFCO contact in Southern California, who has experience with this process, related that this could take years. Chief Gow will keep the Board updated every month on the developments at the Chiefs meetings.

- b. Awards dinner: Saturday, June 1, 2013 at the Meadow Vista Park. Pioneer Day: Sunday, June 2. The Board participates in the parade.
- c. *Finance Committee*: Committee will meet and present the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 at the meeting in May for adoption in June.

*Personnel Committee*: Negotiations will be starting soon.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

- a. *Study to consider the use of solar panels:*

Director Harvey recently installed solar panels at his home. Board discussed the proposals from Lifetime Solar for Stations 84 and 86. Board would like a presentation on solar systems at next month's meeting. Staff will get a copy of the RFP for Weimar Hills School solar project.

- b. *Budget update and approval of March 2013 expenses of \$117,246.22 :*

The maintenance account was over budget. Director Stuart requested a report on staff overtime. A couple of homes are being built in Winchester. Motion made and approved by all present to accept the expenses for March 2013. (Tresidder/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:*  
Solar system presentation.

- c. *Reminder of next Board meeting:*

Next regular Board meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 7 p.m. at Station 84.

c. Adjournment:

Motion made and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. (Harvey/Stuart).

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

Gillian Lofrano, District Manager

Approved by:

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

Gary Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Stephanie Stuart \_\_\_\_\_

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