

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING; July 11, 2016

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

Director Hills convened the regular meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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

Directors absent: None

Staff in attendance: Chief Gow and District Manager Lofrano

2. Agenda approval:

The posted agenda for the special meeting was approved. (Wright/Lofrano)

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Correspondence:

- The Board received a copy of Director Hills' letter, dated July 8, 2016, to the Foresthill Board acknowledging that the Chief and Administrative Services agreement between Placer Hills and Foresthill expired on June 30, 2016.
- The Board received a copy of a letter from Director Reams, President of Foresthill's Board, dated July 9, 2016, stating that Foresthill had signed the contract with Placer Hills and that they would like to meet to consider some contract issues.

5. Business: Revocation of Offer of Administrative Services to Foresthill FPD:

Director Hills attended the regular board meeting of Foresthill FPD to answer questions regarding the Administrative services agreement. He was angry, shocked and annoyed at the attitude and ungratefulness of the Foresthill Board members. The Foresthill Board felt that Placer Hills was "holding a gun to their head" as they had not reviewed the agreement. It was on Foresthill's June agenda for discussion. A member of the public spoke for 15 to 20 minutes ripping apart the agreement. The Foresthill Board voted to negotiate a 90-day agreement. Director Hills contacted the district's attorney regarding the liability for the district and Chief Gow with no contract in place. Upon legal advice, he wrote the letter acknowledging the expiration of the agreement. Director Hills is uncomfortable leaving the current contract on the table and has completely changed his opinion about the Directors of Foresthill participating in the fire chief recruitment process. Foresthill called a special Board meeting on Saturday and signed the agreement. Director Hills received a personal apology by email from Director Reams. The Foresthill Board were all in favor (one absentee) of signing the contract at the meeting. They would like an ad hoc committee from both districts to address their issues with the contract. Director Lofrano noted that, with a signed contract in place, the Board does not need to take any action. Director McCray shared other recommendations to the contract. The Board decided to put the contract back on the agenda for August and to appoint an ad hoc committee to address Foresthill's issues. Director Lofrano asked if Foresthill could forward their proposed language changes to the contract for the next meeting. District

counsel advised that Foresthill Board members could not participate in the Closed Session for the recruitment of the new fire chief. Chief Gow noted that the 2-year term of the contract was a significant issue for the Foresthill Board. So with a signed contract in place, the Board took no action on this matter. Chief Gow was appreciative.

6. Comments:

Chief Gow received an email from the County requesting the district's financial reports. Two members resigned from the Newcastle Fire Board. Chief Gow, Chief D'Ambrogi and Chief Bettencourt have been asked to interview for the chief's position. Placer County has stipulated that Newcastle must have a fire chief to qualify for the loan for the new fire station.

7. Adjournment:

Motion made and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm. Next regular meeting is on August 3, 2016.

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



Gillian Lofrano, Board Secretary

Approved by:

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

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

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

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

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