

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING; September 3, 2014

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

Director Hills convened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Directors in attendance: Harvey, Hills, Stuart, Tresidder and Wright.
Directors absent: None
Staff in attendance: Chief Gow, District Manager Lofrano.
Guests: Several guests.

2. Agenda approval:

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

3. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes from the regular meeting on August 6, 2014 were approved. (Wright/Harvey).
Director Hills abstained.

4. Public Comment: None

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

6. Information items:

a. *Fire Chief Ian Gow's report*

- Slight increase in call volume. Placer Hill's Engine was on a strike team for 2 weeks and Foresthill's engine was on a strike team for 3 weeks. The Klamath Fire is only 20% contained. Conditions are hotter and drier this year. Southern California wildfires have not started yet. On Monday night, the crews put out a detached barn on fire.
- Foresthill's budget is \$20,000 in the red. Budgeted an increase in ambulance and strike team revenues. Chief Gow has not filled the vacant Captain position. Chief Gow enjoys working with Foresthill. The secretary gave her 2 week notice. Conducted interviews and filled the position today.
- PG&E has been logging along the canal between Crother and Meadow Gate roads.
- Placer Hills' public safety programs will be part of a display by Cal Fire at the Auburn Fairgrounds.
- The Meadow Vista Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) discussed the beginning stages of a dam on Combie Lake by Nevada Irrigation District. This is a 10 year project.
- Chief Gow met with Tom Quinn, Supervisor of the Tahoe National Forest to discuss the PILT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) federal monies given to Placer County. He thought this money was shared with the fire agencies. The County receives \$621,000 this year and will get over \$700,000 next year. Chief Gow has already discussed the PILT monies with the Staffers of Senators Gaines and McClintock, Supervisor Montgomery, Holly Heinzen, Asst. County Executive and Rui Cunha, Asst. Director OES and was advised that these monies go to the Sheriff. The Foresthill Board is really upset over this issue. This year, Placer County will realize over \$35,000,000 from Proposition 172, the half-

cent sales tax passed in 1993/1994. This tax passed due mainly to the public support for firefighters. The fire agencies get free dispatch in lieu of a share of Proposition 172 monies. A Penryn Fire District Board Member, who is a Judge, has also been looking at these monies. The Fire Chiefs and their respective Board Presidents are going to meet to discuss this. The Chiefs also want to meet with Sheriff Bonner. Director Hills shared Proposition 172 articles and a video with Chief Gow. Placer County's CFO told Chief Gow that he could jeopardize the Middle Fork monies (\$17,000) as they are discretionary. PILT monies and Proposition 172 was put on next month's agenda.

b. *The Association* is organizing a Christmas Party – more to follow.

7 Discussion and Action Items:

a. *Personnel Promotion; Josh Curley from Intern to Volunteer:*

Unfortunately Josh Curley could not attend the meeting. He has worked shifts for 6 months as an Intern and has attained his Firefighter 1 certificate. He has met the requirements for volunteer.

b. *Board response to Grand Jury Report on Open Meeting and Ethics Law Compliance:*

All new Board members will be given a copy of the Brown Act. Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the presented responses to the Grand Jury Report. (Tresidder/Wright).

c. *Adoption of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015:*

Director Hills reviewed the Finance Committee memo and highlighted changes to the budget. The estimated increase in property tax revenues is 6.8% but this only amounts to \$50,000. Still negotiating with the union. The district needs an increase of approximately \$500,000 to provide adequate staffing. It is becoming increasingly problematic to staff both engines. The district is still facing challenges. The unrestricted reserves are in compliance with the Reserve Fund policy as they are just above the minimum level of 25% of the annual budgeted operating costs. Director Tresidder suggested going back to the public next year for additional funding even with the State Fire Fee in effect. The State Fire Fee may have funded some road improvements on Barrister Rd in Meadow Vista. Motion made and passed unanimously to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. (Tresidder/Harvey).

d. *Budget update and approval of expenses in August:*

The annual service agreement for the defibrillators was paid out of the medical expenses account. Motion made and passed by all present to approve the budget update and the expenses in August. (Tresidder/Wright).

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:40 p.m.

e. *Adjourn to Closed Session:*

i. Govt. Code Section 54957.6 (a) Labor Negotiations: Board to discuss Memorandum of Understanding with NCPF Local 3800

Board reconvened into open session at 8:50 pm. 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.*
- b. *Request items for inclusion in subsequent meetings, or request a special meeting:*
PILT and Proposition 172 monies will be put on next month's agenda.
- c. *Reminder of next Board meeting:*
The regular meeting in October was moved to Monday, October 6, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Meadow Vista Fire Station.

b. Adjournment:

Motion made and approved by all present to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. (Tresidder/Wright).

Respectfully submitted by: _____


Gillian Lofrano, District Manager

Approved by:

Alex Harvey _____

Peter Hills _____

Stephanie Stuart _____

Bret Tresidder _____

Mark Wright _____

