

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING: January 25, 2023

Held in Unit 2A, 17020 Placer Hills Rd., Meadow Vista and by a Zoom teleconference.

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

President Hills convened the regular meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Directors in attendance: Harvey, Hills, Wright, McCray (via ZOOM)

Directors absent: Lofrano

Staff in attendance: Fire Chief Gow, Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi, Administrative Assistant Paskey and Battalion Chiefs Williamson and Slusher.

2. Agenda approval:

Motion made and passed by all present to accept the agenda. (Harvey/Wright).

3. Approval of the minutes:

Motion made and passed by all present to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on December 28, 2022. (Harvey/Wright).

4. Public Comment: None.

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

6. Information Items:

a. Fire Chief's Report

- Station 84 Sign Update – Insurance adjuster came out and anticipate approximately \$7,000 from insurance to put towards a replacement sign.
- Working on a couple of grants – more information from Battalion Chiefs.
- Upstaffed during storms using Cal OES Pre-position funding - more information from Battalion Chiefs.
- Held the Captain's Testing and gave a conditional offer of employment to the top ranked candidate. Currently in process of a background check.
- Held the Newcastle Dedication and Open House, which were very well attended.

b. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi

- Chief D'Ambrogi has approved 5 sets of plans for single family residences, 3 rough sprinkler inspections, 2 final inspections and 2 propane inspections.
- Chief D'Ambrogi sat on task force meetings with Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council, Cal Trans, CHP and other entities to discuss vegetation management on the I80 corridor, with a focus on the area between Applegate and Blue Canyon. Funding for this project is coming from Cal Trans. Updates will be provided as the project progresses.

c. Battalion Chief Slusher

- There were 151 calls for service in January. 203 unit responses.

- Rescue 84, staffed with 2 rescue swimmers, was used to pre-position for possible flooding and mud & debris flow in burn scar areas. Pre-positioning is funded through Cal OES.
  - Completed the Captain's test with one conditional job offer out. Testing included internal Engineers in order to be able to work as Acting Captains to continue to add depth to our staffing.
  - EMS – Dr. Owens was brought in to train with staff.
  - Training – Rob Carpenter presented a training video to the Board. Staff has been working on creating videos to show our SOG's, these videos will be used as continuing education and as a new employee resource. Command Staff appreciates all the work put into these training videos.
- d. Placer Hills Firefighters Association report: Received correspondence from The Firefighter's Burn Institute regarding Fill The Boot. Will work on scheduling a date.
- e. Local 3800: Negotiations are still ongoing. Next meeting scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Board Committee reports:
- i. Finance Committee: The Committee will meet in the future.
  - ii. Long Range Committee: No report.
  - iii. Ad hoc Committee for reorganizations: Received a letter of response back from the County after their formal notification from LAFCO regarding the tax transfer negotiations. The application will be held in a pending status until the MSR is completed.
7. Discussion and Action Items:
- a. Election of Board Officers and appointment of Board Committees:  
Motion made and passed by all present to approve the election of Board Officers and appointment of Board Committees as presented. (Wright/Harvey)
- b. Adoption of the 2022 California Fire Code with amendments, conduct a Public Hearing for a second reading, by title only, and by Resolution No. 23-01 adopt Ordinance Number 2022-01 adopting the 2022 California Fire Code with amendments:  
President Hills opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments the public hearing was closed. Motion made and passed by all present to approve the 2nd reading and Resolution No. 23-01 to adopt Ordinance Number 2022-01 adopting the 2022 California Fire Code with amendments. (Wright/Harvey).
- c. Consider and approve the 2nd reading of Lexipol Chapter 12 Board Policies:  
Motion made and approved by all present to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Chapter 12 Board Policies. (Wright/McCray).
- d. Approve the Budget update and monthly expenses:  
Motion made and passed by all present to approve the budget update and the expenses (Wright/Harvey).  
The open meeting was adjourned and the Board went into Closed Session.
- e. Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6(a) LABOR NEGOTIATIONS; Discussion of memorandum of understanding with Local 3800. District negotiators: Directors Harvey.

The open meeting was reconvened. President Hills reported that no action was taken and the Negotiating Team were 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:*
- c. *Reminder of next Board meeting(s): February 22, 2023.*

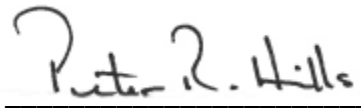
9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Gillian Lofrano, Board Secretary

Approved by: 

Peter Hills, President