

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
HELD AT THE FIRE STATION
14380 SARATOGA AVENUE

0900 HOURS

The agenda for this meeting was posted in front of the Fire Station at 14380 Saratoga Avenue at 1200 hours on September 9, 2015, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 (more commonly known as the Brown Act).

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Long at 0906 hours. In attendance were Commissioners Moyles and Zambetti, Deputy Chief Justice, Assistant Fire Marshal Linney, retired Chief Kraule, Attorney Marc Hynes, and Tom Brim of Fire Alert.

2. Approval of the minutes.

- 2.1 Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 18, 2015.

The minutes of the August 18, 2015 Board Meeting were approved as presented.

3. Communications:

- 3.1 Oral communications or public comment.
 - 3.1.1 Commissioner Long called for a moment of silence to honor retired Captain Steve Sporleder who succumbed to cancer on September 1, 2015.
- 3.2 Correspondence.
 - 3.2.1 Copy of a letter from the County Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey announcing a meeting to discuss several election topics. The meeting is on September 25, 2015.

The letter was read and entered into the record.

- 3.2.2 Copy of an anonymous letter with two pictures about a fire hazard on Larchmont Avenue.

The letter was read and entered into the record. A copy of the letter and pictures were given to Chief Justice.

- 3.2.3 Copy of a letter from the Special District Leadership Foundation about District Transparency Certificate renewal.

The letter was read and entered into the record.

- 3.2.4 Copy of Resolution 2015-1, a resolution fixing the employer contribution at an equal amount for employees and annuitants under the Public Employees' medical and hospital care act with respect to a recognized employee organization. This is for the NonPERS All Others group (702). The topic is agendized under New Business.

The resolution was read and entered into the record. The topic was discussed under "New Business."

- 3.2.5 Copy of Resolution 2015-2, a resolution fixing the employer contribution at an equal amount for employees and annuitants under the Public Employees' medical and hospital care act with respect to a recognized employee organization. This is for the Non PERS Board Fire Commissioners group (701). The topic is agendized under New Business.

The resolution was read and entered into the record. The topic was discussed under "New Business."

- 3.2.6 Copy of smoke detector information from Tom Brim of Fire Alert. The topic is agendized under New Business.

The information was read and entered into the record. The topic was discussed under "New Business."

3.3 Additional Correspondence.

- 3.3.1 A request for Veto letters for SB 239 was received on September 14, 2015. A letter from the District will be sent to the governor. The request was entered into the record.
- 3.3.2 The Fire Marshal's report for August was received and entered into the record.

4. **Chief's Reports:**

- 4.1 Response Reports for August. (The Response Report describes the time of each response for the previous month.)

Chief Justice presented the Response Report. Response times for Engine 73 and Rescue 73 were 5.88 and 6.32 minutes respectively for Code 3 calls. Fire Loss for the month was \$30,000.00 due to a structure fire.

- 4.2 Equipment Report for August. (The Equipment Report documents any repairs or maintenance necessary for the previous month.) None.

- 4.3 Support Services Report for August. (The Support Services Report documents repairs or maintenance necessary for the building for the previous month.) None.

- 4.4 Deputy Fire Marshal's Report for August. (The Deputy Fire Marshal's Report describes any significant building projects in the previous month.)

The report was accepted as presented.

- 4.5 Other projects/reports.

- 4.5.1 Chief Justice reported that County Fire strike teams were at both the Valley and the Butte Fires. There were 34 firefighters on the fires and a bus had been used to rotate the shifts. The report was accepted as presented.

- 4.5.2 Chief Justice reported that County Fire will be receiving a grant for \$250,000.00 for a CWPP (county-wide protection plan). The report was accepted as presented.

5. **Reports:**

- 5.1 Commissioners Reports.

- 5.1.1 Report on the FireSafe Council. Commissioner Zambetti reported that the organization has hired several new people including a new accountant. They also hire retired Battalion Chief Young to help with fire prevention on the west side of the valley. The report was accepted as presented.

- 5.1.2 Report on the Santa Clara County Special Districts Association. Commissioner Long reported that Supervisor Cortese had attended the September 14, 2015 meeting. The election cost for candidates

was discussed. There was also a discussion of SB239. The report was accepted as presented.

5.1.4 Other Commissioner Reports. None.

5.2 Financial reports.

5.2.1 Financial report for August 2015.

The financial report was accepted as presented.

5.3 Other Reports.

5.3.1 Report on Dead Tree Program.

A second batch of letters will be mailed to the area outside the City limits but within the Saratoga Fire District by the end of the week. The report was accepted as presented.

5.3.2 Report on changes to EWAS ordinance.

Certified letters will be mailed to homeowners with the systems as soon as the smoke detector issue is resolved. The report was accepted as presented.

6. Old Business:

6.1 Discuss and consider housing Model AA fire engine.

After discussion the topic was tabled to the next board meeting. Chief Pisciotta is to contact Commissioner Long about placing it on the main floor.

6.2 Discuss and consider the future use of E973.

The topic was tabled for the next board meeting. Chief Pisciotta should be able to give the board a report on the condition of the vehicle.

7. New Business:

7.1 Discuss and consider Resolution 2015-1, a resolution fixing the employer contribution at an equal amount for employees and annuitants under the Public Employees' medical and hospital care act with respect to a recognized employee organization. This is for the NonPERS All Others group (702).

The resolution was passed unanimously.

- 7.2 Discuss and consider Resolution 2015-2, a resolution fixing the employer contribution at an equal amount for employees and annuitants under the Public Employees' medical and hospital care act with respect to a recognized employee organization. This is for the Non PERS Board Fire Commissioners group (701).

The resolution was passed unanimously.

- 7.3 Discuss and consider smoke detector installation issue.

Prior to the discussion, Commissioner Long recused himself and left the room stating a conflict of interest because Tom Brim of Fire Alert had installed the alarm system in his home.

Tom Brim stated that he had been told not to install 12 volt smoke detectors in new EWAS installations. The new installations were to have 10 volt detectors which are the minimum state requirement. 10 volt detectors will not work with the panels used for off site monitoring. Commissioner Moyles suggested a meeting be scheduled with the city building officials to discuss the issue.

8. **Board Signatures:**

9. **Adjournment:**

Commissioner Long returned to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1100 hours in memory of Captain Steve Sporleder. The minutes were transcribed and typed by Trina Whitley.