

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 16, 2024

0900 HOURS

HELD AT THE FIRE STATION

14380 SARATOGA AVENUE

The agenda for this meeting was posted in front of the Fire Station at 14380 Saratoga Avenue at 1400 hours on July 9, 2024, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 (more commonly known as the Brown Act).

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 0903 hours by Commissioner Kraule. In attendance were Commissioner Zambetti, Deputy Chiefs Estrada and Lollie, Nester Valle from the FireSafe Council, Attorney Hynes, and members of the public. Commissioner Kao was absent.

2. Approval of the minutes.

2.1 Approval of the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on June 18, 2024.

The minutes of the regular meeting were approved with one correction.

2.2 Approval of the minutes of the special Board Meeting on June 19, 2024.

The minutes of the special meeting were approved as presented.

3. Communications:

3.1 Oral communications or public comment.

3.1.1 Bill Boller and Sandeep Jain

Mr. Boller spoke to the board about a proposed project on Three Oaks Way. Commissioner Kraule explained that the district contracts with Santa Clara County Fire for Fire Marshal services and County Fire is responsible for plan checks. Chief Estrada stated that the project is very preliminary.

3.1.2 Chuck Aring

Mr. Aring spoke to the board about the inadequacy of emergency notification. Current notification systems are opt-in. He would like to see some sort of notification system adopted that is opt-out.

3.2 Correspondence.

3.2.1 Copy of an email introducing the new City Manager Matt Morley.

The email was read and entered into the record.

3.2.2 Copy of an email introducing Rosie Eisner the FireSafe Council CWPP Project Manager.

The email was read and entered into the record.

3.2.3 Email to Eric Sturm from the Saratoga Federated Church from Commissioner Kraule concerning vehicle charging stations.

The email was read and entered into the record.

3.2.4 Copy of a California Special District's newsletter discussing the California Supreme Court's decision to remove Initiative 1935 from the November 2024 ballot.

The newsletter was entered into the record.

3.2.5 Email from Commissioner Kraule to Deputy Chief Shumate clarifying comments made during the special board meeting on June 19, 2024.

The email was read and entered into the record.

3.3 Additional Correspondence.

3.3.1 Email from Bill Boller and Sandeep Jain concerning a proposed development on Three Oaks Way.

Mr. Boller and Mr. Jain spoke to the board at the beginning of the meeting under "Oral Communications."

3.3.2 Email from Chief Shumate stating that he would not be able to attend the meeting and Chief Lollie will be attending in his place.

The email was read and entered into the record.

3.3.3 Notice of cancellation of the August 7, 2024, LAFCO meeting.

The notice was read and entered into the record.

4 Chief's Reports:

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

Response times for E73 and R73 urban calls were 5.15 and 4.93 minutes respectively. Response times for rural calls were 4.32 and 5.20 minutes respectively. There was a small vegetation fire during the month which caused a \$34,000.00 loss. The report was accepted as presented.

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

The report was accepted as presented.

- 4.3 Other projects/reports. None.

5. Reports:

- 5.1 Commissioners Reports.

- 5.1.1 Report on the FireSafe Council.

Nester Valle reported that a fall chipping program will be held from September 16th through 20th. The report was accepted as presented.

- 5.1.2 Report on the Santa Clara County Special Districts Association. None.

- 5.1.3 Other Commissioner Reports.

5.1.3.1 Report on replacing the generator with a diesel version. None.

5.1.3.2 Report on possible vehicle charging stations.

Commissioner Kraule reported that he had spoken to Eric Sturm from the Saratoga Federated Church about placing three vehicle charging stations within the parking lot behind the station on Federated Church land. He stated that since it is the Church's intention to eventually revamp the parking lot and exchange land with the district, they have no problems with the placement. The report was accepted as presented.

5.1.3.4 Report on District's 100-year anniversary party.

Commissioner Kraule reported that he had spoken with Chief Kerdkaew, and they felt due to high fire season the party should be held in the spring of 2025. The report was accepted as presented.

5.2 Financial Reports.

5.2.1 Preliminary financial Report for June 2024.

The preliminary financial report was accepted as presented.

5.3 Other Reports. None.

6. **Old Business:**

7. **New Business:**

7.1 Discuss and consider deleting the inactive EWAS checking account.

After discussion, the board decided to eliminate the dormant account.

7.2 Discuss and consider renaming the inactive EWAS money market account and using it to accumulate the funds committed for building repairs.

The board decided to rename the old EWAS account and use it to accumulate funds committed for building repairs.

7.3 Discuss and consider bench design for landscape area. Tabled.

8. **Board Signatures:**

9. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 1026 hours. The minutes were transcribed and typed by Trina Whitley.