

FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

August 19, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanger Headquarters

210 S. Academy Avenue

Sanger, California

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Puppo, Del Testa, Guice, Arabian, Richter, and Chavez.
All members present via teleconference.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CAL FIRE/STAFF: Johnson, Bump, Chrisman and Hermosillo

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ross via teleconference

GUESTS:

ROLL CALL

President Del Puppo requested a roll call from the Clerk of the Board. There were six (6) members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Del Puppo called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Due to remote location the Pledge of Allegiance was not performed. President Del Puppo did request a moment of silent for the helicopter pilot killed on the Hills fire in Coalinga.

INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

CHANGES/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

None

Agenda Item 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-9)

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND
DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN,
DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY

UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS NUMBERS 2 THROUGH 9.

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 10 – Capital Facilities Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of facilities maintenance. The stucco project for Station 93 is within budget and on time. Received permits for the Training Center bathroom and office trailers and the inspections are on Friday. Lastly, Station 83 fence is complete and the station is now secure.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on Mobile Equipment Projects

DC Bump gave a recap of mobile equipment projects. The mobile equipment plan is almost complete. Brush 94 engine in-frame rebuilt is near completion.

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 12 – Resolution 2020-05, Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Grant (VFA)

Admin Officer Chrisman advised the District has been approved for the VFA grant for Fiscal Year 20/21. Staff is recommending the Board of Directors adopt Resolution # 2020-05 and approve accepting the Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Grant for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-05 AND APPROVE ACCEPTING THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER ASSISTANCE GRANT.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 13 – Station 89 Roof Replacement

DC Bump presented the Board with options to replace Station 89's roof. Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors approve the roof replacement contract for Station 89 with Allstate Roofing for \$23,730 to limit avoidable facility damage.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN,

DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO APPROVE THE ROOF REPLACEMENT CONTRACT WITH ALLSTATE ROOFING.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 14 – Update on Mobile Equipment Plan

DC Bump presented a draft of the 2020-2025 Mobile Equipment Replacement Plan and is recommending that Board of Directors review the draft 2020-2025 Mobile Equipment Replacement Plan and provide staff with edits for final plan consideration and adoption at the regularly scheduled September 2020 Board Meeting.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 15 – Final Budget FY 2020-2021

Admin Officer Chrisman and DC Bump presented the Board of Directors the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 to review and approve.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO APPROVE THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 16 – Proposition 19, Property Tax Transfers Exemptions & Revenue for Wildfire Agencies

Legal Counsel William D. Ross presented the Board of Directors and District Staff with Proposition 19, Property Tax Transfers Exemptions & Revenue for Wildfire Agencies.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO NOT APPROVE FURTHER RESEARCH ON PROPOSITION 19, PROPERTY TAX TRANSFERS EXEMPTIONS & REVENUE FOR WILDFIRE AGENCIES.

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 17 – Board Member Agenda Requests/Reports

Director Chavez extended his gratitude to DC Bump for Station 93 updates.

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 18 – Staff Reports

1. Chief Johnson advised of helicopter crash while suppressing fire on the Hills Fire in Coalinga.
2. Chief Johnson advised there was District equipment including brush engines that are committed to several incidents.
3. Chief Johnson advised he had a call with Debbie Poochigian, she advised crews on Friant road did a good job on a structure fire that she was made aware of.
4. DC Bump advised the District received 100% of APCD grant for the purchase of a Polaris Utility Vehicle and quote needs to be updated.
5. DC Bump advised staff were working with Madera County Fire Dept. in regards to a development near Station 72. More discussions to follow.
6. DC Bump advised the District applied for and receive the AFG Covid grant for PPE reimbursement and supplies.
7. Admin Officer Chrisman advised the Board that Kuykendall Solar is still waiting on County permits for the solar project. Staff is also working with PGE to make the required rate change for the generating account.
8. Admin Officer Chrisman advised that Sr. Inspector Eric Watkins has completed the hiring process for the Fire Inspector position and has hired Brennan Ly.
9. Admin Officer Chrisman advised staff are in the process of reviewing applicants for PCF hiring for Stations 71, 75 and 77.
10. Admin Officer Chrisman advised CBDG grant is still moving forward hope to have agreement by next meeting.

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, AND DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

Agenda Item 19.A. – Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government code section 54956.9(d)(2): (2 matters)

Reportable Action: Written report to be prepared pursuant to Government Code section 54957.154957.1.

Agenda Item 19.B. – Consideration of Personnel matter pursuant to Government code section 54957 (b): (0 matters)

No Reportable Action

Agenda Item 20 – Report Upon Return from Closed Session

UPON MOTION APPROVED (6-0) WITH PRESIDENT DEL PUPPO, DIRECTOR DEL TESTA, DIRECTOR GUICE, DIRECTOR ARABIAN, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND DIRECTOR RICHTER CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on September 16, 2020.