



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

### DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2018  
CAL FIRE-CZU HQ CONFERENCE ROOM  
6059 HIGHWAY 9, FELTON, CA 95018  
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

#### I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm

##### **Present:**

Volunteer Firefighters Representative/Chair:	Doug Aumack
Second District Representative:	Carey Pico
Third District Representative:	Janet Webb
Fourth District Representative:	John Walker
Fifth District Representative/Co-Chair:	Arnie Wernick
Office of Emergency Services Manager:	Rosemary Anderson

##### **Absent:**

First District Representative:	Alex Leman
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#### II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:

A. None

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

**Motion:** Anderson to approve draft minutes.

**Motion Seconded:** Pico

**In Favor:** Anderson, Aumack, Pico, Walker, Webb, Wernick

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** Leman

#### IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION: (Items not on agenda, 3 minutes/person)

A. B. Steinbruner gave input on the following:

- a. She stated her opinion that Measure G contained deceptive wording regarding the sales tax funding for the County Fire budget and expressed her concern regarding its possible negative impacts to the passage of a CSA 48 ballot measure in the spring.
- b. She stated that she would work to block a CSA 48 ballot measure if the county did not reassign matching Prop 172 funds to County Fire.
- c. She mentioned that the County Planning Commission had notified the FDAC of its public hearing regarding proposed changes to the County Code including fire hazards at their October meetings and that the hearing has now been continued to December 12, 2018.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. B. Steinbruner email dated 9-27-18 regarding the impacts of Measure G to County Fire.
- B. B. Steinbruner email dated 10-18-18 regarding county ordinance changes.

**VI. BUSINESS MATTERS:**

- A. Review of update to County Ordinance 2.120.050
- B. Discussion of potential County Fire ballot measure in 2019
  - i. Review of CSA 48 Special Assessment Options (Beaton)
  - ii. Discussion of possible Measure G impacts
  - iii. Meeting with Bruce McPherson scheduled for December 3, 2019
  - iv. Public education program development
    - a) Focus on staffing and MERP
    - b) Research polling agencies
    - c) Looking at April ballot timeframe
    - d) CSA 48 Polling/Ballot Subcommittee formed: Aumack, Wernick, Pico
- C. Updates from Commissioners
  - i. Recruitment Subcommittee (Aumack)
    - a) County Fire has a robust academy
    - b) Develop "What is County Fire" message
    - c) Business cards prepped
    - d) Handouts ordered for recruitment events
    - e) Develop signage for County Fire
  - ii. Volunteer Company Officers' Representative (Aumack):
    - a) 10 candidates in the next academy
- D. Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report (Larkin)
  - i. Drastic increase in initial attack responses within the county
  - ii. 10 of 12 frontline engines are out of county
  - iii. Hired 3 local government engines for coverage
  - iv. CAL FIRE has ordered peak staffing to continue until 12/31/18
  - v. New County Fire Staff Analyst Melissa Scalia will start 11/19/18
- E. Announcements
  - i. No Announcements.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:05 PM**

**Motion:** Pico

**Motion Seconded:** Anderson

**In Favor:** Anderson, Aumack, Pico, Walker, Webb, Wernick

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** Leman

Next regular meeting – January 16, 2019 at 4:00 pm, located at CAL FIRE CZU HQ Conference Room, 6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018

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