



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

**LOCATION:** CAL FIRE Headquarters  
6059 Highway 9 in Felton, CA 95018  
**DATE:** November 19, 2014  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

First District Representative/FDAC Chair:	Alex Leman
Second District Representative:	John Willett
Third District Representative:	Tom Scully
Fourth District Representative:	John Walker
Fifth District Representative:	Arnie Wernick
Office of Emergency Services Manager:	Paul Horvat
Volunteer Firefighters Representative/Co-Chair:	Doug Aumack

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. Introductions/Call to Order  
Meeting began at 4:00 pm
2. Approval of draft minutes from September 17, 2014.
  - **Motion:** Tom Scully to approve draft minutes.  
**Motion Seconded:** Doug Aumack  
**In Favor:** Alex Leman, John Willett, Tom Scully, John Walker, Arnie Wernick, Paul Horvat, Doug Aumack  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstained:** None  
**Absent:** None
3. Oral Communications (items not on agenda, 3 minutes per person)
  - 3.1 Russ Mackey shared the recent BOS meeting announcement that they intend to focus more on enforcing the agricultural code regarding cannabis grows.
4. Correspondence
  - 4.1 Letter from Greg Caput dated 9/30/14, recommending John Walker as 4<sup>th</sup> District FDAC Representative. Mr. Walker joined Watsonville FPD as a volunteer in 1969 and retired in 2005. He is involved with CERT, active in the VFW, and the Watsonville Fire Department Museum.
5. Business
  - 5.1 New Business
    - A. FDAC Bi-Annual and Attendance Reports.
      - **Motion:** John Willett to approve Bi-Annual and Attendance Reports.  
**Motion Seconded:** Doug Aumack seconded.  
**In Favor:** Alex Leman, John Willett, Tom Scully, John Walker, Arnie Wernick, Paul Horvat, Doug Aumack

**Opposed:** None  
**Abstained:** None  
**Absent:** None

5.2 Old Business

A. Final draft of FDAC letter to the BOS.

➤ **Motion:** Paul Horvat to approve final draft of FDAC letter to the BOS.

**Motion Seconded:** Arnie Wernick seconded.

**In Favor:** Alex Leman, John Willett, Tom Scully, John Walker, Arnie Wernick, Paul Horvat, Doug Aumack

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

B. CAL FIRE Contract and budget update.

1) The CAL FIRE contract submitted for the October 28, 2014 was pulled by the CAO. It has not been rescheduled to date.

2) Contract numbers increased due to higher than anticipated final CAL FIRE benefit rate and scheduled wage increases.

6. Informational Reports

6.1 Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report

A. Updates

1) Fire Season Outlook

2) Purchases:

a) New fire engine chassis is ordered and delivery is tentatively scheduled for April 2015.

3) Incidents:

a) Increased volume of calls on Hwy 17 due to recent rains.

b) No major incidents recently.

4) Training /Academies:

a) Training is collecting new volunteer firefighter applications for the BFFA in early February, which is currently full. County Fire is once again coordinating with all the Santa Cruz County fire agencies to host this training.

5) Volunteer Handbook:

a) No update.

6.2 FDAC Reports

A. Updates:

1) Master Plan Subcommittee

*(Members: Arnie Wernick, Tom Scully)*

a) No update.

2) Recruitment Subcommittee

*(Members: Alex Leman, Doug Aumack)*

a) Obtaining additional quotes for recruitment EZ Ups and flags.

3) Budget Subcommittee

*(Members: Arnie Wernick, John Willett, Paul Horvat)*

a) No update.

4) Volunteer Company Officers' Representative

*(Doug Aumack)*

a) Recently attended ICS 300 training.

b) Volunteers at training expressed appreciation of the training, but were unaware of common drill calendar on Target Solutions.

c) Doug encouraged more interaction among companies.

7. Announcements
  - 7.1 Tom Scully:
    - A. Bonny Doon FireSafe Council is soon to begin clearing the Warrenella Truck Trail; 9 ½ miles and 100 feet on each side.
  - 7.2 Paul Horvat:
    - A. The OES budget has a \$20,000 budget line item for FireSafe Councils. One application has already been submitted. The other three should be submitted soon.
    - B. Paul plans to conduct a Crisis Communications class for county PIOs soon and an ICS 300/400 class in 2015.
    - C. Paul plans to submit another UASI Grant for this fiscal year; he's applying for SCHMIT Haz Mat monitors and new frequencies for County Fire to support county radio infrastructure in the wake of narrow banding.
8. Adjournment at 5:50 pm.
  - **Motion:** Tom Scully to adjourn.
  - Motion Seconded:** Alex Leman seconded.
  - In Favor:** Alex Leman, John Willett, Tom Scully, John Walker, Arnie Wernick, Paul Horvat, Doug Aumack
  - Opposed:** None
  - Abstained:** None
  - Absent:** None

Next regular meeting – January 21, 2015 at 4:00 pm, located at the CAL FIRE Headquarters Conference Room, 6059 Highway 9 in Felton, CA 95018

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