



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

**LOCATION:** CAL FIRE Headquarters  
6059 Highway 9 in Felton, CA 95018  
**DATE:** March 18, 2015  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

### APPROVED MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Volunteer Firefighters Representative/Chair:	Doug Aumack ( <i>Arrived 4:23 pm</i> )
First District Representative/FDAC Co-Chair:	Alex Leman
Second District Representative:	John Willett
Third District Representative:	Tom Scully
Fourth District Representative:	John Walker
Fifth District Representative:	Arnie Wernick

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Office of Emergency Services Manager: Paul Horvat

1. Introductions/Call to Order by Alex Leman (*Chair in Doug Aumack's absence*)  
Meeting began at 4:05 pm
2. Approval of draft minutes from January 21, 2015.
  - **Motion:** John Willett to approve draft minutes with changes.  
**Motion Seconded:** John Walker  
**In Favor:** Alex Leman, John Willett, Tom Scully, John Walker, Arnie Wernick  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstained:** None  
**Absent:** Doug Aumack, Paul Horvat
3. Oral Communications (items not on agenda, 3 minutes per person)
  - 3.1 None
4. Correspondence
  - 4.1 None
5. Business
  - 5.1 New Business
    - A. Recognition and appreciation of Tom Scully's FDAC service as Third District Representative since September of 2009.
  - 5.2 Old Business
    - A. Results of Aptos/La Selva meeting with the CAO.
      - 1) Members were disappointed with the outcome. Related items will be added to the next FDAC agenda.
    - B. EMR Programs status:
      - 1) Chief Jalbert and Chief Larkin submitted a staff report to county administrative staff proposing the new volunteer Emergency Medical

Responder program which was approved, funds are allocated in fiscal year 2015-16, and included in the proposed budget narrative. Recruitment initiated in March and the go-live date is set for July 1, 2015.

6. Informational Reports

6.1 Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report

A. Updates

1) Incidents:

- a) Wildland fires have increased throughout the county including two escaped burns.
- b) Beginning fourth year of significant drought resulting in additional staffing by CAL FIRE. The unit plans to staff for "fire season" 45 days early in 2015: 7 engines in Santa Cruz County by April 20<sup>th</sup>, staffing at peak by May 25<sup>th</sup>, resulting in significant savings for the county.
- c) Two dozers and two new HFEOs are currently at the Academy and will both be located at Belmont.
- d) HEM Pete Cornaggia has returned to the unit. A local mobile vendor will be used to assist with fleet repairs.
- e) All aircraft will be available in April. The state is not replacing the crashed S2 tanker out of Hollister; another like it can't be found anywhere in the world. They will contract with another tanker which may reduce our initial attack capability.

2) Training/Academies:

- a) BFFA currently underway and going very well.
- b) Continuing education training, such as RS1 and Trench Rescue has been funded by recent Homeland Security Grants.

3) Volunteer Handbook:

- a) Uniform policy will be added.
- b) EMR Program will be added.

4) Grant Status

- a) 2014 Homeland Security Grant recently purchased an RS1 trailer with equipment for county drills.
- b) 2014 SAFER Grant application has been submitted for a maximum of \$1.6 million dollars.

6.2 FDAC Reports

A. Updates:

1) Recruitment Subcommittee (*Members: Alex Leman, Doug Aumack*)

- a) No date has been set yet for the county-wide recruitment event, anticipate it in June.
- b) Doug Aumack suggested the need for more active recruiting at all county events, such as the Watsonville Air Show and Bonny Doon's Art and Wine event.
- c) All canopy quotes have been received and purchase will be made prior to the county-wide recruitment event.

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

- a) Reviewed fiscal year 2015-16 proposed budget.

3) Volunteer Company Officers' Representative (Doug Aumack)

- a) Attempted training with Davenport, however, no volunteers were available. Will reschedule.
- b) Participated in two BFFA events and the current candidate pool is very enthusiastic and exhibits good camaraderie.

7. Announcements

- 7.1 **Alex Leman:** Co. 36 has collected \$365,000 towards the purchase of a new water tender and is currently in contact with HI TECH.

7.2 **Tom Scully:** Bonny Doon FireSafe has made significant progress on the Warrenella Truck Trail. Fuel moistures are very low.

8. Adjournment at 5:20 pm.

➤ **Motion:** John Willett to adjourn.

**Motion Seconded:** Arnie Wernick seconded.

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

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** Paul Horvat

Next regular meeting – May 20, 2015 at 4:00 pm, located at the CAL FIRE Headquarters Conference Room, 6059 Highway 9 in Felton, CA 95018

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