



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Emergency Operations Center
495 Upper Park Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95065
DATE: July 16, 2014
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

APPROVED Minutes for July 16, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fourth District Representative:	Position Vacant
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- 1.0 Introductions/Call to Order
Meeting began at 4:05 pm
- 2.0 Approval of draft minutes from May 21, 2014.
 - **Motion:** Tom Scully to approve draft minutes.
Motion Seconded: Doug Aumack
In Favor: Alex Leman, John Willett, Tom Scully, Arnie Wernick, Paul Horvat, Doug Aumack
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None
- 3.0 Oral Communications (items not on agenda, 3 minutes per person)
None
- 4.0 Correspondence
None
- 5.0 Business
 - 5.1 New Business
 - A. None
 - 5.2 Old Business
 - A. Discussion of meeting with BOS regarding County Fire funding options
 - **Motion:** Tom Scully to draft a final letter to the BOS explaining the FDAC position based on the 2014/15 budget hearing.
Motion Seconded: John Willett
In Favor: Alex Leman, John Willett, Tom Scully, Arnie Wernick, Paul Horvat, Doug Aumack

Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

6.0 Informational Reports

6.1 Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report

A. Updates

- 1) Fire Season Outlook
 - a) Significant increase in arson throughout the county; law enforcement is extremely busy.
 - b) Wildland fire activity has increased. Record high ERCs and record low fuel moistures.
- 2) Purchases:
 - a) Training vehicle has been received and is in the process of being outfitted for service.
- 3) Incidents:
 - a) Updated auto-aid agreement with the City of Santa Cruz to provide some coverage in Davenport.
 - b) New assistance by hire agreements have been created with all existing Santa Cruz County agencies.
 - c) Hired 4 new Battalion Chiefs: Aldo Gonzalez (1712), Robert DeLaRosa (ECC), Shem Hawkins (1717), Mark Mondragon (FPP).
- 4) Training /Academies: No update
- 5) Volunteer Handbook: New update available online as of July 2, 2014 with requirements to include S-212 and Water Rescue as part of the Volunteer Academy instead of separate classes.

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) County-wide recruitment event is happening on July 26, 2014.
- 3) Budget Subcommittee
(Members: Arnie Wernick, John Willett, Paul Horvat)
 - a) No update.
- 4) Volunteer Company Officers' Representative
(Doug Aumack)
 - a) Integrated recruiting with July 4th parade in Las Cumbres and received a lot of community support.
 - b) Propose to fund recruitment EZ-Up for County Fire Volunteer Companies.
 - c) Endorsed wide brim hat.

7.0 Announcements

- 7.1 Tom Scully – Come with names for the vacant position.
- 7.2 Paul Horvat – Applying for a new 2014 HSG.

8.0 Adjournment at 5:37 pm.

- **Motion:** John Willett to adjourn.
Motion Seconded: Doug Aumack
In Favor: Alex Leman, John Willett, Tom Scully, Arnie Wernick, Paul Horvat, Doug Aumack
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

Absent: None

Next regular meeting – September 17, 2014 at 4:00 pm, located at CAL FIRE Headquarters, 6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018

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