



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: CAL FIRE Headquarters
6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018
DATE: July 25, 2012
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

APPROVED Minutes for July 25, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

First District Representative/FDAC Chair: Alex Leman
Third District Representative: Tom Scully
Fourth District Representative: Bob Stokes
Fifth District Representative: Arnie Wernick
Office of Emergency Services Manager: Paul Horvat
Volunteer Firefighters Representative: Position Vacant

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Second District Representative: John Willett

- 1.0 Introductions/Call to Order
Meeting began at 4:08 p.m.
- 2.0 Approval of minutes from May 23, 2012, with correction by Tom Scully to note that he left early for a school board meeting.
 - **Motion:** Paul Horvat to approve draft minutes with change noted by Tom Scully.
 - Motion Seconded:** Arnie Wernick
 - In Favor:** Alex Leman, Tom Scully
 - Opposed:** None
 - Abstained:** Bob Stokes
 - Absent:** John Willett
- 3.0 Oral Communications (Items not on agenda, 3 minutes per person).
 - 3.1 Steve Homan stated his opinion that the May minutes did not accurately reflect the discussion of the previous meeting, disapproval of the FDAC's comments as being "rude", as well as several complaints regarding CAL FIRE's service.
- 4.0 Correspondence
 - 4.1 None
- 5.0 Business
 - 5.1 New Business
 - A. County Fire Reorganization Document
 - 1) Discussion regarding Tom Scully's proposal resulted in the following:
Action Item: Formation of a new County Fire Reorganization Committee composed of Bob Stokes, Paul Horvat, and Tom Scully.
 - 2) Paul Horvat left the meeting at 4:57 pm.

5.2 Old Business

- A. Fire Fighter of the Year certificates were signed by committee members.
- B. **Action Item:** Send invitation to Connor DiNapoli and Andy Seigel for FDAC presentation at next meeting.

6.0 Informational Reports

6.1 Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report

A. Updates:

- 1) Incidents: Significant increase in recent fire activity throughout the state.
- 2) Training /Academies: No report. Training Chief out on sick leave.
- 3) Volunteer Handbook: No changes since the last meeting.
- 4) The Schedule A contract will go before the Board of Supervisors for approval at the August 14, 2012 meeting.
- 5) A strategic local Bay area UASI IM3 Team is being developed between Santa Cruz, Monterey, and Santa Clara counties to respond to large scale incidents.
- 6) The Santa Cruz County High Rise Drill will take place in the month of August at UCSC.
- 7) The development of a formalized Multi-Incident Response Plan within the unit is underway.
- 8) The formalized Auto-Aid agreement with Santa Clara County is still in process.

6.2 FDAC Reports

A. Updates:

- 1) Master Plan Subcommittee – No report.
Members: Paul Horvat, Arnie Wernick, Tom Scully.
- 2) Recruitment Subcommittee – No report.
Members: Scott Jalbert, Alex Leman.
**The suggestion was made to recruit Andy Seigel.*
- 3) Budget Subcommittee – No report.
Members: Arnie Wernick, John Willett, Scott Jalbert, Ginny Petras.

7.0 Roundtable

- 7.1 Arnie Wernick encouraged other members to continue discussion with their respective Supervisor regarding the lack of County Fire's long term viability based on the current budget. He noted the 18 month lead time necessary for an election.
- 7.2 Bob Stokes stated that he has spoken with four Supervisors and will continue to do so.
- 7.3 Tom Scully expressed his approval of the Fire Safe Council in the Bonny Doon area, which is very active and effective. All properties are cleared with one exception. CAL FIRE and State Parks has been extremely cooperative in this endeavor.

8.0 Adjournment

- **Motion:** Alex Leman to adjourn
- Motion Seconded:** Tom Scully
- In Favor:** Bob Stokes, Arnie Wernick
- Opposed:** None
- Abstained:** None
- Absent:** John Willett, Paul Horvat

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday September 19, 2012 at 4:00 pm

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