



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

### DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, July 25, 2018  
CAL FIRE-CZU HQ TRAINING ROOM  
6059 HIGHWAY 9, FELTON, CA 95018  
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order at 4:09 pm

##### **Present:**

Volunteer Firefighters Representative/Chair:	Doug Aumack
First District Representative:	Alex Leman
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:** None

#### **II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

A. None.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 16, 2018:**

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

**Motion Seconded:** Walker

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

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

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

None.

#### **V. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

#### **VI. BUSINESS MATTERS:**

##### **A. PG&E Program Discussion**

- i. County Supervisors, CAL FIRE/County Fire management, and the County OES manager all met with PG&E to express their concerns.

##### **B. Updates from Commissioners:**

- i. Budget Subcommittee (Wernick, Pico, Webb)
  - a. Potential ballot measure update discussion.

A. Subcommittee plans to meet with Bruce McPherson in August with a CAL FIRE representative.

- B. Reviewed and edited draft of “Who is County Fire” document. This will be a work in progress.
- ii. Recruitment Subcommittee (Aumack, Leman)
  - a. County-wide recruitment event happened July 7, 2018.
  - b. Need FDAC Business cards.
  - c. Need to order County Fire advertisement items.
- iii. Volunteer Company Officers’ Representative (Aumack):
  - a. No report.

**C. Santa Cruz County Fire Chief’s Report (Hess)**

- i. Currently at peak staffing.
- ii. There have been 2000 more fires in California to date than at this time last year.
- iii. Both Type III engines are getting serviced at Hi Tech under warranty.
- iv. Ballistic vests have been distributed, a temporary directive has been issued, and the policy is under development with Pat Gallagher of Santa Cruz City Fire.
- v. Watsonville submitted an RFP for the Pajaro Valley contract which is still under review.
- vi. Central and Aptos are continuing with their merge.
- vii. A Health and Wellness section has been developed by the County Chiefs. Training will happen in September.
- viii. CAL FIRE HFEO Braden Varney fatality occurred on a fire in Mariposa County. The funeral was Monday, July 23, 2018.
- ix. Training Battalion Chief interviews are underway.
- x. A State Park Lifeguard was killed on Sunday while surfing at Pomponio Beach.

**D. Announcements**

- i. None.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT AT 5:56 PM**

**Motion:** Wernick

**Motion Seconded:** Pico

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

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

Next regular meeting – September 19, 2018 at 4:00 pm, located at CAL FIRE CZU HQ Conference Room, 6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018

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