



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

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**LOCATION:** CAL FIRE/Santa Cruz County Fire (virtual)  
**DATE:** September 15, 2021  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
**PUBLIC ACCESS:** MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

**LINK:** Click here to join meeting: [Join Teams Meeting \(FDAC\)](#)

**CALL IN:** [916-318-9542](#) Conference ID: 974 988 555#

### DRAFT MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm

**Present:**

Volunteer Firefighters Representative/Chair:	Doug Aumack
Second District Representative:	Carey Pico
Fifth District Representative/Co-Chair:	Arnie Wernick
Office of Emergency Services Manager:	Michael Beaton

**Absent:**

First District Representative:	Vacant
Fourth District Representative:	John Walker
Third District Representative:	Janet Webb

#### II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

**Motion:** Aumack motioned to divide the topic listed in Business Matters item "A" into subtopics: Objectives, Grand Jury, Master Plan (in that order)

**Motion Seconded:** Wernick

**In Favor:** All

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** Walker, Webb

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 21, 2021

**Motion:** Wernick

**Motion Seconded:** Aumack

**In Favor:** All

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** Walker, Webb

#### IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION (ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA)

(3 minutes per person)

A. None

V. **PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION (ITEMS ON AGENDA)**

(3 minutes per person)

A. None

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. None

VII. **BUSINESS MATTERS**

A. Strategic Objectives (Beaton)- Guest Speak Sven Stafford outlined the County's strategic plan for County Fire which includes steps to improve emergency communications, fire surveillance, recruitment of Volunteer Firefighters, vegetation management, and evacuation maps.

B. Discuss grand jury reports (Aumack):

- i. The response from the Board of Supervisors to the grand jury findings was discussed.

C. County Fire Master Plan update (Wernick)

**Motion:** Wernick motioned for a subcommittee to be formed for the purposes of updating the master plan which encompasses the Countywide objectives by 2022.

**Motion Seconded:** Aumack

**In Favor:** All

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** Walker, Webb

D. Wildfire safety update (Wernick)-No updates currently.

E. Volunteer survey (Beaton)-Survey to gather information for the purposes of recruitment improvement was presented and discussed.

F. Volunteer Committee to report back to FDAC (Beaton)-New survey will be distributed to current Volunteers and analyzed when returned.

G. Budget topics

- i. Bi-monthly budget status report (Scalia)

H. Updates from Commissioners:

- i. Recruitment Subcommittee (Aumack)
- ii. Volunteer Company Officers Representative (Aumack)

I. Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report (Armstrong)

- i. Discussed the increase in recent water rescues
- ii. County Fire in process of purchasing a new water tender for Company 32 (Bonny Doon).
- iii. Budget requests will be requested early this year
- iv. Many outsourced resources sent to fires out of the County are starting to return

J. Announcements

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT AT 5:59 PM**

A. Set next regular meeting – Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 4:00 pm, location TBD.

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