



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: CAL FIRE/Santa Cruz County Fire (Virtual)
DATE: September 16, 2020
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: 214 539 297#

DRAFT MINUTES

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 4:01 pm

A. Meeting participation basics.

- i. Went over the Microsoft Teams features and explained online etiquette.

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 – January 15, 2020

Motion: Anderson

Motion seconded: Webb

In favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

(3 minutes per person)

A. Becky Steinbruner commented on the following:

- i. Protested that more time is not allotted for public comment.
- ii. Stated that BOS is delaying response regarding new assessment.
- iii. Discussed Rosemary Anderson leaving position at OES.
- iv. Stated that appeals response should be clearer.

- v. Stated that recruitment needs more active outreach.
- B. Maryanne Pham commented on the following:
 - i. Requested contact information for further discussion of resources for fire victims.

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. None

VI. BUSINESS MATTERS

- A. Review status of 2020/2021 budget (Wernick, Aumack)
 - i. Budget thoroughly reviewed. Assessment going to additional staffing and equipment.
- B. Discuss burn permits and prescription burns-[Link to PDF](#) (Pico)
 - i. Needs more optimal time to use. Larkin listed challenges.
- C. Fire plan during fire season (Aumack)
 - i. Handbook issues. Better moved to Company Officer's Meeting as topic.
- D. Updates from Commissioners:
 - i. Recruitment Subcommittee (Aumack)
 - a. Streamlining process-Discussed how to make the process easier, and how to provide more guidance on getting through.
 - ii. Volunteer Company Officers Representative (Aumack)
 - b. Action Tracker discussed as being ideal for actions in progress.
- E. Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report (Larkin)
 - i. Fires close to being contained because volunteers made the difference.
 - ii. Discussed severe fire/planning cleanup.
 - iii. Explained how debris flow is the next problem to focus on.
 - iv. Discussed how the rebuilding phase is being planned.
- F. Announcements
 - i. Webb-Thanked firefighters.

VII. ADJOURNMENT 5:18

- A. Set next regular meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 4:00 pm, location TBD.

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