



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: CAL FIRE Headquarters
6059 Highway 9 in Felton, CA 95018
DATE: September 17, 2014
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

APPROVED Minutes for September 17, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

First District Representative/FDAC Chair:	Alex Leman
Second District Representative:	John Willett
Third District Representative:	Tom Scully (<i>Arrived after first motion</i>)
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

- 1.0 Introductions/Call to Order
Meeting began at 4:00 pm
- 2.0 Approval of draft minutes from July 16, 2014.
 - **Motion:** John Willett to approve draft minutes.
 - Motion Seconded:** Doug Aumack
 - In Favor:** Alex Leman, John Willett, Arnie Wernick, Paul Horvat, Doug Aumack
 - Opposed:** None
 - Abstained:** None
 - Absent:** Tom Scully
- 3.0 Oral Communications (items not on agenda, 3 minutes per person)
None
- 4.0 Correspondence
 - 4.1 Letter from Russ Mackey dated 9/6/14 proposing addition of limited duty EMS and support responders in Santa Cruz County.

Tom Scully Arrived

- 5.0 Business
 - 5.1 New Business
 - A. Discussion of letter from Russ Mackey dated 9/6/14 proposing addition of limited duty EMS and support responders in Santa Cruz County. Chief Larkin will continue to do further research into the feasibility of this option.
 - B. The draft Local Operational Plan was accepted as written.
 - 5.2 Old Business

- A. Discussion of Tom Scully's draft of final FDAC letter to BOS regarding 2014/15 budget hearing.
- **Motion:** Tom Scully to approve draft letter with proposed amendments.
Motion Seconded: Arnie Wernick
In Favor: Alex Leman, John Willett, Tom Scully, Arnie Wernick, Paul Horvat, Doug Aumack
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None
- B. Discussion of possible candidates for vacant FDAC position. The Board has been notified of the vacancy. John Willett will speak with Supervisor Caput about obtaining a replacement.

Tom Scully left for another meeting.

6.0 Informational Reports

6.1 Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report

A. Updates

1) Incidents

- a) Numerous incidents are underway statewide -2 Strike Teams have been sent out of unit. 10 of 12 front-line engines were back-filled with reserves, the camp engine, and 2 local agency engines.
- b) County Fire will receive reimbursement for rental of resources used as back-fill.
- c) A few local small incidents with potential and a couple small structure fires were quickly contained.
- d) Arrest was made in Santa Cruz County for 50 arson fires.
- e) Highway 9 and the upper end of Highway 236 had a few fires which are still under investigation.

2) Training /Academies

- a) 4 County Fire volunteers took the RS1 class at our SFM accredited Ben Lomond Training Center. A trench class was also held.
- b) We are in focused recruitment for the fall academy, but no applications are currently on file.

3) Volunteer Handbook

- a) No changes.

4) Budget/Contract

- a) CAL FIRE final benefit rate letter was issued.
- b) The contract has been significantly influenced by the following factors:
 - i. FFI minimum wage increase.
 - ii. Miscellaneous/Safety employee wage increase.
 - iii. Peace Officer/Firefighter wage increase.
 - iv. Increased retirement/benefit rates.

6.2 FDAC Reports

A. Updates:

1) Master Plan Subcommittee

(Members: Arnie Wernick, Tom Scully)

- a) No report.

2) Recruitment Subcommittee

(Members: Alex Leman, Doug Aumack)

- a) Getting quotes for EZ-Up canopies and flags for recruitment events; to be reimbursed from the SAFER grant.

3) Budget Subcommittee

(Members: Arnie Wernick, John Willett, Paul Horvat)

- a) No report.

4) Volunteer Company Officers' Representative

(Doug Aumack)

- a) Still developing an updated uniform policy.
- b) Getting reports of difficulty with SCOMC, specifically tracking of forms and missing tests. Any SCOMC complaints should be directed to Training for correction.

7.0 Announcements

- 7.1 Paul Horvat: Recently finished HSG and Emergency Management Grants and new EOC.
- 7.2 John Willett: 3 vacant chief positions in Watsonville, Aptos, and Santa Cruz. We have a golden opportunity for administrative consolidation right now.

8.0 Adjournment at 5:08 pm.

- **Motion:** Alex Leman to adjourn

Next regular meeting – November 19, 2014 at 4:00 pm, located at the CAL FIRE Headquarters Conference Room, 6059 Highway 9 in Felton, CA 95018

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