



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

### DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
CAL FIRE Conference 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  
Second District Representative: Carey Pico  
Third District Representative: Janet Webb  
Office of Emergency Services Manager: Rosemary Anderson

##### **Absent:**

First District Representative/FDAC Co-Chair: Alex Leman  
Fourth District Representative: John Walker  
Fifth District Representative: Arnie Wernick

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

A. Update from R. Anderson regarding Cannabis EIR

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 19, 2017:

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

**Motion Seconded:** Anderson

**In Favor:** Anderson, Aumack, Pico, Webb

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** Leman, Walker, Wernick

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

A. None

#### V. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. None

#### VI. BUSINESS MATTERS:

A. Cannabis EIR Update (Anderson)

- i. Discussed law enforcement and environmental impacts.
- ii. County will start issuing licenses in December.
- iii. Commercial agricultural industry with infrastructure in place will have application exceptions.

B. Updates from Commissioners:

- i. Master Plan Subcommittee (Wernick, Pico, Webb)

- a. No report.
- b. C. Sub-committee will meet prior to the November FDAC meeting.
- ii. Recruitment Subcommittee (Leman, Aumack)
  - a. Send flyers to county analyst for posting on website.
  - b. Two potential candidates for BFFA.
  - c. CERT teams, FireSafe Councils, and local clubs and events are good recruiting opportunities
- iii. Volunteer Company Officers' Representative (Aumack)
  - a. Plan to attend more company training.
- B. Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report (Hess)**
  - i. CZU is still at peak staffing (12 engines).
  - ii. Hired back 5 local agencies to cover during draw-down in August.
  - iii. September saw a significant increase in fire activity.
  - iv. Skeggs Fire in San Mateo County was caused by lightning and went to extended attack with the potential for 1500 acres. Expanded ECC was implemented.
  - v. Two Type III engines are still in production.
  - vi. Potential VMP burn may be scheduled for Big Basin in October.
  - vii. CVTS replacement program is in development.
  - viii. Active 9-1-1 will be adopted by County Fire.
- C. Announcements**
  - i. A successful two-day disaster simulation exercise was held at the Ben Lomond Training Center. (Anderson)

**VII. ADJOURNMENT AT 5:29 PM.**

**Motion:** Aumack to adjourn

**Motion Seconded:** Pico

**In Favor:** Anderson, Aumack, Pico, Webb

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** Leman, Walker, Wernick

Next regular meeting – November 15, 2017 at 4:00 pm, located at the EOC

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