



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: CAL FIRE/Santa Cruz County Fire (Virtual)
DATE: March 17, 2021
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
PUBLIC ACCESS: MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

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DRAFT MINUTES

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 4:03

Present:

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

Absent:

Fourth District Representative:	John Walker
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II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Motion: Aumack motioned to move public comment for items on the agenda section to the beginning of the meeting, immediately after public comment for items not on the agenda.

Second: Leman

In favor: Webb, Beaton, Pico, Wernick

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Walker

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 18, 2020

Motion: Webb

Second: Aumack

In favor: Leman, Pico, Wernick, Beaton

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Walker

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

(3 minutes per person)

A. B. Steinbruner

- i. Protested restrictions on public comment.
- ii. Noted that comments to the Board of Forestry for their upcoming workshop on 3/22/21 were due today.

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

(3 minutes per person)

A. B. Steinbruner

- i. Noted approval of presentations on the March agenda by Mr. Serrano and Mr. Beaton and disapproval of November's minutes content.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Information about how to reduce fire risk (B. Steinbruner)

B. Information about new building regulations (B. Steinbruner)

VII. **BUSINESS MATTERS**

A. Presentation on LAFCO's upcoming countywide fire report (Joe Serrano)

- i. Will review efficiency of all local fire districts and a report will be released in October of 2021.

B. CSA 48 reclassifications for CZU Lightning Complex burn scar area (Beaton)

- i. There were 383 parcels burned in CSA 48 and the County has determined that a change of use code may be appropriate for impacted properties and are also exploring a potential reassessment. The County is currently exploring all options.

C. The Santa Cruz County Grand Jury report and related articles/
correspondence (Aumack)

- i. FDAC has the same information as the public and not in a position to respond at this time.

D. Discussed the potential need for an administrative Battalion Chief position to work with County volunteers (Wernick)

- i. Will allow for other Battalion Chiefs to focus on service while the administrative Battalion Chief focuses on improving administrative projects.
- ii. Commissioners would like more information before moving to recommend.

E. Review and approve the 2019-2020 FDAC Biennial Report.

Motion: Pico motioned to accept the report on condition that the word "promote" is removed.

Second: Wernick

In favor: Aumack, Beaton, Webb, Leman

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Walker

F. Budget topics

- i. Bi-monthly budget status report (Wernick/Pico)

G. Updates from Commissioners:

- i. Recruitment Subcommittee (Aumack)
- ii. Volunteer Company Officers Representative (Aumack)
 - a) There has been an increase in drivers.

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

- i. Reported on storms/January fires and how storm damage was minimal.
- ii. The upcoming fire season coming up is concerning.
- iii. Reviewed the CAL FIRE CZU Lightning Community Meetings hosted on March 15-16, 2021.

I. Announcements

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT AT 5:58 PM**

Motion: Pico

Motion Seconded: Wernick

In Favor: Aumack, Leman, Webb, Beaton

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Walker

- A. Set next regular meeting – Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 4:00 pm, location TBD.

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