



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: CAL FIRE/Santa Cruz County Fire
(Hybrid) DATE: November 16, 2022
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
PUBLIC ACCESS: MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING OR
6059 HIGHWAY 9, FELTON, CA 95018

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DRAFT MINUTES

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

Present:

Volunteer Firefighters Representative/Chair:	Doug Aumack
First District Representative:	Sanjay Khandelwal
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:

A. None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2023

A. **Motion:** Pico

Motion Seconded: Aumack

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Walker

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

A. None

V. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION: (Items on the agenda, 3 minutes/person)

A. None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. B. Steinbruner Code Adoption

- B. B. Steinbruner FDAC Requirement Change
- C. B. Steinbruner CWPP

VII. BUSINESS MATTERS (NEW):

- A. Assembly Bill 361-Motin to approve that the current meeting be conducted through the virtual method of Microsoft Teams as part of hybrid meeting (Wilson)
Motion: Pico
Motion Seconded: Khandelwal
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Walker
- B. FDAC Membership Requirements Change (Khandelwal)
 - i. Participation previously required residency in CSA 48, but now anyone in district can qualify
 - ii. OES department has been absorbed by GSD
- C. Election of 2023 FDAC Officers (Aumack)
Motion: Beaton nominated Khandelwal as Chair, Pico as Co-Chair
Motion Seconded: Webb
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Walker
- D. Review and Approval of FDAC Biennial Report (Aumack)
Motion: Wernick
Motion Seconded: Pico
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Walker

VIII. BUSINESS MATTERS (CONTINUING):

- A. Commissioners Report
 - i. Khandelwal-
 - a. Key takeaways from meeting with Supervisor Manu were-
 - Each commission is only as good as the commissioners
 - FDAC needs to bring issues up to the BOS (has not heard of any issues in 2 years)
 - FDAC should have more input in the budgeting process vs. current
 - Role of FDAC is to be advisory for County Fire and that role needs to be fulfilled
 - Supervisor Manu is willing to be a resource for any assistance that County Fire may need
 - ii. Webb-
 - a. Supervisor in her district is new
 - b. Will reach out about possible resignation/replacement.
 - iii. Pico-
 - a. regularly in contact with Supervisor Friend.
- B. FDAC Goals (Aumack)
- C. LAFCO Update (Beaton)-Waiting for contractor to draft plan, study, and operational plan.
- D. Budget Topics/Bi-monthly Status Report (Scalia)
- E. Updates from Commissioners
 - i. Recruitment Subcommittee (Aumack)- Some movement in company officers for different companies to assist in other areas.

- ii. Volunteer Company Officers Representative (Aumack)-Working on new program
- iii. Master Plan Subcommittee (Pico)- Still in progress

F. Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report (Wilson):

- i. Attention has been on disaster relief efforts due to the storm
- ii. Sandbags were donated throughout the County
- iii. All stations weathered the storms well, except for damage from fallen tree on building
- iv. Fuel tanks should be permitted soon
- v. Vehicle 4011 in service for two weeks now in Corralitos
- vi. Vehicle 3711 getting warranty work before putting in service
- vii. New water tender will be in service in Bonny Doon shortly
- viii. Surplus program in progress
- ix. County fire objectives
 - a. Updating all evacuation maps
 - b. Maintain volunteer numbers
 - c. Vegetation management goal met
 - d. Add fire surveillance
 - e. Pod runner being built
- x. Moved from fire season into Amador on 12/19/23
- xi. Preliminary draft budget due on 2/2/23
- xii. New website is up and running
- xiii. BFFA started in January
- xiv. Stipends were issued
- xv. SCOMC bought Agile
- xvi. Continuing on with volunteer cleanup
- xvii. 1099 go out this month
- xviii. Chiefs met with Supervisor Hernandez, will meet with Justin Cummins District 3 next month

G. Announcements: None

VII. ADJOURNMENT AT 5:34 PM

Motion: Wernick

Motion Seconded: Khandelwal

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Walker

Next regular meeting – TBD

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