

December 20, 2022 Tuesday @ 6:00 PM
SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1
FIRE DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA MINUTES
FIRE STATION 82, SIERRAVILLE CA

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Meeting ID: 827 476 1160, Passcode: 419056

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

Roll Call of Directors

{X} Shawn Burt, Chairperson	{X } Jeff McCollum	{X } Tom Rowson	{X } Richard Maddalena
{X } Candy Hunter remote	{ } Tom Archer absent	{ } Victoria Fisher absent	
Quorum Yes/No			

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION: Gary with Sierra Valley Enterprises, John Mitchell, Mike Estrada, Christine Lindberg, and Stacy Estrada of CCFA. Volunteers Jeanne Klose, Mike Cory, Rudy Hoyos, Ben Edwards and Pat Blide. Chief Connolly, Clerk Champion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter of support for City of Loyalton water system emergency need for repairs and improvements
Dir. Hunter presented the 2021 calls for Verdi, 71% were EMS. Chair Burt appreciates the detail and thanked Chief Moore.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 11/29/22 **Dir. Rowson moved to approve the minutes, Dir. Hunter seconded. 5 Ayes (Burt, McCollum, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter), 2 Absent (Fisher, Archer) motion passed.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of November 30, 2022 **H**
2. Approve Bill Payments **H Dir. Maddalena moved to accept the financials and pay the bills as presented, Dir. Rowson seconded. 5 Ayes (Burt, McCollum, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter), 2 Absent (Fisher, Archer) motion passed.**
3. Fire Mitigation Fee & Banking Updates **H Dir. Maddalena made a request that the policy be reviewed regarding fee exemptions pertaining to rebuilding of a structure after a loss in regards to a fee received.**

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM DISTRICT CHIEF, BATTALION CHIEFS AND EMS COORDINATOR:

1. Chief's Report (Response Summary, Fleet, Communications System, Facilities) **5 medical aid, 1 mutual aid, 1 vehicle accident, 1 Loyalton structure fire, 1 community outreach- E84 drove Santa to Calpine, still working on Tablet Command, B Edwards talked with John Banner regarding comms grants stating that we have a better chance as a region if we work with the county.**
2. Training / Recruitment/ Retention **Operator classes available in the spring, acquired warm jackets for volunteers and Jeanne is sewing patches on them, holiday potluck this week.**
3. Update on grant applications **Denied SAFER and grant for PPE, considering resubmitting**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Calpine siren project **H (Email requesting to meet county-wide regarding sirens) There are ongoing efforts to meet with Sheriff Fisher and other agencies. Sierra City recently invested in a new 3 siren system with advanced announcement capabilities. There was discussion regarding older sirens like the Calpine and Loyalton one's being identified as an evacuation alarm.**
2. Coop Agreement with TNF **H Dir. Rowson moved to accept the agreement as presented an authorize Dir. Maddalena to execute on the District's behalf, Dir. Maddalena seconded. 4 Ayes (McCullum, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter), 1 Abstain (Burt), 2 Absent (Fisher, Archer) motion passed.**
3. Update on Annual Report to BOS and Request for Annual Fee Increase **Dir. Rowson attended the BOS meeting this morning as did Dir. Maddalena and Hunter and Clerk Kelly. There was no public comment**

during the public hearing. The BOS voted unanimously to adopt the resolution to increase the fire development impact fee from \$1.96 per building square foot to \$2.02.

4. Update on transition to “Board of Directors with terms of office” **Dir. Rowson reported the BOS passed a resolution today clarifying that the District is, after review of the law and history, no longer governed by Commissioners acting as agents on behalf of the BOS and instead governed by a Board of Directors required to serve a four year term of office. The BOS further clarified the term expiration date for each of the current Directors.**
5. Adopt 2022 Annual Accomplishment Report **Dir. Rowson moved to accept the report as presented, Dir. Maddalena seconded. 5 Ayes (Burt, McCollum, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter), 2 Absent (Fisher, Archer) motion passed. Chair Burt gave direction to the Clerk to publish and post.**
6. MOU with Sierra County Water District # 1 **in progress, to be presented for approval at next meeting.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resignation of Shawn Burt effective January 1, 2023 **Dir. Maddalena presented Dir. Burt with a gift with gratitude for his services to the District. Shawn Burt was appointed November 4, 2014.**
2. Selection of 2023 Chairperson and Vice Chair. **Chair Burt made the recommendation for Dir. McCollum to be Chair beginning January 1st. Dir. Rowson added a recommendation for Dir. Archer as Vice Chair.**
3. Fire risk potential for woods chips and log deck at Loyalton mill site due to closing of facility, and discussion about Loyalton Water System (Tom R.) **Gary from Sierra Valley Enterprises was in attendance to speak on behalf of the site informing that everything was shut down and he and/or staff were always on site to smother out any hot spots and assured the District that things were under control. Chair Burt recommended the Forest Service connect for a tour of the facility and that Chief Connolly exchange contact information with Gary. Chief Connolly wants to identify hydrants that don't work. Chief Connolly said there was also an issue with a hydrant by the Senior Center in Loyalton.**
4. Cal Fire Hazard Severity Zone Revision (Tom R) **Dir. Rowson explained that there were changes to the zones and that there are new interactive maps. For example, you could see that W. Willow was changing from moderate to high. Chair Burt felt the District should be a part of the conversation and open up discussion on it.**
5. Amendment to Brown Act, AB 2449 RE Teleconference and AB 2647 RE Posting of Agendas **H (Rick) Dir. Maddalena wanted to bring awareness to the changes and referred to the handout which was a memo from special districts association on the topic. It was discussed to refresh on pre-covid videoconferencing guidelines. Volunteer Edwards will work with the Clerk to update the video teleconferencing system.**
6. Presentation from Calpine Community Fire Association.
 - a. Expression of desire to assist the Fire District to enhance fire suppression capabilities in the community of Calpine (not to exceed 5 minutes plus questions)
 - b. Proposal to install a commemorative display of former Calpine Fire Dept. Chiefs in Station 82
 - c. Proposal to have a joint (Fire District/CCFA) “ribbon cutting event” presenting this display to the public
 - d. Permit the CCFA to assist the District by designing/constructing a shelter for the Station 82 PSPS generator
 - e. Permit the CCFA to take over responsibilities to annually place and remove the blue barrels used to mark hydrant locations**Mr. Mitchell presented a handout and read from it followed by various inquiries and statements from the volunteers and Directors. Dir. Hunter sought clarification on whether or not past chiefs wanted to be displayed in the proposed manner. There were questions regarding the CCFA website and the information presented there. Directors asked for clarity on John speaking on behalf of the CCFA and the Calpine community. Chair Burt suggested that Mr. Mitchell step down and let someone else lead the CCFA so that others will be more interested in working together. Dir. Maddalena moved to table the topic until April, Dir. Rowson seconded. 5 Ayes (Burt, McCollum, Rowson, Maddalena, Hunter), 2 Absent (Fisher, Archer) motion passed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: January 17, 2023 at 6:00pm in Sierraville

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 pm

Key: **T** – Tabled from previous meeting **H** –Handout

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