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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT
Thursday, June 24, 2021
Held Remotely Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Kelly. Board members present: Clark, Jones, Kelly, Saylor, Sheetz, White and Wood. Board members absent: Goold, and Orzalli. Staff present: Acting Fire Chief Casentini, General Counsel Lavra, and Interim Clerk Dehoney.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT ITEMS

Action: Moved by Clark, seconded by Wood, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

- 1. Action Summary Minutes**
Recommendation: Approve the Action Summary Minutes for the Regular Board meeting of June 10, 2021.
Action: Approved Action Summary Minutes.
- 2. Amador County Contract – Special Services**
Recommendation: Approve the agreement with Amador County for HazMat services.
Action: Approved the agreement with Amador County for HazMat services.
- 3. Resolution No. 2021-072 – Robert Werner Station 61 Dedication**
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 2021-072 dedicating Station 61 in memory of Robert Werner.
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2021-072.
- 4. Special Fire Tax – Sloughouse/Rancho Murieta Area**
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Assessor to incorporate the \$100 per parcel Special Fire Tax for the Sloughouse/Rancho Murieta area with the 2021/22 Sacramento County property tax levy.
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2021-073.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Election to the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors, Seat A (Interim Board Clerk Michelle Dehoney)**
Recommendation: The Board nominate and vote for one candidate to be elected as the representative for the CSDA Board of Directors Sierra Network, Seat A.
Action: Moved by Jones, seconded by Wood, and carried unanimously by members present to vote for Patrick Larkin to be elected as the representative for the CSDA Board of Directors Sierra Network, Seat A.

2. **Refinancing of 2011 Lease Revenue Bonds** (*Interim CFO Ken Campo*)
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution providing authorization to proceed with refinancing plan and approve the professional services agreements for Bond Counsel and Placement Agent.
Action: Moved by Jones, seconded by Wood, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2021-074.

3. **Notice of Withdrawal by Metro Fire from the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority, JPA** (*Acting Fire Chief Greg Casentini*)
Recommendation: Authorize the Fire Chief to issue a Notice of Withdrawal of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District from the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority JPA.
Action: Moved by Jones, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to authorize the Fire Chief to issue a Notice of Withdrawal from the CFRTA JPA.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. **Fire Station Restroom Facilities Review**
(*Chief Development Officer Jeff Frye*)
Recommendation: Presentation only, no action required.
Action: No action taken.

REPORTS

1. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – (*President Kelly*)
No Report.

2. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** – (*Acting Fire Chief Greg Casentini*)

Recruitment

Office Technician, Final Filing Date 7/7 by 4 PM

Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic and Firefighter/EMT, Final Filing Date 7/16 by 4 PM

- To apply for Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic or Firefighter/EMT, candidates must be currently employed with another Fire Agency as a full time paid Firefighter/Paramedic or Firefighter/EMT with at least three (3) years of experience as well as hold the appropriate certificates and licenses.

Reassignment

Effective 6/26, Captain Matthew Smotherman selected to fill the EMS Shift Captain on B Shift

Reclassification

Effective 6/22, Adam House to Battalion Chief (B14 B Shift)

Appointment

Effective 6/22, Assistant Chief Jon Rudnicki – assigned to Training, Safety, and Health & Fitness Divisions

Promotions

Effective 6/22 Battalion Chiefs:

- Matthew Cole
- Bryan Barthel

- Christopher Vestal
- Brian Gonsalves

Meetings

6/21, Rancho Cordova City Council Meeting – Recognition of Key COVID-19 Partners

- Metro Fire Firefighters Michael Skaggs, Danielle Blaschke, Sean Post, Christie Ravera, and Captain Scott Perryman were all recognized

OPERATIONS' REPORT – (Deputy Chief Mitchell)

Deputy Chief Mitchell started by thanking Chief Adam House for his leadership of the Training and Health & Safety Divisions since 2018. He relayed that he was integral in leading the divisions through a number of programs/projects that benefited members District-wide including:

- Tactics and strategy training
- Live fire training
- SCBA replacement
- Hood and glove replacement
- Creation of the Fire Department Connection Newsletter
- Emergency Operations Team during COVID, and countless others

Chief Mitchell is looking forward to working with Assistant Chief Jon Rudnicki in his new role as he succeeds Chief House.

Chief Mitchell also reported on a structure fire incident last Sunday in Battalion 5 that resulted in a burn injury to one of our members. The member was treated and released home that same day to rest and recover and is currently doing well. Chief Mitchell expressed his thanks to our members who were on duty, in cooperation with the Firefighters Burn Institute, to make sure the member received the highest level of care. In addition, he thanked the UCD Burn Unit for their care of our member.

Chief Mitchell then provided a demonstration of Intterra and the statistics which that program can deliver relaying that it combines multiple sources of data for use with situational awareness and decision making. He also relayed that Operations in conjunction with several other divisions are constantly working on refining the program and thanked Chief Development Officer Jeff Frye and Fire Marshal Lisa Barsdale for their work on this as well.

3. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT (General Counsel John Lavra)

No report.

4. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT

No report.

5. COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

All Committee Meetings will be held at the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Board Room, 10545 Armstrong Avenue, Mather, California unless otherwise specified.

A. Executive Committee – (President Kelly)

Next Meeting: TBD

B. Communications Center JPA – (DC Mitchell)

Next Meeting: July 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM

C. California Fire & Rescue Training JPA – (DC Mitchell)

Next Meeting: July 6, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Location: 3121 Gold Canal Drive
Mather, CA 95670

D. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Wood)

Report Out: June 24, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Director Wood reported that the Finance and Audit Committee received a very thorough presentation from Interim CFO Ken Campo on the District's finances through April 30, 2021 and was happy to relay that we are on target, inclusive of the 15% reserves. Also, the CERT fund is up to 66.2 million dollars of the total 220 million dollars in unfunded liability so the District is ¼ of the way through meeting those obligations.

Next Meeting: July 22, 2021 at 5:30 PM

E. Policy Committee – (Director Gould)

Next Meeting: TBD

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director White gave kudos to Battalion Chief Joe Fiorica on his work with the Amador County HazMat contract and relayed that he received very positive feedback from their agency that Chief Fiorica was extremely helpful during the process.

Director Wood relayed his appreciation that the member who was burned is now home and recuperating.

Director Jones thanked staff for their very thorough reports and relayed her appreciation for the important information.

Director Sheetz wished a speedy recovery to the member who was burned as well as Chief Harms who is home recovering from surgery. She also congratulated Assistant Chief Rudnicki on his promotion as well as the newly appointed Battalion Chiefs.

Director Saylor thanked Chief Development Officer Jeff Frye for his excellent facilities presentation and relayed her excitement in being able to get back on track now that the difficulties presented during the pandemic are beginning to subside. She also communicated that her thoughts and prayers are with the member who was burned.

Director Kelly relayed his appreciation to Interim CFO Campo on his presentation and the monies that will be saved from the refinancing process. He also wished a speedy recovery to the member who was burned.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 7:10 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 54956.9: One case.

Existing facts and circumstances relate to District policy and actions regarding gender based accommodation, leave and facilities. (Section 54956.9(b)(3)(B)).

Action: No action taken.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

- A. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

- B. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Battalion Chiefs Bargaining Group,
Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

- C. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Administrative Support Personnel (ASP)
Affiliate of Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

- D. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Safety Senior Management, Management
and Unrepresented Confidential Employees

- E. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Non-Safety Senior Management, Management
and Unrepresented Confidential Employees

Action: No action taken.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 8:38 pm.

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.


Matt Kelly, Board President


D'Elman Clark, Secretary


Michelle Dehoney, Interim Board Clerk