



SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2024 | 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Members

Jason Shanley	District 1 – Seat 1
Bret Sealey	District 5 – Seat 2
Clifford Kellogg	District 5 – Seat 3, Vice Chair (absent)
VACANT	District 2 – Seat 4
VACANT	District 2 – Seat 5
Randy Lyle	District 2 – Seat 6
Benjamin Tulloch	District 2 – Seat 7, Chair (absent)

County Staff

Tony Mecham	CALFIRE/Chief
Jeff Collins	County Fire/Director
Marc Regier	County Fire/Assistant Director
Jason Malneritch	CALFIRE/Deputy Chief
Ryan Silva	CALFIRE/Deputy Chief Community Risk Reduction
David Sibbet	County Fire/Fire Services Coordinator
Jessica Martinez	County Fire/Group Program Manager
Bob Spanbauer	County Fire/Chief Admin Services
Jeremy Warlick	County Fire/Admin Analyst II
Nicole del Toro	County Fire/EMS Admin Secretary/Recorder



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- I. CALL TO ORDER at 1:10 pm.
 - A. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - B. Roll call was taken.
 - C. A quorum was declared present with three (3) members in attendance.
 - D. There were no introductions.

- II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
There was no public communication.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2024 (VOTE)

ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Stanley, the Advisory Board approved the Minutes of January 8, 2024. Motion carried.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

- IV. CHIEFS REPORT

- A. Fire Chiefs Report

1. Deputy Chief Malneritch provided the following information and updates:

- Hiring –
 - The hiring process started, to get everyone up to 3 bodies per funded position on the engines.
 - Moving towards realigning the workforce to traditional staffing; will mirror what is on the state side, minus the ALS piece.
- Ambulances – Last of ambulances came online at Station 38, with 23 in total; 16 hard staff, 7 cross staff.
- Aviation –
 - Took delivery of the 412 helicopter late last year with the Sheriffs.
 - Ground training has begun for CALFIRE assigned staff.
 - Anticipate going in service later this month.
 - Will be used for cruise ships.

Fire Chief Tony Mecham provided the following information and updates:

- Operational – Budget is fully funded.
 - Priority is to complete all open projects before starting new ones.
 - Standardizing all rescue vehicles.
 - Will put any additional funds into buying down our fleet next year.
 - The Governor's proposed budget is the largest increase in CALFIRE history with 2,747 new permanent positions.
- Regional Rescue Task Force 13 was officially recognized, which opened state funding.
- Performance is looking good since moved to Station 38; continue to struggle in rural land use category.

Director Jeff Collins provided the following information and updates:

- The request to increase ambulance transportation rates successfully passed by the Board



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of Supervisors.

- A contract has been secured with the Department of Corrections, which will increase the amount of money that we get for transports from Donovan State Prison.
- The Ag Pass is being expanded to Poway. Applications continue to be processed for the unincorporated area.
- The existing living quarters at the Borrego Springs Fire Station will be revamped until a new station can be built.
- A brand new fire station will be built in Jacumba Hot Springs. The land will be donated from the BayWa solar project.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Watch Contract

San Diego County has been receiving near real time 911 emergency medical services (EMS) call center surveillance data from all four 911 dispatch centers in the County and have contracted with FirstWatch Solutions Inc. (FirstWatch) for data integration and analysis. Since 2009, FirstWatch has gathered, analyzed, and managed the 911 call data for the County of San Diego. To continue to effectively deliver these services for data management, historical access to data, and interoperability between other agencies also using FirstWatch, San Diego County Fire is requesting single source approval to procure a new contract with FirstWatch. The current contract with FirstWatch is set to expire on June 30th, 2024.

ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Shanley, the Advisory Board voted to support the procurement of a new contract with FirstWatch. Member Sealey abstained.

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTENTION: 1

B. ZOLL and Stryker Sole Source

SDCFPD maintains fire apparatus, ambulances, and provides critical equipment to staff, ensuring all emergency responders have the necessary tools to deliver the highest level of fire and emergency services in the region. To effectively deliver these services, SDCFPD requires standardized equipment and gear. Emergency responders are trained in using the current cardiac and medical equipment. Two SDCFPD contracts that provide critical emergency medical services support in our suburban and rural communities are expiring in 2024 ZOLL Medical Corporation's (ZOLL) cardiac monitors and Stryker's patient gurneys and medical equipment. All SDCFPD ambulances and first responder engines have equipment from these providers onboard. SDCFPD is requesting single source approval to procure from: ZOLL (cardiac equipment, related accessories, repair and servicing of the equipment, warranty services, and software for operating the equipment) and Stryker (medical equipment, gurneys, related accessories, repair and servicing of the equipment, and warranty services).

ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Stanley, the Advisory Board voted to support the procurement of new contracts with ZOLL and Stryker.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

C. Grant Acceptance California Climate Investment Wildfire Prevention Grants Program



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County Fire has been awarded grant funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection’s (CAL FIRE) California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grants Program. The department will receive an award of \$946,858 which will be used to treat an additional 215 lane miles of roads with hazardous fuels reduction per year, through March 2026. County Fire is requesting the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution to accept funding under the California Climate Investment Wildfire Prevention Grant.

ON MOTION of Member Stanley, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board voted to support the acceptance and use of the California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grant.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

D. SDCFPD Annual Fire Mitigation Fee Program Participation Resolution & Capital Improvement Plan

To participate in the FMF Program, fire agencies must adopt a resolution on an annual basis authorizing participation in the FMF Program that states the percentage of the maximum fee ceiling for collection and adopt a plan for the future use of FMF revenue. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Fire Mitigation Fee Program Fee Schedule for SDCFPD is listed below and includes the automatic cost escalator based on the annual Los Angeles Construction Cost Index (LACC Index) based on the previous 12-month period (Oct to Oct). The LACC Index increase for the FMF program for FY24-25 is 15.20%. The residential fee rate for FY24-25 will be collected at 75% of the determined rate.

SDCFPD - FMF 2024-25							
FY	RESIDENTIAL*	COMMERCIAL/RETAIL	HOTEL	INDUSTRIAL	MEDICAL	OFFICE	AGRICULTURE
2023-24	\$1.32 (50%)	\$2.31	\$1.24	\$1.82	\$4.33	\$8.66	\$0.08
2024-25	\$2.29 (75%)	\$2.66	\$1.43	\$2.10	\$4.99	\$9.98	\$0.09
*Phased-In Residential Rate: \$3.05 (75%) FY24/25							
**LACC Index: 15.20%							

The FMF will generate approximately \$2,000,000 in revenue in the next fiscal year. The use of mitigation fees will be used to support new development within the boundaries of the San Diego County Fire Protection District.

ON MOTION of Member Shanley, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board voted to support the participation in the FMF program and the Capital Improvement Plan for FMF revenue.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

E. Annual Levies, Community Facilities Districts & Special Taxes

The County of San Diego Department of Public Works (DPW) and Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) are putting forth the annual special tax board actions. Upon approval, the annual levies will be placed on the tax roll so that the property owners can continue to pay the levy through their property tax bills. County Fire receives special tax revenue from:

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- 10 Zones within the FPD
- County Service Area (CSA)
 - CSA-17 – San Dieguito Emergence Medical Services
- Community Facilities District (CFD)
 - CFD 04-1 (Lake Morena, Jacumba, Jamul, and Lyons Valley Region)
 - CFD 09-1 (Otay Mesa Region)

ON MOTION of Member Shanley, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board voted to support the annual special tax board actions.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

F. Grant Acceptance Cal OES FEMA

County Fire was awarded \$1.28 million through Cal OES’s FEMA PDM 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity. The intent of the grant funds will be used to harden/retrofit County Fire Stations. Funding will provide:

- Defensible space and hazard inspection of all 20 County owned fire stations
- Vegetation management & defensible space clearing around stations
- Station hardening & retrofit applications (fire resistant vents & windows)

County Fire will prioritize service based on hazard severity, structure vulnerability and anticipated impact on the community if facility were to be damaged or lost by wildfire. Depending on cost, not all facilities may be able to receive service, but all stations will receive hazard assessments by County Fire. The department will be meeting with a contractor supporting Cal OES Mitigation to discuss the terms of the grant.

ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Shanley, the Advisory Board voted to support the acceptance and use of Cal OES FEMA PDM 2024 grant funding.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next Fire Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 1:00pm at the San Diego County Fire Office (County Operations Center) – 5560 Overland Ave, Suite 400, Balboa Rm, San Diego 92123.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Advisory Board adjourned at 2:09 pm.

NOTE: These Minutes set forth all action taken by the Advisory Board on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

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