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SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 11, 2023 | 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Members

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

County Staff

Tony Mecham	CALFire/Chief
Jeff Collins	County Fire/Director
Marc Regier	County Fire/Assistant Director
Dave Nissen	County Fire/Temp Expert Professional
Nicole del Toro	County Fire/EMS Admin Secretary



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- I. CALL TO ORDER at 1:01 p.m.
 - A. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - B. Roll Call was taken.
 - C. A quorum was declared present with four (4) members in attendance, and two (2) absent.
 - D. A new member was introduced: Bret Sealey, Seat 2, representing District 5.

- II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
There was no public communication.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2023 (VOTE)

ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Summers, the Advisory Board approved the Minutes of May 15, 2023. Motion carried.

YES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

- IV. CHIEFS REPORT

- A. Fire Chiefs Report (Chief Tony Mecham)

1. Chief Mecham provided the following information and updates:

- Moved forward with preliminary plans to redesign the 911 dispatch center.
- Bringing in a triple wide building to support the additional staff getting for the ECC.
- Community Risk Reduction – completed roadside vegetation clearance; met all state mandated inspections.
- On target to hit close to the 50,000 mark on defensible space inspections.
- Facility projects continue: 3 main items – 1) exhaust removal systems, 2) tuff sheds, 3) security fencing.
- Completed transition of the Borrego Springs Fire Protection District to County Fire.
- Fully funded this year for construction of Jacumba Fire Station, with a 17.5 million budget; no location yet.
- Next facilities in order for construction: Jacumba, Descanso, Ramona, Borrego.

Director Jeff Collins provided the following information and updates:

- Grand Opening for the East Otay Mesa Fire Station 38 on October 17, 2023 from 9:00-11:00am at 850 Alta Road, San Diego 92154.
- Completed budget process; total County Fire budget 110 million dollars.

- V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mandated Fire Inspection Reporting for Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Pending Board of Directors action to receive a report

The State code requires the San Diego Fire Protection District to perform annual inspections on all buildings used as a school, apartment complex, group care facility, residential care facility, commercial space, office complex, jails, law enforcement station, lodging unit, and day care facility. There are 215 of these occupancies within San Diego County Fire Protection District and Deer



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Springs Fire Protection District. County staff completed 100% of all these required fire inspections in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 by June 30, 2023. This report will be presented to the Board of Directors on October 24, 2023.

ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Sealey, the Advisory Board voted to receive this report and vote in support of the findings.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

- B. San Diego County Fire Protection District Ground Ambulance Service Area Update – Informational Item Only

The following update on the ASA’s implementation and the new deployment plan was given:

On May 23, 2023, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorized the County to contract with the San Diego County Fire Protection District to provide and/or manage emergency ambulance transportation services in the areas where the County has or will have this responsibility. This includes the area currently known as the Unified Service Area. On September 30th, at 5 pm, a new public-private ambulance model will be implemented in the Unified Service Area, which will be renamed the San Diego County Fire Protection District Ground Ambulance Service Area (ASA).

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next Fire Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the San Diego County Fire Office (County Operations Center) – 5560 Overland Ave, Suite 400, Balboa Room, San Diego, CA 92123.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Advisory Board adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

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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