



# SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE

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## SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 11, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. | San Diego County Fire Office, Balboa Room

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### AGENDA

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Declaration of Quorum
  - D. Introductions
  
- II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Members of the public may address the Board on any subject matter within its assigned purview and not on the agenda. Please notify County staff prior to the meeting.
  
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 15, 2023 (VOTE)
  
- IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT
  - A. Fire Chief's Update
  
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Mandated Fire Inspection Reporting for Fiscal Year 2022-23—Pending Board of Directors action to receive a report
  - B. San Diego County Fire Protection District Ground Ambulance Service Area Update—Informational Item Only
  
- VI. NEXT MEETING
  - A. Monday, November 20, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the San Diego County Fire Office – 5560 Overland Ave, Suite 400, Balboa Room, San Diego CA 92123 (County Operations Center).
  
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

Written materials distributed to the Fire Advisory Board in connection with this agenda will be made available to the public less than 72 hours before the meeting at the Office of San Diego County Fire.

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### MINUTES

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#### Members

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

#### Guests

Bret Sealey	President of Deer Springs Fire Protection District
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#### County Staff

Tony Mecham	CALFire/Chief
Jeff Collins	County Fire/Director
Marc Regier	County Fire/Assistant Director
Dave Nissen	County Fire/Temp Expert Professional
Bob Spanbauer	County Fire/Chief
Jessica Martinez	County Fire/Program Coordinator
Jeremy Warlick	County Fire/Admin Analyst II
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. Introductions were made.

- II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION  
There was no public communication.

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

**ON MOTION of Member Summers, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board approved the Minutes of March 6, 2023. Motion carried.**

**YES: 4      NAYS: 0      ABSENT: 2**

- IV. CHIEFS REPORT

- A. Fire Chiefs Report (Chief Tony Mecham)

1. Chief Mecham provided information and updates on the following topics:

- Fleet
- Facilities
- Regional Task Force (RTF) Status
- Paramedic School
- Border and Title 42
- Transports
- Ambulance Service – public private partnership
- Nurse Navigation, Telehealth, and a healthcare clinic with a mobile healthcare team
- On target to complete all mandated inspections

- V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. County Fire's Fiscal Year 2023-25 Proposed Operational Plan

Assistant Director Marc Regier provided an update on San Diego County Fire's Proposed Operational Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-25, which reflected growth – to deliver new services and new areas that have joined and will be joining County Fire on July 1, 2023.

- B. Community Facilities District (CFD) Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 – Pending Board of Directors Action

**ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Summers, the Advisory Board supported the adoption of a resolution to authorize the Fiscal Year 2023-24 levies for CFD No. 04-1 and CFD No. 09-1 at the proposed maximum rates calculated in accordance with the voter approved RMA to maintain current and future fire protection and emergency medical services within the San Diego County Fire Protection District. Motion carried.**



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AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

- C. Permanent Road Division (PRD), County Service Areas (CSA), Fire Protection District (FPD), and Stormwater Maintenance Zones (SMZ) Tax Levy Fiscal Year 2023-24 – Pending Board of Directors Action

ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Kellogg, the Advisory Board supported the adoption of a resolution for special assessments to be collected on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2023-24, including the proposed fee increase for SDCFPD-Palomar Mountain, to maintain existing fire protection and emergency medical services within the San Diego County Fire Protection District. Motion carried.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

- D. Annual Fire Mitigation Fee Program Resolution Authorizing Continued Participation and Adoption of a Capital Improvement Plan – Pending Board of Directors Action

ON MOTION of Member Summers, seconded by Member Kellogg, the Advisory Board supported the adoption of the Participation resolution and the Capital Improvements Plan resolution for the San Diego County Fire Protection District. Motion carried.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

- E. Authority for County Fire to Apply for Grants and Enter into Revenue Contracts to Support Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services – Pending Board of Supervisors Action

ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Kellogg, the Advisory Board supported the San Diego County Fire's request for administrative authority to enter into expenditure and revenue contracts, apply for and accept grants, and to reimburse other agencies for all training and certification requirements to provide fire protection and emergency medical services. Motion carried.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

- F. Reimagining County Fire's Volunteer Reserve Firefighting Program – Pending Board of Supervisors Action

ON MOTION of Member Kellogg seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board supported the County Fire's proposal to increase the daily stipend and promote increase participation from traditionally underserved communities. Motion carried.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

- G. Authority to Accept Funding for Roadside Vegetation Management – Pending Board of Supervisors Action



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ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Kellogg, the Advisory Board supported the County Fire in accepting these funds and to be applied as previously described. Motion carried.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

H. Accepting the Recommendations for the Ramona Subcommittee Membership

ON MOTION of Member Summers, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board accepted the Ramona Subcommittee membership nominations of: Jim Piva (Ramona Municipal Water District), Dan Summers (Ramona Community Planning Group), and Kristi Mansolf (Ramona Fire Safe Council). Motion carried.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2

I. Establishing a Post-Hospital Discharge Follow Up Program in Mountain Empire

Assistant Director Marc Regier provided a report on the post-hospital discharge pilot program in the Mountain Empire community.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next Fire Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 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 2:12 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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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 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 Supervisors on October 24, 2023.

**Recommendation:** Receive this report and vote in support of the findings.

San Diego County Fire Protection District Ground Ambulance Service Area Update—Informational Item Only

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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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).

**Recommendation:** Receive an update on the ASA's implementation and the new deployment plan.