



**PAJARO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Thursday, January 20, 2011**

Oath of office for Directors Dauphin and Freedman

Director Freedman and Director Dauphin sworn in by BC Estrada.

Called to order at 5:10pm

Members present:

Director Martone
Director Dauphin
Director Freedman
President Stokes

Director Barreto-absent

Public comments (not to exceed 3 minutes) for items not listed on the Agenda- None

1. Presentations:

A. Chief's Report, City of Watsonville- None

B. Chief's Report, Pajaro Valley

BC Estrada introduced Deputy Chief Scotty Jalbert. He will be attending the meetings when Chief Ferreira is not available. BC Estrada explained how the response times are reported for the new Board members. Calls of significance: Structure fire on Dec. 23rd was totally destroyed.

BC Estrada also reported on a vehicle accident involving one of the engines from the Corralitos station. A passenger vehicle swerved into their lane and the engine operator had to perform evasive maneuvers otherwise the results could have been tragic. BC Estrada also reported that the compartment weather stripping was not installed properly on the new engine, and it is being repaired.

Chief Jalbert reported on the preliminary budget issued by the Governor. Cal Fire has a preliminary cut of \$250 million which is substantial. Some of the potential impacts would be to the air program, large aircraft program, and 4 person staffing. The 4 person staffing impact would mean that Cal Fire staffing would be reduced to 3 persons on each engine and a loss of about 40 firefighters in Santa Cruz County alone. President Stokes questioned whether or not

this would impact PV Fire Firefighters. Chief Jalbert confirmed that it would not impact PV Fire because it falls under a different funding mechanism. Chief Jalbert advised that the 10% pay cut will not impact the firefighters. There is also the transfer of state responsibility of lands to local responsibility. There are no details or criteria for this plan as of yet. This would impact SRA lands.

2. Minutes

- A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting on November 18, 2010.
Director Freedman motioned to approve the minutes. Director Dauphin seconded. Minutes approved as written.

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Expenditure Report, vendor & deposit summary
Director Martone motioned to approve the expenditure report. Director Dauphin seconded. Motion passed.

4. Old Business

- A. South County Fire (Committee report)
BC Estrada reviewed the history of the committee for the new Board members. Initial findings show that funding may not be sufficient to support a three person engine company. BC Estrada requested additional time to review the information and will have a report at the next meeting. Director Freedman asked what the time frame would be to get to a paramedic program running. Chief Estrada advised that it would be about 6 months to a year to implement, but it would be difficult to do it with only one station.

5. New Business

- A. Consider a motion approving Resolution 2011-01 approving the cooperative agreement with Cal Fire.
BC Estrada reported that when the resolution was made last year, the resolution was only made for one year instead of three years. This new resolution is to approve the three year agreement, at no additional cost. Director Freedman motioned to approve. Director Dauphin seconded. Motion passed.
- B. Selection of President and Vice President
Director Freedman nominated President Stokes for President again. Director Dauphin seconded. President Stokes nominated Director Martone for Vice President. Seconded by Director Freedman. Motions passed.
- C. Committee assignments (audit, finance, South County Fire) no need to continue fire apparatus.
President Stokes and BC Estrada reviewed what the different committees are responsible for. A discussion was held on South County Fire and what that would mean for the District. Director Freedman asked to be on the Audit committee. Director Dauphin and President Stokes will be on the Finance committee. No committee is needed for South County Fire at this time. Director Martone will also be on the Audit committee.

6. Reading of Correspondence

- A. LAFCO letter dated December 9, 2010
BC Estrada reported that President Stokes expressed interest in being the representative for LAFCO. President Stokes advised that Ed Banks was mistakenly listed as being with PV Fire District. LAFCO sent out a correction to all the members. BC Estrada advised that although President Stokes expressed interest in being the representative, it does not mean that he will be the representative. It has to be brought to a vote.

7. Discussion

A. Web Page overhaul

BC Estrada reported that the webpage has been shut down until it can be overhauled. Director Freedman suggested two personal contacts that may be able to help with the new design. BC Estrada reported that there are various items that should be updated, and he will also look at other agencies and see what their suggestions are.

8. Agenda items for the next meeting

- Web Page
- South County Fire

9. Adjournment

Director Dauphin motioned to adjourn. Director Freedman questioned how much paper is being used with the binder preparation. A discussion was held on the methods used in the past and why the binders are currently being used. Director Martone seconded the adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:05.

**Next regular scheduled Board meeting
March 17, 2011 @ 5:00 p.m.**

President

Date

Secretary

Date