

TO: Sonoma County Fire Districts Association

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SUBJECT: FASIS REPORT

FASIS held a Regularly Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting on November 5th via WebEx. Summary of the items are as follows:

- (1) Directors received updates on SB 1159 and AB 685. Senate Bill (SB) 1159 which establishes certain COVID-19 illnesses/injuries as presumptively compensable for workers' compensation benefits. SB 1159 requires that Athens Administrators be responsible for tracking the reported information from each member to determine whether the reported cases meet the "outbreak" requirements outlined in the bill. As the presumption outlined in SB 1159 is rebuttable, each claim will be reviewed with compensability determined by Athens Administrators on an individual basis. AB 685 adds COVID-19 employer notification requirements for worksite exposures and outbreaks. It also enhances Cal/OSHA's enforcement of COVID-19 infection prevention requirements.
- (2) FASIS Board Vacancy and Board Position Changes: With the retirement of Chief Glenn Weeks (American Canyon Fire) who served as the FASIS Board President, a vacancy was created and Vice President Howard Wood (Vacaville Fire) immediately stepped up into the position of President. The Board held nominations for the position of Vice President and Chief Steve Akre (Sonoma Valley Fire) was unanimously voted in as FASIS Vice President. A discussion and clarification on Board Officer positions was held, and it was noticed that elected FASIS representation was in the name of the individual, not the District they represent.
- (3) Other matters before the Board, was a presentation of draft Audited Financial Statements; review of Investments and Investment Policy; Resolution establishing All Bank Accounts and Authorizing Signatures; updates on Safety Control Program and Workers Compensation Program.

Next Regular FASIS Board Meeting will be held on March 25th, 2021.