

SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the January 25th 2018 meeting

Kenwood Fire Protection District

Kenwood

ATTENDANCE:

Bennett Valley: Deborah Rogers, Arnie Tognozzi

Bodega Bay Fire: None

Cazadero CSD: None

Cloverdale: Carol Pigoni and Guest

Forestville: None

Geyserville: Robert Stewart, Paul Bernier, Fred Peterson

Glen Ellen: Bob Norrbom, Sr., Ray Fredricks, Matt Atkinson, Steve Perra, Peter Van Fleet

Gold Ridge: Dan George, Dominic Carinalli, Bob Gloeckner, Chris Tachouet

Graton: None.

Kenwood: Daren Bellach, Dennis McIntosh, Richard Gulson, Jim Kempers, Bob Ubaldi, John Cooper

Monte Rio: None

North Sonoma Coast FPD: Don McMahan

Rancho Adobe: Mark Hemmendinger, Michael Gadoua

Rincon Valley: John Hamann, Bob Pintane

Roseland: None

Russian River: None

SCFDA Secty/Treasurer: Lisa Guerrero

Schell-Vista: Ernie Loveless

Sonoma County Fire: None

CalFire LNU: Shana Jones

Sonoma LAFCO: None

Timber Cove: None

Sonoma Valley FRA: Brian Brady, Bill Norton, Steve Akre, Bob Norrbom, Jr.

Windsor: Frank Treanor, Jack Piccinini

Other Guests: Jim Colangelo, Erick Roesner

Guest Speaker: None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by President Dan George at 7:28 p.m.
- President Dan George thanked Fire Chief Daren Bellach with Kenwood Fire Protection District for hosting and thanked everyone for coming.
- Self Introductions

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- President Dan George gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance in account as of 12/31/17 was \$4,818.03. He also mentioned he was looking for volunteers for the annual audit committee to review the bank account. Fred Peterson from Geyserville and John Hamann from Rincon Valley volunteered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **FDAC/EBA:** Nothing to report
- **LAFCO:** President Dan George mentioned Mark Bramfitt is currently working on the Schell-Vista Annexation and the Geyserville & Knights Valley Annexation.
- **POLITICAL ACTION:** Frank Treanor on behalf of Noel Pacheco discussed – Prop 26

- **FAIRA:** None.
- **FASIS:** Jack Piccinini reported there was a board meeting a month ago and they are continuing to recruit and have currently added El Dorado Hills and are in the process of taking on another big client. Bickmore's (JPA) Joint Powers Administrator Manager next meeting is in March, and this will be a goal setting meeting. (1) Exploring subrogated losses (2) paying departments for employees who are on light duty, (3) Partner with other companies, with other insurance and compete by bundling insurance companies. Jack Piccinini stated that they are not happy with Faira and would like to look at alternatives to employee programs and would like to look at premium stabilization and rebates.
- **FIRE SERVICE STUDY UPDATE:** Jim Colangelo reported that there is an advisory Council working with other Districts. NFPA standards - possibly put a plan together and maybe a goal in the future. Invites have been sent out to talk about issues. Possible the 1st or 2nd week in February. Jim Colangelo spoke with the board of supervisors after the fires. The board of supervisor wants a big win, whether it be combining or through a JPA. He mentioned the possibility of a countywide tax and it might be a goodtime to put in place. In order to get something in place by November we would need to move quickly, and also check with the public to see what they might go for. It would also be a good idea to get the city involved to get this moving. A question was asked by the Geyserville District. In regards to a parcel tax, and at this point a parcel tax just seems like a knee jerk reaction. Discussion Ensued. Jim Colangelo stated a county wide tax would be hard to come by, and if there is a tax it may be at the regional level. Jack Piccinini asked if we went back to the ABA issue could this be

the mechanism to get us all on the same playing field. Jack Piccinini stated the board of supervisors would like to see a win somewhere. Example – Windsor/Rincon Valley merge, would that be where they go? Discussion ensued

Dan George stated if we change to an ABA rate, we may have an opportunity to have a win. Discussion Ensued.

PROGRAM:

President Dan George introduced Erick Roeser with Sonoma County Property Tax Office.

- Erick Roeser mentioned the impact of property tax.
- Erick stated once the fires were under control he started working with the assessor's office. The current year 17/18 tax impact will be a reduction of about 1.6 billion and for 18/19 the tax impact reduction will be about 1.8 billion.
- Erick spoke about how they allocate property tax. Currently use a countywide allocation which will impact the county roll. Going forward the assessor office will be working at it by a geographical area and it will only effect the areas that were damaged. There will be revised tax bill going out in regards to the tax reduction. Currently the county is working with the Governor in regards to back fill. In January of this year the back fill was approved which was around 23.7 million. This applies to all that are not school District agencies. In May they will come back with a revision.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The minutes from the July 27, 2017 meeting were never distributed to be reviewed. President Dan George has requested the secretary/treasurer re send the minutes from July of 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Recognizing outgoing President Ernie Loveless: President Dan George on behalf of the SCFDA wanted to say thanks to Ernie Loveless the outgoing president and he was presented with a plaque.
- President Dan George wanted to say thank you to Jack Piccinini on his leadership over the years and congratulate him on his retirement.
- There was a raffle hosted by the Kenwood Fire Protection District and Chief Bellach wanted to say "thank you" to Perfection Catering.

NEXT MEETING:

- The next Regular Meeting will be held April 26, 2018 and will be hosted by Forestville Fire.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Guerrero, SCFDA Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes Approved: _____ *Date:* _____
SCFDA Board President