

SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting

Forestville Fire Protection District

Forestville

ATTENDANCE:

Bennett Valley: Arnie Tognozzi, Leslie McCormick

Bodega Bay Fire: Dave Kruppa, Liz Martin

Cazadero CSD: Mike Nicholls, Cory Olson

Cloverdale: C Giovanatto & Guest

Forestville: Ken & Nancy Jones, Chief Franceschi & Guest, Board member, Doug Wood & Guest

Geyserville: R. Stewart & Guest

Glen Ellen: Matt Atkinson, Ray Fredericks, Chuck Palenchar, Mark Johnson

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

Graton: None

Kenwood: Daren Bellach, Bob Uboldi, Dennis McIntosh

Monte Rio: Josh Dale, Dan Fein, Tim Cahn

North Sonoma Coast FPD: Bonnie Plakos, Bob Pounds

Rancho Adobe: Michael Gadoua, Mark Hemmendinger

Rincon Valley: Bob Pintane and Guest, Gary So and Guest, Darrel Mead & Guest, Bob Briare

Roseland: None

Russian River: Nancy Jo Wood, Heidi Flowers

Sebastopol: None

SCFDA Secty/Treasurer: Lisa Guerrero

Schell-Vista: None

CalFire LNU: None

Sonoma LAFCO: Mark Bramfitt

Timber Cove: None

Sonoma Valley FRA: None

Valley of the Moon: Steve Akre, Bill Norton, Brian Brady

Windsor: Frank Treanor, Steve Klick

Santa Rosa Fire/Roseland: Tony Gossner

Sonoma County Fire: Jim Colangelo

Guest Speaker: Lynda Hopkins, Jim Comisky

FCSLG (SLG): Taya Levine

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by President Dan George at 7:06 p.m.
- Chief Dave Franceschi with Forestville Fire wanted to thank the Forestville Association and his wife for preparing for tonight's meeting, and the two young ladies from the Rincon Valley Leadership group for helping out with setup, serving and clean up. He would also like to thank Lynda Hopkins for attending.
- President Dan George spoke about the fires in Butte County as well as the Woolsey fires, and stated we have around 18 fire engines out helping with fires.
- Self Introductions – Self introduction were done

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Secretary Lisa Guerrero gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance in account as of 09/30/18 is \$5,656.41 and the raffle amount from the July meeting brought in \$90.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **FDAC/EBA:** Jim Comisky mentioned the Certificate of Achievement Program (COA). He has a flyer if anyone is interested on attending 16 hour module. He also mentioned to look for the upcoming annual conference in Napa (Spring) as well as the leadership academy (Fall).
- **LAFCO:** Mark Bramfitt spoke about LAFCO in the program section of the meeting.
- **POLITICAL ACTION:** Frank Treanor gave an update on the following Fire Report Bills:
 - **SB 1305** – This bill would authorize an emergency responder, as defined, to provide basic first aid to dogs and cats, as defined, to the extent that the provision of that care is not prohibited by the responder's employer. The bill would limit civil liability for specified individuals who provide care to a pet or other domesticated animal during an emergency by applying existing provisions of state law. The definition of "basic first aid to dogs and cats" for purposes of these provisions would specifically include, among other acts, administering oxygen and bandaging for the purpose of stopping bleeding.
 - **AB 3122** - This bill would instead provide that deferred taxes on the corrected tax bill are due and payable for the current tax year, as described above, on the later of (1) December 10 for the first installment or April 10 for the 2nd installment or (2) 30 days after the date that the corrected bill is mailed or electronically transmitted to the owner. The bill would additionally require the payment to be deferred without penalty and interest until the assessor has determined that the property is not eligible to be reassessed and the assessor has so notified the property owner.

By changing the manner by which deferral of property taxes for disaster relief is administered, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

- **SB 821** - This bill would authorize each county, including a city and county, to enter into an agreement to access the contact information of resident accountholders through the records of a public utility or other agency responsible for water service, waste and recycling services, or other property-related services for the sole purpose of enrolling county residents in a county-operated public emergency warning system. The bill would require any county that enters into such an agreement to include procedures to enable any resident to opt out of the warning system and a process to terminate the receiving agency's access to the resident's contact information. The bill would prohibit the use of the information gathered for any purpose other than for emergency notification.
 - **SB 929** - This bill would, beginning on January 1, 2020, require every independent special district to maintain an Internet Web site that clearly lists contact information for the special district, except as provided. Because this bill would require local agencies to provide a new service, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.
 - **SB 896** – This bill would extend the operation of the former aggravated arson offense until January 1, 2024, and would increase the threshold of property damage and other losses constituting an aggravating factor for aggravated arson to \$8,300,000. The bill would delay operation of the latter aggravated arson offense that deletes the threshold dollar amount of property damages or losses as an aggravating factor until January 1, 2024. By extending the operation of law defining a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.
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- o **FAIRA:** Carol Giovanatto

 - o **FASIS:** Carol Giovanatto (Pagini) provided an update on FASIS (attached).

 - o **FIRE SERVICE STUDY UPDATE:** Jim Colangelo spoke about fire service study in the program section of the meeting.

Dan George wanted to say “thank you” to Backyard for catering tonight’s event, and “thank you” to the Forestville crew.

PROGRAM:

- President Dan George introduced Lynda Hopkins with the Board of Supervisors. Board of Supervisor Hopkins gave a brief description of what she is currently working on. She stated that they are currently looking at the county budget and looking at what they can fund, and one of the goals is to make sure we have the resources for Sonoma County. Her second job is with Sonoma County LAFCO as a commission member. Board of Supervisor Hopkins currently has 20 agencies in the 5th District.
- Jim Colangelo thanked Lynda Hopkins for attending. Jim talked a bit about the silver plan. Jim mentioned plan A, which is looking at fire services for all, and the ½ cent sale tax. At this time there is no plan B. Jim pointed out that we need to get behind the ½ cent sales tax. He also stated they had a good meeting with the firefighters association and union.
- Mark Bramfitt mentioned a few items LAFCO is in the process of finishing up. Currently Geyserville is in process of taking over Knights Valley. Roseland Fire dissolution has been completed. Rincon Valley/Windsor approved the sphere of influence. Currently moving forward on the consolidation between Windsor, Rincon Valley, Bennett Valley and Mountain. Mark mentioned that he is currently working on the West County District and is currently looking at proposing to consolidate the 15 districts.
- Dan George spoke about the Strategic Leadership Group (SLG) and how it involved. The SLG is currently meeting once a week. Any questions, please contact the SLG group. We are trying to get the information out to everyone.
- Tony Gossner stated this is a chance to be bold. We have great leadership to pull this in the right direction and provide a better service and to work for the greater good of the fire service.
- Dan George said Thank you to Jim Colangelo and Taya Levine for helping with the SLG and keeping us on track and moving forward.

Dan George asked if there were any questions. Bob Gloeckner asked if the ½ cent sales tax is the absolute minimum we will need, or will a lesser amount due?

Jim Colangelo stated "yes". \$48 million will fund the plan and a lesser amount would leave a gap.

A question was asked of what the rural areas will see from the ½ cent sales tax. Board of Supervisor Hopkins stated additional staffing, new station, apparatus replacement. Discussion ensued.

Mark Bramfitt noted consolidation is needed. West County has 15 agencies and they are under the gun to get these together. There are many options for consolidation in West County.

Jim Colangelo mentioned we need to get the information out to the community.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- The July 26, 2018 SCFDA Meeting Minutes: Upon motion by Bob Gloeckner (Gold Ridge), seconded by Dominic Carinalli (Gold Ridge), the minutes from the 7/26/18 SCFDA meeting were approved. Motion carried.
- First reading and approval of the updated SCFDA by laws – Upon motion by Cazadero Fire, seconded by Valley of the Moon. The first reading and approval of the updated SCFDA by laws were approved. Motion carried
- Nomination & Election for 2019 SCFDA Board Vice President - Frank Treanor will move to President effective January 1, 2019. Upon motion by Bodega Bay, seconded by Valley of the Moon. The nomination for President was approved, motion carried. Steve Akre of Valley of the Moon/Sonoma Valley was nomination for Vice President. Upon motion by Valley of the Moon, seconded by Glen Ellen. The nomination for Vice President was approved, motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Dan George wanted to thank the board of supervisors for the up staffing funding of \$900,000. He mentioned that he would provide a spreadsheet showing the current up staffing in the county.

NEXT MEETING:

- The next Regular Meeting will be held January 24, 2019 and will be hosted by Schell-Vista.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. was made by Gold Ridge Fire. The motion was seconded by Rincon Valley and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Guerrero, SCFDA Secretary/Treasurer

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