

Sonoma County Fire Districts' Association

MEETING MINUTES

Virtual meeting on May 27, 2021 at 1900 hours

1. Call to Order

VP Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Those present:

2. Name	District		Name	District
Fred Peterson	Norther Sonoma County		Chris Tachouet	Gold Ridge
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay		Doug Williams	SMART
Bill Norton	Sonoma Valley		Mark Hemmendinger	Rancho Adobe
Matt Atkinson	Sonoma Valley		Rob Stewart	Northern Sonoma County
Shepley Schroth-Cary	Gold Ridge		Bob Taylor	Cloverdale
Marti Cambell	North Sonoma Coast		Paul Benier	Northern Sonoma County
Charlie Lachman	Gold Ridge		Mark Bramfitt	LAFCO
Jim Nybakken	North Sonoma Coast		Paul Barry	Cazadero
Bonnie Plakos	North Sonoma Coast		Mike Nicholls	Cazadero
Bob Gloeckner	Gold Ridge		Mike Gadoua	Rancho Adobe
Daymon Doss	Kenwood			

3. Approve/Amend the Agenda

VP Peterson asked for a motion to approve or amend. Director Nicholls moved to approve, 2nd by Director Steward, approved by all, none were opposed.

4. Treasurer Report

Sec/Tres Grinnell included the financial report with the send out along with the dues statement. VP Peterson asked if the dues statement was sent to all the admin personnel? A) Not specifically, everyone on the email list gets a copy, so please make sure to give it to your administrative staff. Sec/Tres Grinnell reminded the group that dues amounts were going to be a discussion at a later meeting, June perhaps, since President Akre was not in attendance.

5. Committee Reports (As appropriate)

a. FDAC / FDAC EBA / FAIRA / FASIS

No Report Director Pigoni emailed and said she could not make it tonight (not feeling well) and had no report.

b. LAFCO

Executive Officer Bramfitt reported the reorganization of Forestville was completed at the last meeting. The recent election for special district member that comes from a public safety agency was extend for a lack of quorum of fire districts. Those missing are Kenwood, Graton, Timber Cove, Monte Rio, and Cazadero. The new deadline is extended to the maximum of 60 days-July 16th. There are several other special districts that failed to vote as well. The law does not tell LAFCO what to do if there are not enough votes cast. The only option so far is to conduct the election all over again and hope for better turnout. Dian is leaving the Commission, so staff is now two and Cyndi will be leaving by July. The July meeting is canceled and please be patient as we work to find replacements. Commissioner Lovelace who has been the fire district member will be leaving on Wednesday, we are sorry to see him leave, he has done a lot of great things for Sonoma County Fire Services. Thank you Ernie!

c. Political Action

Still no replacement for Director Treanor. No other honorable mentions or updates.

d. FSWG

Director Taylor reported they met last week with Terri Wright, no direction given by her, but it sounds like there will not be much emphasis on consolidation as there was before. Next week we will meet with the CAO, as well as Chris Godley so we can get some direction from the County. They have not been clear on the desired direction. We will present the plan to the County Ad Hoc on June 10th. The plan is basically how we see the campaign running. No support so far. Today, FSWG worked on Exhibit B categories. We had a long discussion on veg management. We hope to have a good meeting after meet with the County Ad Hoc. VP Peterson asked about the timing of when the FSWG would meet with each district chief and board president? Director Taylor said June sometime, but date set. VP Peterson said Chief Tuberville will be gone for a couple weeks in June, so we will need to work around that. Director Taylor also mentioned the LAFCO Ad Hoc is supposed to present their recommendations for SOI at the June 2 meeting.

e. Measure G 2.0 Ad Hoc

Director Taylor said there has not been an Ad Hoc meeting-no current projects, however he did send out the list of stakeholders and received no comments. He also sent out Measure G 1.0 as a word document and got some comments that he will incorporate into the document and present to the FSWG. Chief Schroth-Cary added the significance of the Board of Supervisors meeting will be an acknowledgement of a desire to move forward so we have more to work with. Director Taylor said FSWG has been guessing at what the county wants since they are telling us. ExO Bramfitt added its not official, but his understanding is the LAFCO Ad Hoc has not reached any conclusion and will direct the Commission's policy committee take the next steps, if any. All suggestion made to Director Taylor will be forwarded to FSWG for inclusion into the document, hopefully. Oversight Committee membership still an issue, will ask for an updated legal opinion. Chief Schroth-Cary added the group has consensus, but the county has yet to answer all the questions, including campaign management and project management, ideas have been expressed, just no firm direction. Director Doss thanked Chief Plakos for merging the documents together, it was very helpful-everyone should read it. He also added his thoughts about Oversight Committee membership and also suggested a revised legal opinion. Director Taylor heard this and will take the issue up with the County and FSWG. Stay tuned for info after the next meeting.

6. Program (none)

7. Old Business

a. Approve Past Minutes March & April

Sec/Tres Grinnell said the April minutes were not quite ready. VP Peterson recommended one edit. Director Lachman moved to approve the March meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Director Nicholls, approved by all, none were opposed.

b. EMS EOA RFP Update – Chief Heine

Chief Heine was not in attendance. Sec/Tres Grinnell offered the draft RFP has not been returned from State EMSA yet.

c. Sonoma County Vegetation Management/PG&E Settlement Funds update

Director Nicholls reported that Supervisor Hopkins announced earlier the County would be announcing that four million dollars would be allocated for vegetation management. New project funding might require CEQA. What is the long term vision, asked VP Peterson and does anyone know who is going to head up the organization. No answer, perhaps we will know more next month.

8. New Business - None

9. Good of the Order

Chief Grinnell informed the group that BBFPD would embark on a revised fee schedule that would include the 80% that does not pay for the cost of readiness. Our first step will be June 8th and over the next several months. Chief Grinnell also thanked Chief Heine and the Sonoma County Fire District for giving BBFPD a Type 3 Engine.

VP Peterson reminded the group of the Geyserville offer to host our first “in person” meeting in July meeting with Cloverdale, and asked for a show of hands of those attending who would attend? All did. Chief Plakos asked us to try and maintain the zoom meeting aspect as well so those far away can still attend. VP Peterson offered the idea of holding the business meeting first before the diner and social meeting aspect... We might even be able to live stream a portion of the dinner and social parts of the meeting. VP Peterson will work with his staff to see if Geyserville can accommodate the technical aspects for the July meeting.

10. Next Meeting June 24, 2021

As stated above-June 24th

11. Close

Director Gloeckner moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Director Taylor, approved by all, none opposed.

Minutes provided by Sec/Tres Grinnell

Approved on: _____

Signature: _____