

SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the July 26, 2018 meeting

Windsor Fire Protection District

Windsor

ATTENDANCE:

Bennett Valley: Deborah Rogers, Arnie Tognozzi

Bodega Bay Fire: Dave Kruppa, Liz Martin, Sean Grinnell

Cazadero CSD: None

Cloverdale: None

Forestville: None

Geyserville: Tatsuo Okaya, Fred Peterson

Glen Ellen: None

Gold Ridge: Dan George, Dominic Carinalli, Bob Gloeckner

Graton: None

Kenwood: Daren Bellach, Jim Kempers, John Cooper & Bob Ubaldi,

Monte Rio: Josh Dale

North Sonoma Coast FPD: Leigh Mueller, Bonnie Plakos & Chris Aitchison

Rancho Adobe: Michael Gadoua

Rincon Valley: Bob Pintane and guest, Gary So

Roseland: None

Russian River: Krista Butts & guest

Sebastopol: None

SCFDA Secty/Treasurer: Lisa Guerrero

Schell-Vista: Ernie Loveless & Ray Mulas

Sonoma County Fire: None

CalFire LNU: None

Sonoma LAFCO: Mark Bramfitt

Timber Cove: None

Sonoma Valley FRA: None

Windsor: Mark Heine, John Nelson & Steve Klick

Sonoma County Fire: Jim Colangelo

Guest Speaker: Tony Gossner, Fire Chief Santa Rosa

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by President Dan George at 7:25 p.m.
- Chief Heine with Windsor Fire wanted to thank his staff for all their hard work preparing for tonight's meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Chief Heine also wanted to mention the fire fighters fighting the recent wildfires and wanted everyone to keep them in their thoughts.
- Self Introductions

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Secretary Lisa Guerrero gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance in account as of 05/31/18 is \$6,798.81 and the raffle amount from the April meeting brought in \$135.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **FDAC/EBA:** None
- **LAFCO:** Mark Bramfitt stated that they finally completed the annexation of Geyserville & Knights Valley, as well as the Schell-Vista, and Roseland Fire. Mark Bramfitt mentioned they are working on Mountain, Rincon Valley, Bennett Valley and Windsor annexation. Please note that LAFCO has moved to their new office.
- **POLITICAL ACTION:** Dan George gave a brief synopsis of the current political report Frank Treanor submitted as he could not attend tonight's meeting. Dan George stated that Secretary Lisa Guerrero will forward the information. (attached)
- **FAIRA:** None
- **FASIS:** Carol Giovanatto (Pagini) provided a report (attached) as she could not attend tonight's meeting. Dan George gave a brief synopsis of Carol's report, and mentioned that Secretary Lisa Guerrero will forward the report to everyone.
- **FIRE SERVICE STUDY UPDATE:** Jim Colangelo mentioned that they have had a lot of progress on the Silver Plan. He has been working with the advisory council in regards to several important items, staffing plan as well as the level of service to increase. Jim also mentioned that he will bring the plan to the board on August 14th. The plan is for admin staff, services, supply level and the need for 10 stations throughout the county. With Fire Services coming together, this will help everyone.

We are currently looking at the cost to build stations, and put money aside for improvements and apparatus. This comprehensive plan would run about \$41 million annually and would need support at the next board meeting. Jim Colangelo mentioned possibly looking at putting a ½ cent sale tax on the ballot. Jim Colangelo stated that there are about a half of dozen districts looking at a crisis problem, as well as an issue with CalPERS and the UAL payments. Bob Gloeckner wanted to know how much revenue a half cent tax will generate. Jim stated approximately \$45 million a year.

Jim Colangelo mentioned the emergency management will be testing the emergency alert system and wireless alert. This is a county wide test though only targeting certain areas at this time. This will give the emergency management an idea on how to move forward.

Dan George mentioned that county services will need to go away. Jim Colangelo stated that the individual agencies would need to partner up, and at this time there is no plan to take care of the 11 VFC's. He also mentioned that Fire Services will not be around by the end of the year.

Jim Colangelo stated that the Sirens are still an issue, and that they are looking at Fire Cameras as well.

PROGRAM:

- President Dan George introduced Fire Chief Tony Gossner with Santa Rosa Fire Department. Chief Gossner mentioned what was going on at the State level. There are a few things they are working on; 1 – wireless emergency alert system, several Senators and Assembly members have been working hard for the county. 2 – The Governor has allocated two (2) years of funding to back fill local government's lost property tax revenues to the counties, cities and special districts impacted by the October fires. 3 – The County is funding \$900,000 for up staffing. Each region has the opportunity to up staff during Red Flag Warning Incidents. Gold Ridge Fire Protection District will be in charge of processing invoices and payments for Red Flag Warning Incidents. Dan George mentioned that this is a great time to get out into your counties during up staffing. Chief Gossner stated he has seen the units out and they have made a difference in the county. Chief Gossner also mentioned it is very busy at this time throughout the state.
- Chief Gossner talked a little about D RISC - \$100 million in the FY 2018-2019 State Budget for OES to reimburse local agencies for the cost of pre-positioning personnel and apparatus. Senators McGuire, Dodd and Curry our big supporters.

OLD BUSINESS: Dan George inquired about the audit for the SCFDA and wanted to know if Fred Peterson had a chance to review the SCFDA books. Fred stated he did and everything looks good, and every year we seem to be adding a little more money to the account

Dan George mentioned that there is \$500,000 set aside for prevention and vegetation management. James Williams is working on the program as well as agreements. Please reach out to James Williams for more information.

NEW BUSINESS: The April 26, 2018 SCFDA Meeting Minutes: Upon motion by Sean Grinnell, seconded by Mark Heine, the minutes from the 4/26/18 SCFDA meeting were approved. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Dan George asked if anyone had anything for Good to the Order. Fred Peterson wanted to thank the planning commission for putting pressure on the supervisors. Fred mention if anyone has time, they should attend the August 14th meeting and put some more pressure on our supervisors and back the planning commission.

Raffle prize

NEXT MEETING:

- The next Regular Meeting will be held October 25, 2018 and will be hosted by Forestville Fire.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. was made by Sean Grinnell. The motion was seconded by Bob Gloeckner and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Guerrero, SCFDA Secretary/Treasurer

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