

SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the January 31, 2019 meeting

Monte Rio Fire Protection District

Monte Rio

ATTENDANCE:

Bennett Valley: None

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

Cazadero CSD: Paul Berry, Mike Nicholls

Cloverdale: Carol Giovanatto & Guest

Forestville: None

Geyserville: Rob Stewart, Paul Bernier, Tatsuo Okaya

Glen Ellen: Matt Atkinson

Gold Ridge: Chris Tachouet, Mike Doyle

Graton: None

Kenwood: Daren Bellach, Bob Uboldi, John Cooper

Monte Rio: Paul Casini, Steve Baxman, Gabriella Gibson, Tim Parker, Tim Cahn, Josh Dale

North Sonoma Coast FPD: Celeste Buckley, Chris Aitchison

Rancho Adobe: Brian Proteau, Mark Hemmendinger

Rincon Valley: Bob Pintane, Gary So and Guest

Roseland: None

Russian River: Krista Butts, Heidi Flowers, Jason Weaver

Sebastopol: None

SCFDA Secty/Treasurer: Lisa Guerrero

Schell-Vista: Ernie Loveless

CalFire LNU: None

Sonoma LAFCO: Mark Bramfitt

Timber Cove: Scott Foster

Sonoma Valley FRA: None

Valley of the Moon: None

Windsor: Frank Treanor, Steve Klick

Santa Rosa Fire/Roseland: None

Sonoma County Fire: None

Guest Speaker: James Williams & Caerleon Stafford

FCSLG (SLG): None

Doug Williams

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by President Frank Treanor at 7:22 p.m.
- Chief Steve Baxman with Monte Rio Fire wanted to thank everyone for attending and to Northwood Restaurant for catering the event. Frank Treanor would also like to thank Monte Rio Fire for hosting tonight's meeting. Monte Rio board members introduced themselves.
- Self Introductions – Self introduction were done

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Secretary Lisa Guerrero gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance in account as of 12/31/18 is \$5,690.87.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ***FDAC/EBA:*** None
- ***LAFCO:*** Mark Bramfitt stated that Kenwood will be going from a 3 member board to a 5. Two other items Mark Bramfitt spoke about was Roseland Fire Protection District has dissolved and there is a major reorganization with Windsor Fire, Bennett Valley Fire, Rincon Valley Fire and Mountain. The approval should happen on Wednesday. They will be changing their name to Sonoma County Fire District. Mark Bramfitt mentioned that he is still working on the MSR's for the agencies, the assessments of the districts, and suggestions for consolidation in West County. There will be a 'draft' available to review in February.
- ***POLITICAL ACTION:*** Frank Treanor stated there was no political action updates
- ***FAIRA:*** Frank Treanor mentioned there will be an election for FAIRA if anyone is interested. He has the application and information sheet.
- ***FASIS:*** None.
- ***FIRE SERVICE STUDY UPDATE:*** Frank Treanor mentioned the Strategic Leadership Group will not be attending tonight's meeting.

PROGRAM: James Williams and Caerleon Stafford – Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services: James Williams and Caerleon Stafford presented a power point presentation on Vegetation Management and Enforcement Program (attached).

OLD BUSINESS:

- The approval of the November 15, 2018 SCFDA Meeting Minutes: Upon motion by Cloverdale, seconded by Schell-Vista, the minutes from the 11/15/18 SCFDA meeting were approved. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Second reading and approval of the updated SCFDA by laws - **Action Item** –Frank Treanor wanted to remind everyone to read Article I of the Bylaws.

Roll Call Vote

Bennett Valley – Absent	Monte Rio - Aye
Bodega Bay - Aye	No Sonoma Coast - Aye
Cazadero CSD - Aye	Rancho Adobe - Aye
Cloverdale – Aye	Rincon Valley – Aye
Forestville - Absent	Russian River – Aye
Glen Ellen - Absent	Roseland - Absent
Graton - Absent	Schell Vista - Aye
Gold Ridge – Aye	Timber Cove – Aye
Geyserville - Aye	Valley of the Moon – Absent
Kenwood - Aye	Windsor - Aye

Ayes – 14 Noes – 0 Absent – 6

- **Updates from Zone 6 and 7 annexations (if present):** Frank Treanor asked if there were any updates on Zone 6 or Zone 7. Nothing to report for zone 7. Geyserville will be annexing Knights Valley District and changing their name to North Sonoma County Fire District. Geyserville mentioned that they don't feel they have representation from the Strategic Leadership Group. The Board of Supervisors meeting was addressed in regards to the VFC's. There were issues brought up, and several districts felt like they were not informed in the last meeting. One of the districts stated that we call them the "Secret Leadership Group", as we do not get information provided to us. A few people stated they would like to attend the Strategic Leadership Group meetings. Frank Treanor stated that he did not believe that attending the meeting is possible, though he will try to get more transparency from the Strategic Leadership Group. Ernie Loveless asked if there is a member from the Fire Districts Association and Frank Treanor stated "yes" Dan George. Frank Treanor talked about fire service at the county and mentioned that the county has been getting away cheap in regards to fire services for years. He also addressed the group in regards

to a five year plan, and suggested that districts should have a five year plan in place. Sean Grinnell stated to Frank Treanor that he should be a representative on the Strategic Leadership Group. Frank Treanor mentioned he would look into attending the Strategic Leadership Group meetings and will do whatever he can to facilitate it. Several people felt like they should be able to attend these meetings. Discussion ensued

Chris Tachouet mentioned that as a board member of Gold Ridge Fire Protection District, sometimes they do not get all the information. He mentioned that the 11 VFC's Gold Ridge Fire planned to take on, was a big area. He also wanted to point out that Dan George worked hard to come up with some sort of solution. This should be a county problem and not Gold Ridge Fire Protection Districts, and would hope that the group looks at this as we were trying to help and not money grabbing.

- **Group Input on Subjects or Objectives they would like to explore during the year:** Ernie Loveless stated there should be more involvement on prevention and public education
- **Recognizing outgoing SCFDA President, Dan George:** Frank Treanor would like to move this to next meeting as Dan George is not in attendance.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Fire Chief Sean Grinnell from Bodega Bay stated that they will be working with Gold Ridge Fire Protection Districts Battalion Chiefs to help out the coast.

NEXT MEETING:

- The next Regular Meeting will be held April 25, 2019 and will be hosted by Cloverdale.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. was made by Gold Ridge Fire. The motion was seconded by Geyserville and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Guerrero, SCFDA Secretary/Treasurer

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