

# Sonoma County Fire Districts' Association

## MEETING AGENDA

Hosted by the Glen Ellen Fire Protection District at the  
Jack London Lodge dining room, 13740 Arnold Dr, Glen Ellen

January 23, 2020

-CALL MEETING TO ORDER at 7:03 PM

President Treanor called the meeting to order and introduced our host Glen Ellen FPD – Peter Van Fleet welcomed the group to the Jack London Lodge and thanked all for attending.

-SELF INTRODUCTIONS / PASS THE ROSTER

President Treanor said thank you to all for attending and for putting in the time needed to make this association and the fire service what it is and then he invited everyone to dinner.

President Treanor called back to order at 7:43pm

-APPROVE/AMEND MEETING AGENDA

President Treanor asked if anyone had any changes to the agenda. Glen Ellen moved to approve the agenda as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold Ridge, Motion approved by all.

-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Sec/Tres Grinnell reported the current balance in checking account as of 12/31/19- is \$5,744.91. Geyserville moved to approve the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glen Ellen, approved by all.

-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FDAC & FDAC/EBA:

Chief Akre reported that open registration for annual the annual FDAC Conference and Pre-Conference starting March 31 thru April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Go to the FDAC website to register.

LAFCO:

Director / Commissioner Lovelace reported that a ballot for the Special District Rep will be out soon. Director Lovelace's term is up and he let the group know that he is running again for the seat. President Treanor thanked Director Lovelace for his work on LAFCO and wished him luck in the upcoming election.


POLITICAL ACTION: President Treanor reported there is no current update available.

FAIRA: No report

FASIS: Sec/Tres Grinnell said FASIS has not held a meeting since our last meeting. Next meeting will be March 26<sup>th</sup>.

-PROGRAM: Sonoma County Fire Marshal James Williams will review the Vegetation Management Program.

President Treanor introduced Sonoma County Fire Marshal James Williams.



Fire Marshal James Williams thanked the members for providing the opportunity to speak tonight. The Program has been successful so far, but we have far more inspections to conduct than we have funding for. Fire Marshal Williams did say he hopes Measure G passes, which will provide more funding for the program.

See attached power point presentation-

Chief Bellach asked if there is any work scheduled with county roads? Chief Bellach said he is receiving questions from his residents, "Why do I have to clean this all up, Yet the vegetation along on county roads is overgrown? Fire Marshall Williams answered roads are specific work orders and fall under a different set of standards and funding. He also said that Emergency Manager Chris Godly is working in key areas for evacuation routes, but the County is exempt from ordinance.

Fire Marshal Williams reminded the group that the CWPP was approved in 2015 for the whole county and it satisfies grant requirement for having a plan. New local CWPP's will become annexes to the county plan once they are completed.

Fire Marshal Williams asked if there were any more questions? There were none.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

-Approve 10-24-19 Meeting minutes (Action Item)

President Treanor asked if there were any changes to the minutes as presented- None were mentioned. Northern Sonoma County moved to approve the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Valley of the Moon, there was no further discussion, all voted in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

-FSWG Representative report

Director Petersen reported (FSWG report attached) after the holidays FSWG is still working on better communications and outreach; they met with and were informed by the League of Women Voters and the North Bay Leadership Council of their support measure G. They are working to ID operational steps if the measure passes, and they are still working on long term funding needs for volunteer agencies. Director Petersen ask for questions? None were asked.

President Treanor thanked Director Petersen for his work on the FSWG and let him know that SCFDA appreciated his work as well.

-Elect FSWG Representative and Establish a Term Limit-

President Treanor asked everyone to review the sheet that was handed out. President Treanor explained that Director Petersen is going back to work and will not have the time, so we are looking for a new FSWG rep. With that in mind we developed some guidelines, which are on your table. He went on, the last guidelines were a little more restricted, this set reflects changes and more latitude while making sure the FSWG rep represents all members. President Treanor then reviewed the list and then asked for thoughts? Director Glockner asked if this would this require a change in bylaws? President Treanor said no, as these are just guidelines. Director Glockner (?) said number 3 is a little bit demanding-I think what Joe did, was a good job, but I think he should only report available information as some information might not yet be ready or approved for the public.

Director Fred Peterson added, thank you for all your work on this. I think it would not hurt to write in that whoever has this position should be willing to provide two-way communication; the rep should be open to communication between FSWG and the SCFDA membership. A/C George added, for consistency, perhaps the term limit could be longer? President Treanor said I was trying to get someone in in hopes they would like it and stay longer. Chief Akre added its two-fold, acclimation takes time, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> part is a group of 8/9 folks who can't necessarily wait until the new person is brought up to speed. I would like to see a longer period of time. President Treanor had no issue offering a 2-year commitment and then said now we have to find the person willing to commit. Chief Bellach asked if we could hear from Joe? Director Joe Petersen offered, I do not want to leave but career and family have an impact and are a priority. I will miss the team we have developed; I like the guideline aspect. The county is always changing- whoever comes in needs an understanding of the information we are sharing and the trust. I like the monthly updates and now weekly when available. I also like the one on one communication with everyone. President Treanor asked for an estimate of time needed for representing on FSWG. Chief George said we meet weekly (for months/years) forward momentum is maintained even if not all members are present, updates are based on what we know at the time, but changes do occur and what we might report will change from one day to the next. Time needed is a minimum of 3 hours a week and more sometimes.

President Treanor said we are looking for nominations, we can make some tonight, we can give you a week to send an email with your nomination (and if you do, please give us a brief bio why you are interested), One question, Glen Ellen asked, perhaps it should be a one year obligation. What if, once you get involved you find out more and more; you come to discover the two year obligation is too much and your heart is not in it, I feel it should start with one year and hope for the person to step up for the next year. President Treanor asked, now who would like to? Director Peterson nominated Cloverdale Director Bob Taylor. Bob expressed interest in the nomination and gave a brief bio of experience. Director Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination. President Treanor said he would wait a little longer for nominations, a week, and let the group now if a vote would be needed.

#### -County Sales Tax Measure for Fire Services

President Treanor said the County sales tax, Measure G is what pays for the Silver Plan. As I see it, it benefits the fire service in Sonoma County, an honest approach to fix the funding gaps. He asked, would we, SCFDA, vote to support measure G? Director Peterson offered, since we do not have a Plan B, we should support this plan, lets get it done. Glen Ellen moved to endorse Measure G, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sonoma County Fire, President Treanor asked if there was more discussion. Director Peterson added, this position we voted for tonight; the real work starts after Measure G passes. All were in favor, none were opposed. Schell Vista Abstained.

Chief Heine offered; this is a great initial step. We have several meetings ahead of us and this vote will be mentioned in those discussions. President Treanor offered to write the Press Release.

#### -Meeting Dates/Times for 2020 and 2021

President Treanor reviewed the meeting list for 2020 and 2021. If you consider the expected consolidations in the near future, we might have some agencies like, Sonoma County Fire, that will have to hold several meetings in the next year two years. No changes were offered or made.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None.

#### -Raffle Prize Drawing.



President Treanor said all of you make a difference and thank you for taking the time to be here. And with that, he led the raffle drawing.

NEXT MEETING:

-Sonoma County FPD, April 23, 2020

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Valley of the Moon moved to close the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Northern Sonoma County Fire, and approved by all.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Sean Grinnell, SCFDA Secretary/Treasurer*

Minutes Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_  
SCFDA Board Secretary

Date: August 6, 2020