



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: CAL FIRE Headquarters
6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018
DATE: September 26, 2012
TIME: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

APPROVED Minutes for September 26, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

First District Representative/FDAC Chair: Alex Leman
Second District Representative: John Willett
Third District Representative: Tom Scully
Fourth District Representative: Bob Stokes
Fifth District Representative: Arnie Wernick (*arrived 3:16 p.m.*)
Office of Emergency Services Manager: Paul Horvat
Volunteer Firefighters Representative: Doug Aumack

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

- 1.0 Introductions/Call to Order
Meeting began at 3:10 p.m.
- 2.0 Approval of minutes from July 25, 2012
 - **Motion:** Bob Stokes to approve draft minutes
Motion Seconded: John Willett
In Favor: Alex Leman, Paul Horvat, Bob Stokes, and Tom Scully
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Arnie Wernick
- 3.0 Recognition of the 2011 Volunteer and Career Firefighters of the Year: Andy Seigel and Connor DiNapoli moved to the end of meeting after 7.2 FDAC Reports.
- 4.0 Oral Communications (Items not on agenda, 3 minutes per person).
 - 4.1 None
- 5.0 Correspondence
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- 6.0 Business
 - 6.1 New Business
 - A. Road Naming
 - 1) A hold may be placed on new projects.
 - 2) Street Addressing moved from the Fire Marshal's office back to the Santa Cruz County Planning Department on Wednesday, September 19, 2012.
(*Arnie Wernick arrived at 3:16 pm*)
 - 3) Tim Gose will begin training county staff on Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

- 6.3 Old Business
 - A. None

7.0 Informational Reports

7.1 Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report

A. Updates:

- 1) Incidents: Fire activity decreasing; there was a fire in Las Cumbres last month.
- 2) Due to fuel conditions and high fire danger, the unit will remain at peak staffing through October or until we receive at least two inches of rain.
- 3) Training/Academies: no updates.
- 4) Volunteer Handbook: no updates.

7.2 FDAC Reports

A. Master Plan Subcommittee (*Members: Paul Horvat, Arnie Wernick, Tom Scully*)

- 1) No update.
- 2) For future meetings add agenda sub-items to report in line with due dates in the Master Plan.

B. Recruitment Subcommittee (*Members: Scott Jalbert, Alex Leman, Vacancy*)

- 1) Met in August and put together a list of ideas.
- 2) Suggestion was made to recruit a member from each company.
- 3) Discussed making banners and bumper stickers to market County Fire.
- 4) CSFA training conference may be a good resource for volunteer ideas.

C. Budget Subcommittee (*Members: Arnie Wernick, John Willett, Scott Jalbert, Ginny Petras*)

- 1) Budget cuts and contract savings over the last five years have slowed reserve depletion.
- 2) Discussed possibility of lease to own equipment.
- 3) Committee will meet again once final 2011/12 budget numbers are available.

8.0 Roundtable

- 8.1 Bob Stokes: suggested meetings be held at the EOC.
- 8.2 Doug Aumack: plans to meet with all of the Volunteer companies.
- 8.3 Scott Jalbert: mentioned that Chief John Ferreira will retire December 7, 2012.
- 8.4 Tom Scully: advised that the ongoing lawsuit between the Bonny Doon Volunteer Fire & Rescue Inc. and LAFCO has been dropped. Tom Scully is "looking forward to a more collaborative effort on the mountain and in the north coast". Bonny Doon has a very active Fire Safe Council and the ridge has been cleared. Significant progress has been made through grant funded projects. Bonny Doon also recently hosted a Fire Safe prevention workshop which was very successful.
- 8.5 Paul Horvat: Train the Trainer and positions available for EOC overhead teams in Finance, Plans, and Logistics, especially EOC Director, Plans Chief, and Logs Chief. Current grants in process are the UASI grant for the communications vehicle and the Homeland Security grant for RSI training equipment.
- 8.6 Alex Leman: No update.

8.0 Adjournment

- **Motion:** Bob Stokes to adjourn.
- Motion Seconded:** John Willet
- In Favor:** All
- Opposed:** None
- Abstained:** None
- Absent:** None

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday November 21, 2012 at 4:00 pm.
(Rescheduled for December 5, 2012 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.)

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