



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES: September 20th 2023

In-Person Meeting

CalFire / County Fire Meeting Room, 6059 HIGHWAY 9, FELTON, CA 95018

Remote Participation

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CALL IN: 831-454-2222 Conference ID: 702 367 794#

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm **Present:**

First District Representative/Chair:	Sanjay
Third District Representative:	Khandelwal Mike
Fourth District Representative:	Phinn
Fifth District Representative:	Kirt Vojyoda Arnie
Volunteer Firefighters Representative:	Wernick Doug
Department of General Services:	Aumack Michael Beaton

Absent:
Second District Representative/Vice-Chair: Carey Pico

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

A. None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 19th, 2023

A. Unanimous

IV. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE:

A. 3 written Correspondence

V. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

**Matters not on the agenda (3 minutes per person)*

A. 1 Public Comment

VI. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS (Oral reports from Commissioners; No discussion or action)

A. 1st District (Khandelwal)
i. Residence Night Out, visited Co.36 Volunteers

B. 2nd District (Pico)
i. Absent

C. 3rd District (Phinn)
i. Meet with CO.37 (Davenport)

- D. 4th District (Vojvoda)
 - i. No report
- E. 5th District (Wernick)
 - i. Bruce McPherson's office communication about triton report issues, two areas of issues- who's going to implement the recommendations from the study?
 - ii. Recruiting and retention- discussion on incentive to keep people on for 3 years.
- F. Volunteer Rep. (Aumack)
 - i. Trained with company 32; rope rescue; training on response to get response numbers up.

VII. SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT (Filson)

- A. Diesel tanks at Mcdermot in service
 Septic system @ Mcdermot in process
 Davenport in process for eucalyptus removal
 Working with DMV to get titles.
 Apparatus working group assembled.
 Company 32 had health fair for community outreach.
 Company 41 helping with Halloween event for community outreach.
 Record management system going live soon.

VIII. BUSINESS MATTERS (CONTINUING)

- A. FDAC Meeting Structure (Khandelwal)
 - i. More structured, focused meetings, preferably on a main topic
 Would like to talk about Brown Act in the next meeting (November), have council come in and review Brown Act
 More focus on goals
 24-25 contract (November)
 Jan meeting, full budget meeting
 Potential special meeting in October for master plan

IX. BUSINESS MATTERS (NEW)

- A. FDAC Public Comment Process Change (Khandelwal)
 - i. Link on website for Public Comment
- B. FDAC Admin Support Change (Beaton)
 - i. Convert state position to county position so that the transition between systems is easier. Letter to the board in process
- C. County Fire Master Plan Update (Beaton)
 - i. Working draft (273 pages)
 Went over main sections of draft.
 Went over how AP triton acquired their data and how it was analyzed.
 Wants draft reviewed by a few qualified people to catch potential errors in data and to implement potential changes.
 Wants to make whole report more accessible for the public (when finalized)
 Issues were brought up that Triton report seems more like an assessment than a Master Plan as there are few recommendations for action.
 Potential creation of a subcommittee to review and create an action plan from Triton report with Triton input.
 Sub-committee: Phinn, Khandelwal, Beaton

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Set next regular meeting – Wednesday, November 15th, 2023 at 4:00 pm, location Felton Headquarters.**

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