



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES: MAY 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

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: 113 000 423#

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

Present:

First District Representative/Chair: Sanjay Khandelwal

Second District Representative/Co-Chair: Carey Pico

Third District Representative: Mike Phinn

Fifth District Representative: Arnie Wernick

Office of Emergency Services Manager: Michael Beaton

Volunteer Firefighters Representative: Doug Aumack

Absent:

Fourth District Representative: Vacant

II. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

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

A. B.Steinbruner-

- i. 4th District is working on new FDAC representative
- ii. Flyer for event will be emailed to me (attachment)
- iii. LAFCO report status

B. D. Hencke-

- i. CSA money concerns
- ii. CAL FIRE does not enforce burn permits

Any member of the public may address the Commission on any item within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not already on the agenda. The Commission will listen to all communication, but in compliance with State law, it may not act on items that are not on the agenda.

Members of the public may also address the Commission on any item on the agenda at the beginning of the discussion of that item. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person.

III. New contract between Santa Cruz County Fire and CAL FIRE/23-24 Santa Cruz County Fire Budget (Beaton/Armstrong)

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

i. Steinbruner

- a. Where is 3rd FF promised as part of new 2020 assessment?
- b. Vol program oversight questions
- c. Training budget not "robust"
- d. Why 1 year contract and not 3?
- e. Are people who lost homes being charged assessment?

B. FDAC supports new 1 year agreement as presented

Motion: Khandelwal

2nd: Pico

In favor: All

Opposed: None

C. FDAC supports 23/24 Budget Request

Motion: Pico

2nd: Aumack

In favor: All

Opposed: None

IV. Adjourn: 5:43 pm

Set next regular meeting – Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 4:00 pm, location: CalFire / County Fire Meeting Room, 6059 HIGHWAY 9, FELTON, CA 95018

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