
**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jackson, California
Thursday, April 16, 2015
4:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Protection Authority met in the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California on the above date pursuant to adjournment, and the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Present:

Connie Gonsalves, Chair (City of Jackson)
Brian Oneto, Director (Amador Fire Protection District)
Jean-Paul Soares, Director (Lockwood Fire Protection District)
Hal Gamble, Director (Sutter Creek Fire Protection District)
Ronald Smylie, Director (City of Ione)
Greg Baldwin, Director (City of Plymouth)

Absent:

Jake Herfel, Vice Chair (Jackson Valley Fire Protection District)

Acting Staff:

Carla J. Farris, Clerk (Amador Fire Protection District)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Gonsalves led the Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA:

MOTION: It was moved by Director Smylie, seconded by Director Gamble and unanimously carried to approve the agenda for this date, as presented.

Absent: Director Herfel

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Election of Officers:

MOTION: It was moved by Director Soares, seconded by Director Oneto, and unanimously carried to appoint Director Gonsalves as Chair.

Absent: Director Herfel

MOTION: It was moved by Director Smylie, seconded by Director Oneto, and unanimously carried to appoint Director Herfel as Vice Chair.

Absent: Director Herfel

Insurance Service Office (ISO) Ratings: Director Soares stated that Lockwood Fire Protection District had been rated with a Protection Class (PC) rating of 6/6Y.

Chief Bellerive, Amador Fire Protection District (AFPD), stated that Chief Moreno, Sutter Creek Fire Protection District (SCFPD), was currently at a working wildland fire in the Gold Beach area of El Dorado County. He stated that Chief Moreno had indicated that SCFPD was re-rated from a five (5) to a four (4).

Chief Bellerive reviewed the PC rating for AFPD noting a downgrade to 6/6X effective December 1, 2014. He stated that after he contacted the Insurance Service Office inquiring about the downgrade, AFPD was readjusted back to their prior rating of 6/6Y effective May 1, 2015. He further reviewed measures being taken by AFPD to work toward a better ISO rating next time.

Discussion ensued relative to the alternatives for homeowners that are dropped by their insurance carriers.

Chief Morton, Jackson Fire Department, stated they were previously a 5/9 and had been rated a 4/4X. He noted water flow was the biggest issue with the amount of commercial properties in Jackson Fire's response area. He further stated they are taking steps toward achieving a PC 3 rating next time.

Chief Ken Mackey, Ione Fire Department, stated their rating had gone from a PC 7 to a PC 2 and that they were very close to achieving a PC 1. He stated they were very proud of the new rating and had worked hard for many years to obtain it.

Establishing a Countywide Fire System: Chief Morton, Jackson Fire Department and Vice President of the Amador County Fire Chiefs Association, stated he had no major news to report toward consolidation. He noted that the Training Officer Association was doing a great job at coordinating countywide training events.

Director Gamble noted that training was an excellent way to help lower the ISO ratings. Chief Morton further noted the cross training was working very well on real incidents such as the recent structure fire in Pine Grove.

Chief Bellerive, Amador Fire Protection District, stated AFPD had signed a fire service agreement with the Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians. He further stated that on May 1, 2015, AFPD would begin staffing the station located on Rancheria property and utilizing their equipment to respond not only on tribal lands but into the general County as well.

Chief Mackey, Ione Fire Department, reviewed the water reserves Ione had created over the last twenty (20) years.

Committee Appointment: Chief Bellerive, Amador Fire Protection District, stated the Amador County Fire Chiefs Association meets on the first Thursday every other month. He stated the next meeting was scheduled for May 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. He further stated the meeting location rotates and the meeting in May would be held at the Jackson Valley Fire Protection District fire station.

Discussion ensued and Director Soares volunteered to act as primary AFPA Board representative, Director Gamble volunteered as alternate.

Minutes:

MOTION: It was moved by Director Baldwin, seconded by Director Smylie, and unanimously carried to approve the regular minutes of July 17, 2014, as presented.

Absent: Director Herfel

MOTION: It was moved by Director Gamble, seconded by Director Soares, and unanimously carried to approve the regular minutes of October 16, 2014 subject to the following corrections:

Absent: Director Herfel

Abstain: Director Gonsalves

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Chief Moreno, Sutter Creek Fire Protection District (SCFPD), was present at this time and stated SCFPD had previously been rated a PC 5 and had received a new rating of PC 4. He reviewed the areas that needed improvement and detailed the need to test and upgrade fire hydrants.

ADJOURNMENT: At 4:34 p.m., Chair Gonsalves adjourned the meeting until **Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

Chair, Amador Fire Protection Authority