

Amador Fire Protection Authority

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, December 10th, 2020
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Teleconference Zoom (see meeting information below)

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA: Approval of agenda for this date; any and all off-agenda items must be approved by the Board (pursuant to §54954.2 of the Government Code.)

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Discussion items only, no action to be taken. Any person may address the Authority at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Amador Fire Protection Authority; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to staff and/or Committee for a report and recommendation for possible action at a subsequent Authority meeting. Please note there is a five (5) minute limit per topic.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESPONSE MAPS USED BY CAL FIRE AT CAMINO FOR AMADOR COUNTY DISPATCHING:** Discussion and possible action relative to subject matter.

2. **MEASURE M FORMULA FOR ALLOTING MEASURE M FUNDS AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF NEW CALL VOLUME AND POPULATION NUMBERS FOR ESTABLISHING ALLOTMENT PERCENTAGES:** Discussion and possible action relative to subject matter.

3. **AMADOR COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT FOR 2019/2020 AS IT PERTAINS TO THE AFPA SPECIFICALLY, THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN SAID REPORT AND HOW, AND BY WHEN, THE AFPA SHOULD RESPOND:** Discussion and possible action relative to subject matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

1. **MINUTES:** Review and approval of minutes from the Special Meeting of November 19th 2020

ADJOURNMENT

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This meeting was recorded

Jackson, California
Thursday, November 19, 2020
4:01 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:

Hal Gamble, Director (Sutter Creek Fire Protection District) President
Connie Gonsalves, Chair (City of Jackson)
Jake Herfel, Director (Jackson Valley Fire Protection District)
Jan Hewitt, Director (Lockwood Fire Protection District)
Pat Crew, Director (Amador Fire Protection District)
Stacy Rhoades, Director (Ione Fire Department)

Absent:

Peter Amoruso , Director (Plymouth Fire Department)

Acting Staff:

Kayla Dale, 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 Crew, seconded by Director Herfel and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Correction with Amador Fire Protection District listed in zoom account information on agenda, Corrected for next meeting.

Hewitt would like to have the Cal Fire topic taken off the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Response maps used by Cal Fire at Camino for Amador County dispatching:**
Discussion and possible action relative to subject matter.

Chief Withrow, Division Chief, Cal Fire - Covering fundamental stance that the state holds. Cal Fire will not agree to anything that does not hold the closest available resource. Cal Fire will go as an assisting agency. Cal Fire is an all risk fire department. Station 60 will be part of the response, unless out on fires. Withrow states he is open to collaboration but not discrediting agencies.

C. Gonsalves: Regarding the area of 118, has the maps been changed back?

Withrow: Yes.

Crew: Has had discussion with all chiefs and has expressed he is open to bring up issues or changes needed.

D. Moreno, Sutter Creek Fire: This has been going on 16 months. No cooperation from Cal Fire, Reviews prior meeting with AFPD board and cal fire. Cal Fire is not showing at Cooperation meetings. Agrees there are glitches in the system, and would like to discuss further and have the other side come to the table.

W. White, AFPD: "LAFCO is correct, and does matter. Requested that the agency whose response area the call is in, responds also. We never altered the closest available resources". - Continues to give an example of the Measure M formula. Discusses jurisdiction calls and urges the board to realize LAFCO does matter. Discusses funding for calls with all other agencies.

C. Gonsalves: Asks if the 118 area communicated to all other agencies, and presses the fact that communication is important and needs to happen in the future. Expresses that the frustration on this topic stems from 118 not being communicated.

Withrow: Would like to correct statements made that Moreno mentioned. Expresses that mistakes have been made but he has never lied.

Gamble: Expresses that this issue needs to be handled at the chief level.

FORMING GROUP with chiefs to discuss in open conversation so steps forward can be made.

Cindy Gramboise: County Resident. Would like to look at consolidating the different agencies. States that the taxpayer dollars would go down with consolidation. Hopes to never see the closest resource go away.

Crew: States he would be happy to serve on a committee with to help organize communication with chiefs.

W. White: AFPD will be going AVL to help with dispatching and knowing where all of the engine companies are.

Expresses that he is the chief, and he gets to make the decision to not rent from specific agencies who do not have his back, or do not treat his employees fairly.

Gamble: Requests to sit with Cal Fire and discuss Sutter Creek issues

D. Mackey: States she never received a contract

Cal Fire Chief Scott : Confirms Debbie sent the contract back, and they have it as evidence.

D. Mackey: States it was not her writing on the post it not and she never got a hand delivered letter.

J. Hewitt: Would like it known that Lockwood is not laundering money and all finances are public.

Gamble: States it is Cal Fire's choice to hire whoever they want, but recommends to hire local agencies who know the areas. Expresses that we need to get to the bottom of all of the topics, and hopes that he and crew attending the little chiefs meetings will help.

Continued Agenda Item:

4. **Amador County Grand Jury Report for 2019/2020 as it pertains to the AFPA Specifically, the findings and recommendations in said report and how, and by when, the AFPA should respond: Discussion and possible action relative to subject matter.**

Gamble: Would like to address the Grand Jury Report and the concerns. Would like a plan in place to respond, and acknowledge it in the near future.

Doug Granboise, County Resident: Lifelong resident, lifelong fire service -would like clarification on statements made in the Grand Jury Report. Also, would like to correct comments regarding volunteer firefighters vs. paid firefighters. Advises the board to look into consolidation coming from a resident of Amador County.

C. Gonsolves would like to form a subcommittee to address the Grand Jury Report and respond with what is needed.

Continued Agenda Item.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Possible revision of AFPA by-laws, and the JPA: Discussion and possible action relative to subject matter.**

Hal Gamble, and Pat Crew volunteer to attend Chiefs meetings and help with communication.

D. Moreno: Requests that Gamble, and Crew attend the little chiefs meetings.

**Motion to have Pat Crew and Hal Gamble attend little chiefs meeting - Motion by:
Gonsolves, Herfel carries 5-0**

2. **Measure M formula for allotting Measure M funds AND POSSIBLE adoption of new call volume and population numbers for establishing allotment percentages:** Discussion and possible action relative to subject matter.

W. White AFPD: Would like to present some documentation for Measure M formulas.

Gamble: Requests that the formula be added to the little chiefs meeting agenda.

D. Mackey: Would like to look at percentages for the Measure M formula and suggests to have that discussion at the little chiefs meeting.

Gamble: Clarification for Fixed Percentages.

D. Mackey: Agrees, Yes Fixed Percentages until consolidation is an option and at this time that is a very expensive option. Expresses that it has been spoken about at the little chiefs meetings and at this point needs to go back to the voters. Jackson Attorney has looked over the numbers and options to take it back to the ballot.

Continued Item.

3. Cal Fire no longer hiring Amador County Fire Departments for contract WORK: Discussion and possible action relative to subject matter.

D. Moreno: Would like to discuss other agencies not being hired out. Local engines available to cover were not brought in to cover, yet out of county agencies were hired to cover. Expresses concerns that out of the area engines do not know the county as well as other local agencies do.

S.Lindgren, Cal Fire Chief: Would like to correct statements made by D. Moreno. Gives Cal Fire mission statement, and what their rolls are. Would like to clarify their authority and what happened with 118 response maps. States it is not Cal Fires job to notify other chiefs of the changes, It should have been white. Gives open invitation to all members of the board to show them how the system works and get educated.

Cal Fire is renting engines from Lockwood, AFPD, and Buena Vista. - clarifies that Cal Fire maintains Lockwood and Buena Vistas engines and equipment. Clarifies what a wet fire and a dry hire are. Confirms D. Mackey and K. Mackey didn't sign the agreement for this year.

MINUTES:

1. **Minutes:** Review and approval of minutes from the Special Meeting of January 30th 2020

Approval of minutes, - Gonsalves - no second, carries 5-0

Administration of AFPA: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

NEXT MEETING DATE December 10th 2020 @ 3pm

Chair, Amador Fire Protection Authority

