



Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2023, 830 hrs.  
Emergency Services Facility - 3705

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Meeting called to order by Chief Parnell at 0831 hrs. The flag was saluted.

**2. Roll Call:**

The following agency's representative / alternate were in attendance:

Burbank Paradise Fire Protection District	Chief Bernardi
Cal-Fire SCU	Absent
Cal-Fire TCU	Chief Bohall
City of Ceres Fire Dept	Chief Wise
Ceres Fire Protection District	Chief Wise
Denair Fire Protection District	Absent
Hughson Fire Protection District	Chief Berner
Industrial Fire Protection District	Chief Wise
Keyes Fire Protection District	Absent
City of Modesto Fire Dept	Chief Tietjen
Mountain View Fire Protection District	Absent
City of Newman Fire Dept	Chief Bowen
City of Oakdale Fire Dept	Chief Tietjen
Oakdale Rural Fire Protection District	Chief Tietjen
City of Patterson Fire Dept	Chief Hakola
Salida Fire Protection District	Chief Wise
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District	Chief Tietjen
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Parnell
City of Turlock Fire Dept	Chief Wise
Turlock Rural Fire Protection District	Absent
West Stanislaus Fire Protection District	Chief Bowen
Westport Fire Protection District	Absent
Woodland Ave Fire Protection District	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting:

Chief Klevmyr, Kevin Anderson (CERT), Mike Lunn (Training), John Alberti (Air Ops), and Matt Jenkins, Ruben Wegner, Stanislaus County Emergency Services; Brooke Freeman and Garrett Seymour, Sheriff's Office; Dustin Bruley, FIU; Rod Flora, Fire Chaplain; Chief Jesberg and Chief Bartley, Modesto Fire; John Boer, Woodland Ave Fire; Clint Bray, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire.

**3. Public Comment:**

None

#### **4. Approval of Minutes:**

##### **4.1 Approval of the March 2, 2023 Regular meeting minutes.**

Motion to approve made by Chief Bernardi, seconded by Chief Tietjen, motion passed.

#### **5. Staff / Committee Reports:**

##### **5.1 Fire Investigation Report**

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

##### **5.2 Fire Prevention Report**

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

##### **5.3 Fire Communication Report**

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

##### **5.4 Fire Chaplain Report**

- A detailed summary report was included in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

##### **5.5 Administration & Support Report**

- Fire Service Fund financial statement was included in the agenda packet.
- We have \$266,000 in Fund Balance this year. If we approve all requests, we will have \$1.4 million left in the budget YTD.

##### **5.6 Training**

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

##### **5.7 HazMat/Tech Rescue**

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet.
- CalOES performed a preliminary inspection of the HazMat rig to become a Type 1 Team and it passed inspection.
- They will have 26 personnel trained for full response.
- 3 will be trained to teach the Rope Rescue & Structural Collapse course.
- Chief Hakola mentioned he would like to have a County Wide Structural Collapse course.

##### **5.8 Air Operations**

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet.
- Nothing further reported.

##### **5.9 CERT**

- A detailed summary report was in the agenda packet.

- Goal is to activate the CERT within 90 minutes of request.
- Rehab Unit is ready to go. It is possibly typed and a Type 2 and sometimes a Type 3.

#### 5.10 EMS

- No Report

#### 5.11 SR911

- We are going to CEDAC for budget approval soon.
- If anyone would like to attend training in Dispatch, just contact Erik Klevmyr or Kasey Young to set it up.
- We've noticed some aren't using their Radio Identifiers when on the radio, this is confusing for the Dispatchers, we ask that everyone use their Radio ID's.
- Summer staffing is low. We are trying to hire and train as fast as we can and are looking into contingencies.

### 6. Agenda Items:

#### 6.1 **Approval for funding request in the amount of \$7,500 from Salida Fire Protection District for Impact Development Fee Study completed by Capitol Public Finance**

Salida is trying to increase fees for new construction.

Approval to amend the amount of the request from **\$7,500 to \$8,670.**

Motion to amend and approve the request made by Chief Passalaqua, seconded by Chief Bernardi, all in favor via roll call. Motion passed.

#### 6.2 **Approval for funding request in the amount of \$55,000 for the Sheriff's Dept Helicopter Program to purchase wireless communications equipment**

This new ICS equipment would allow the pilot to communicate with the rescuer and others wirelessly through their helmet. This new functionality won't tie up a radio channel so they can monitor the dispatch channel and still communicate at the same time. CalFire currently uses. We will be using Homeland Security Grant Funds to purchase. Finance states if approved, we only have 10 days to purchase.

Motion to approve made by Chief Passalaqua, seconded by Chief Tietjen, all in favor via roll call. Motion passed.

#### 6.3 **Approval for funding request to purchase a trailer for Modesto Fire Special Operations – up to \$25,000**

Special Operations wants to add a dozer to the HazMat program and is requesting funding to purchase a CalFire spec'd trailer to haul the dozer. This dozer and trailer will be housed at Station 17 and will be available to all Fire Authority agencies next year. 6 personnel are being training to use it.

Motion to approve made by Chief Passalacqua, seconded by Chief Tietjen, all in favor via roll call. Motion passed.

**6.4 Approval for funding request to purchase a new Fire Chaplain vehicle – up to \$55,000**

The Fire Chaplain and his staff are currently driving an old Suburban that was donated years ago to the RFA. They have requested to purchase a safe vehicle to drive. The vehicle will be purchased by the Sheriff's Dept/Fire Warden's Office using funds from the RFA Fire Chaplain Program.

Motion to approve made by Chief Bernardi, seconded by Chief Wise, all in favor via roll call. Motion passed.

**6.5 Approval to recommend the transfer of the Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) from the District Attorney's Office to Modesto Fire – *Attachment Included***

Approval to amend Agenda Item 6.5 and remove *Attachment Included*. The amended agenda item will read:

**Approval to recommend the transfer of the Administrative Duties and Business Plan Responsibilities of the Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) from the District Attorney's Office to Modesto Fire.**

When FIU MOU is revised in the future, RFA representatives will be included at the table when discussions begin.

Motion to approve amendment of Agenda Item 6.5 and approve the Agenda Item made by Chief Bowen, seconded by Chief Bernardi, all in favor via roll call. Motion passed.

**6.6 Election of RFA Officers for FY 2023/2024 – Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk of the Board**

Chief Parnell – Nominated as Chairman  
Chief Hakola – Nominated as Vice Chairman  
Kim Mello – Nominated as Clerk of the Board/Secretary

Motion to approve nominations and elect new officers made by Chief Bowen, seconded by Chief Klevmyr, all in favor via roll call. Motion passed.

**7. Announcements:**

**7.1 The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2023, 0830 hrs, at the Emergency Services Facility.**

**7.2 Business Plan Meeting will be scheduled soon, TBD.**

**7.3 CalFire Chief Bohall spoke about AB1103 – Ag Pass Program and the class they are offering to teach. The Ag Pass is something residents can obtain so they can go in and feed, water or evacuate their livestock during an emergency evacuation. The outline and/or PowerPoint is available to all.**

Meeting adjourned at 0945 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Casi Persons  
Clerk of the Board