

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
SPECIAL Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.
Office of Emergency Services
3705 Oakdale Rd – Modesto, CA

Special Meeting
Budget Workshop

Called to order at 0836 by Richard Murdock, Fire Warden/Asst Director of OES

No public comments were made.

Topics of discussion were the services provided and funding allocations of the 2018-2019 Fire Authority Business Plan; objectives for next fiscal year; improvements to services provided; use of fund balance to benefit all Fire Authority agencies; establishment of a Business Plan/Finance Committee to work on the Business Plan year round

Fire Prevention Services:

- Revisit the process for weed abatement
- Possibility for fire agencies to have read only access to Accela to reduce duplication of services

Fire Technology & Communications Services:

- Desire to conduct monthly meetings
- More coordination and communication
- Cost of FirstNET funded in the next fiscal year Business Plan to allow data sharing
- Opportunities to reduce redundant programs used by fire agencies and provide one platform for IT needs
- GIS programming
- Pursuing grant opportunities for the purchase of radios, portables, MDCs
- Looking at joint purchasing possibilities

Fire Investigations Services:

- Consider creating positions to hire FIU inspectors rather than rotate inspectors as current practice

Fire Training Program:

- Current contract (separate from Modesto Fire contract) expires June 30, 2018
- Enter into new 5 year contract vs. 1 year extension of current contract
- Request for additional \$10,000 funding to provide supplies (lumber, etc) to fire agencies when they come to the RFTC to train
- Interest by Turlock City to open their training facility to fire agencies
- Possibility of having a Wildland (large scale) training next year

Administration & Support Services:

- Request for Admin/Support to provide a matrix with names of those handling each task so it is clear the positions FA funding is supporting
- Provide a financial report at the quarterly Fire Authority meetings
- Create a Business Plan/Finance Committee so agencies have input into the annual Business Plan development

Meeting adjourned at 1105 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Hibbard
Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office