

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chief Hall called the meeting to order at 0835 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The follow agency representatives were present:

Burbank Paradise	None
City of Ceres	None
Cal-Fire	Chief Chew
Denair Fire	None
Hughson Fire	None
Keyes Fire	Chief Klevmyr
City of Modesto	Chief Slamon
Mountain View Fire	None
City of Newman	None
City of Oakdale	Chief Wapnowski
Oakdale Fire District	Chief Wapnowski
City of Patterson	Chief Hall
Salida Fire District	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Wapnowski
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Skiles
City of Turlock	None
Turlock Rural Fire	None
Westport Fire	None
Woodland Ave. Fire	None
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball

Also attending the meeting: Eric Holly, Chad Homme, Francine Gutierrez, Stanislaus County Fire Warden; Jerry McDaniel, Randy Crook, Greta Davis, Stanislaus County Fire Prevention; Richard Murdock, MVEMS; Dave Hutchinson, Dustin Bruley, Stanislaus County District Attorney; Tim Tietjen, Mike Payton, City of Modesto Fire; Jeff Breasher, West Stanislaus Fire; Ron Cripe, RFTC; Joel Broumas, Wendy Silva, SR911

3. Public Comment: None

4. Minutes: The April 4, 2015 meeting minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum. (Representative for City of Oakdale, Oakdale Fire District and Stanislaus Consolidated Fire District arrived after roll call.)

5. Staff Committee Reports:

- 5.1 Administrative:** Francine Gutierrez gave a verbal year-end summary report. The Fire Authority ended the fiscal year in a positive position contributing \$275,231 of the Less Than County-Wide to Fund Balance. This consisted of increased revenues totaling \$124,390 and savings of \$150,841 in expenses. The majority of the savings in expenses came from salary saving and reduced cost from legal and accounting expenses. The savings in Fire Prevention primarily came from under-filling positions with contract or extra-help employees, and a vacant position for the first six months. In Administration and Finance, the Finance Manager position was vacant for three months.
- 5.2 Investigations:** Report for May, 2015 to July, 2015 was included in the agenda packet. Chief Mike Payton reported there were 69 fires and one recent fatality (not during the reporting period).
- 5.3 Fire Prevention:** Report by District for May, 2015 to July, 2015 was included in the agenda packet. Jerry McDaniel gave a powerpoint presentation on 2014/2015 Fire Prevention Activity. There were 659 plan checks, 621 inspections, 108 system plan submittals, 43 school inspections, 17 hotel/motel inspections, 12 institutions/care facilities inspections, 50 water flow tests and 120 weed abatements. Building permits are projected to be slightly up from the 2014/2015 total of 2804 permits issued. Fire Prevention revenue for 2014/2015 was \$123,620.83. He also discussed the triennial fire code adoption cycle and work being done now to begin the process. He gave an update on the Accela program which is projected to be operational within 90 days.
- 5.4 Communications:** Chad Homme updated members on the CAD mobile version. The MDCs have been unable to be deployed due to issues in testing that must be resolved. Chad has been working with agencies on non-working MDCs to get them up and running. The radio cache issues have been resolved and the units have been programmed. Training will be necessary on the new model of BK radios due to programming layout changes. He has completed the radio programming for the 2015 season. This gets increasingly difficult with over 12 programs written this year to program all the different types of radios. Chad attended Tait P25 Advanced System Maintenance training this past month. He gave an overview and update of FirstNet. In its initial deployment, FirstNet would be an LTE based connection. FirstNet will not replace Land Mobile Radio platforms any time soon so he urged agencies to continue to budget and replace mobile and portable radios. FirstNet is in the RFP stages. He also mentioned the Command 4 interference has been identified as Dial-A-Ride in Dixon, which was a former Dixon Fire frequency. The license expired in 2013 so they should be vacating it soon.

5.5 **Fire Training:** Ron Cripe reported the MJC fall semester has started. There are very few fire classes, more EMS classes. There are challenges in the delivery of fire science classes. Ron shared a powerpoint presentation outlining some of those hurdles. Recent courses have been held with as few as 4 students but several were canceled due to low enrollment. Only 12 applications were received for the fall Fire Academy so none is being held this semester. Interested students are seeing classes canceled so they are not signing up. Ron is looking for suggestions on how to provide the needed training. The RFTC is underused for fire classes so EMS classes may be brought to the RFTC which could, in the future, make it difficult to schedule fire classes. Anyone with ideas or suggestions are encouraged to contact Ron.

5.6 **Quarterly Finance:** Francine Gutierrez reported she will have a first quarter report at the December meeting.

6. **Agenda Items**

Nothing noted.

7. **Announcements**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2015 the Regional Fire Training Center, 1220 Fire Science Lane at 0830.

8. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 0905 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Hibbard
Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office