

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2010– 8:30 a.m.
Regional Fire Training Center – Modesto, CA

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

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

2. Roll Call:

The follow agency representatives were present:

Cal Fire SCU	Chief Barrett
City of Ceres	Chief Lillie
Denair Fire	Chief Curnow
Keyes Fire	Chief Watt
City of Modesto	Chief Miguel
City of Oakdale	Chief Fields
Salida Fire	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County	Chief Hinshaw
City of Turlock	Chief Lohman
West Stanislaus Fire	Director Kimball

Also attending the meeting: Ray Jackson, Ken Slamon and Mimi DeSimoni, Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office; Marilyn Smith, MVEMSA; Glenn Doerksen, Denair Fire; Mike Payton, Modesto Fire.

3. Public Comment: Chief Lillie reported that Chief Weber retired as of March 30, 2010. The City has opted not to fill his position at the present. Bryan Nicoles will assume day to day responsibilities as well as continue as Fire Marshal. Chief Curnow introduced Glenn Doerksen, he will be assuming the position of Chief of Denair Fire on May 1st. Chief Miguel took the opportunity to thank Chief Curnow for his many years of service to his community and the county, and to congratulate him on his retirement. He will be missed.

4. Minutes: Chief Mayotte made a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting, Chief Hinshaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Staff Committee Reports

5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- The quarterly Fire District Finance Administrative Managers meeting will be Wed. April 7th at the Fire Wardens Office. There will be information on the proposed fees by the Building Department that will affect all districts collecting Developer Fees and other topics . All districts are encouraged to attend.

5.2 Investigations: Chief Payton reported that February was slow with only 14 investigations. March was a busier month. They are on watch for vacant home fires.

- 5.3 Fire Prevention:** Chief Slamon encouraged every agency to attend the Fire Prevention meetings, he is preparing for the code adoption that will occur at the State level on July 1st. Chief Hinshaw encouraged the fire agencies to unite on those issues that are important to them. The County most likely won't support a sprinkler ordinance other than residential.
- 5.4 Communications –** Chief Skiles reported that Chad is working with USA Mobility on the swap over to new pagers. There are many questions still unanswered. Contact Chad if you have questions on the process. Chad will try to have their representative at the next Communications Advisory Committee. There is possible grant funding in AFG 2010 for simulcast, for Command 2, 3, and 4, however there is a 20% match which is about \$120,000. Is there any interest in agencies coming up with that match? Chief Skiles asked agencies to consider it for a future discussion. Chief Miguel stated that we need an overall solution to the communications funding problem. CAD go-live date is currently projected for August/September. Chief Skiles asked if there is any interest in AVL. Modesto Fire is very interested, ambulances are already using it. There would be a one time cost for agencies.
- 5.5 Training-** Chief Skiles reported on classes that have been held, and are coming up that qualify for CICCIS. All Risk Exercise is coming up May 8th, all types of apparatus are welcome and encouraged, it is free to participants thanks to Homeland Security funding. Salida has an ARC GIS program, contact Tommy Dick if any agency is interested.

Agenda Items

- 6.1 Stanislaus County Assessor:** Doug Harms gave an overview of the current status of property values and what the outlook is for 2010-2011. He expects that there will be another drop in property values next year, although not as drastic as 2009-2010. Overall the assessed roll has dropped by \$6-8 billion which resulted in \$30 million lost in property tax revenues. He noted that price per square foot is an important statistic to be aware of; this is improving. The market probably bottomed out last April, but it will be a long recovery, possibly 5 to 10 years. Don't expect many building permits for new homes. Commercial properties are worse, as is indicated by all the empty buildings. Their reduction has a far greater impact on the assessment roll. He estimated that rolls will go down about 5% this next year. Any revenue recovery will most likely not begin to occur until 2012-2013 and it will be slight compared to the recent past. Doug announced that he will be retiring in January; Dave Cogdill is running unopposed for his position.
- 6.2 Operational Area Coordinator Report:** Chief Jackson reported on the Region IV Coordinators meeting. Some of the issues that were discussed: CFAA rates are changing; the administrative rate is being reduced. Also discussed was CICCIS and Code of Conduct. They are depending on ROSS having good clean data, the Fire Wardens Office encourages all agencies to update their information. A Region IV Communications meeting was also held. There will be a joint meeting with XSJ and XST dispatch centers. He also noted that the dispatch matrix will be updated soon, SR911 will go off of that pre-determined matrix for strike team dispatch. Please make sure that agencies have accurate information in the system. Refresher for all

XST positions will be held April 27th and 28th. Attendance at one is required for overhead. Chief Powell from CalEMA is recommending that all responders attend.

6.3 Election Committee: Chief Mayotte will head committee.

6.4 Finance/Budget Committee: Mimi provided a report on the proposed budget, there was discussion regarding the future service levels and cuts that might need to be made. Chief Watt made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented; Chief Mayotte seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, the motion was approved unanimously.

6.5 Formation of Committee to address General Plan Update: Chief Watt suggested that this item be deferred to the Fire Chiefs Association meeting, Chief Miguel seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 1000 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi DeSimoni
Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office