

STANISLAUS COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY  
Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting  
February 2, 2006  
Regional Fire Training Center  
1220 Fire Science Lane, Modesto, CA

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CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chief Dale Skiles called the meeting to order at 0905 hrs.

ROLL CALL

The following agency representatives were present:

Chief Les Alderson	Burbank Paradise Fire District
Commander Brian Weber	City of Ceres
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Chief Jim Miguel	City of Modesto
Chief Bill Kinnear	City of Patterson
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire District
Fire Warden Gary Hinshaw	Stanislaus County
Asst. Chief John Barindelli	Westport Fire District
Director Bob Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Mike Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire District

Also present were: Jack Doering, Stanislaus County Counsel, Mike Kraus, Ray Jackson, Paul Spani, Kim Morante,

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Skiles gave an update on the meeting with USA Mobility. The price for alpha pagers should go down to \$3.75 per month. We will need to give USA Mobility 30-40 days so we can evaluate their service levels. Other issues that were raised include pager protection and new pagers vs. old reconditioned ones. Andrew Fears is our contact, everyone was given his contact information.

MINUTES

Bob Kimball motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Chief Mayotte seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Conflict of Interest- The hearing to discuss the proposed Conflict of Interest Code was opened; there was no discussion or comments. The hearing was closed. The next step in the process is to approve it and sent it to the Board of Supervisors. Chief Barindelli made a motion to adopt the Conflict of Interest Code; Chief Mayotte seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Contract with Consolidated Fire – Chief Mayotte reported that his Board had approved the contract and had sent it onto their Counsel for his signature. Chief Hinshaw reported that the Board of Supervisors had also approved the contract and the initial payment has been made to Consolidated. He also noted that we are working on putting the process in place so the Fire Authority may write checks out of the County Fire Service Fund. Director Kimball had concerns that Item 4.5 in the contract may allow the County to bypass the Fire Authority and will leave the Fire Authority out of the process when decisions are made. Jack Doering explained that intent of the contract was to give the Fire Authority the ability to advise the Board of Supervisors on how the Less Than County Wide tax is spent.
- C. (Item “D” was discussed out of order) Fire Investigations – Chief Mayotte reported that they had not started with an analysis of the Fire Investigation component yet. Chief Mayotte stated that he has been involved with other projects but will have a report by the next Fire Authority meeting. It was discussed that input from all stakeholders should be included in the analysis.
- D. Fire Prevention / One Stop Permitting – Chief Hinshaw gave an update on what his staff has been working on with regard to the Fire Prevention component. There has been a large amount of information gathered, some comparisons have been done from previous years, and a written report will be given. The report will include recommendations as to the positions that are needed, but will not suggest what the funding mechanism should be. We will work with County staff to identify funding and timelines for new positions based on workloads. He also discussed the current County business license process and that currently, Fire Prevention is not a part of this process. We will be sending out a request to all the Agencies to determine if there are any needs or deficiencies the systems that we have not identified or not aware of. A draft of the report will be sent out before the March 2nd meeting so the Fire Authority may discuss it.

#### Management, Fiscal, Legislative

Chief Skiles reported that the County wants to maintain their own processes with regard to using the County Fire Service Fund. Chief Hinshaw noted that it is an evolutionary process and the more that the Fire Authority makes appropriate decisions, the more trust the County will have in the Fire Authority.

Chief Skiles also noted that in the future, we will most likely ask the Fire Authority to manage the MDC project, and other projects that affect the fire agencies.

The Next Meeting is on March 2, 2006

Chief Mayotte made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Chief Passalaqua seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 1025 hrs.

Mimi DeSimoni  
Clerk of the Fire Authority

Approved on March 2, 2006 on a motion by Chief Curnow and seconded by Chief Miguel.