

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
March 1, 2007

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 0905 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call - The following agency representatives were present:

Director Curtis King	Burbank Paradise
Chief Steve Barrett	Cal Fire –SCU
Commander Brian Weber	City of Ceres
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Chief Scott Berner	Hughson Fire
Asst. Chief Henry Benevides	Keyes Fire
Chief Jim Miguel	Modesto Fire
Chief Mike Wilkinson	City of Oakdale
Deputy Chief Rob Hoyer	Oakdale Rural Fire
Chief Bill Kinnear	City of Patterson
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
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

Also present were: Mike Kraus and Mike Payton, Modesto Fire; Walt Luhn, Oakdale Rural Fire District; Kim Morante and Raelene Brown, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Ron Cripe, RFTC; Ray Jackson, Ken Slamon, Mimi DeSimoni, Fire Warden's Office; Royjindar Singh, Sheriff's Department; John Ellis, Cal Fire; Wayne Staylon, SR911 .

3. Public Comment – There was none.

4. Approval of Minutes: Mimi reported 3 changes to the minutes, the vote tally for the Special Operations proposal reflected Salida Fire, which should be corrected to reflect the Fire Warden's Office, Chief Barindelli voted on the motion to bring the vote back at the next meeting (Chief Thompson left after the vote on the proposals) and Chief Jackson was mistakenly marked present. Chief Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2007 meeting with the noted changes, Chief Miguel seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Agenda Items:

5.1 Fire Special Operations Coordinator Proposal – A vote was taken at the January meeting on two proposals. The agency representatives failed to reach a 2/3 majority approval for either, so a re-vote was authorized at this meeting. A roll call vote reflected the following outcome:

Those voting to approve:

Oakdale City Fire Proposal

Burbank Paradise
Keyes Fire
Hughson Fire
City of Oakdale
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire

Stanislaus County Fire Warden Proposal

Cal Fire
City of Ceres
Denair Fire
City of Modesto
Oakdale Rural Fire
City of Patterson

Salida Fire
Stanislaus County Fire Warden
Westport Fire
West Stanislaus Fire
Woodland Ave. Fire

With a total of 16 votes, a total of 11 votes was required to achieve a 2/3 majority. The vote was 11 for Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office and 5 for City of Oakdale.

- 5.2 Amendment of JPA – We have not received answers back from County Counsel regarding the request for an opinion on revising the JPA document. We will continue to request information on this subject.
- 5.3 Business Plan- Chief Skiles discussed the new business plan being developed. Each service will have revised sets of expectations for the future based on what we have been able to achieve so far this year. Some of the contracts have not had enough time to make much progress due to being awarded well into the year. Some of the ideas that were discussed:
- Fire Prevention- a report on each of the projects, where they currently stand and who is working on them would be helpful
 - Investigation – Chief Miguel says that fire investigations is customer driven, they are looking for feedback. An area of future enhancements includes more training for the districts. There were questions regarding the number of prosecutions, possible cost recovery, and the Arson Task Force Agreement.
 - Finance / Admin- Some area of enhancements that were discussed: Financial planning for a growing population, strategic plans for the future of the districts, getting boards together, possible visioning process again.
 - Communications – Items that are most important to the group need to be identified. Some examples brought up were connectivity to all stations, a centralized server for RMS, funding for dispatch.
 - Training – Training requests and CICC were two items that were mentioned. Both communications and training services are just getting going so there were limited ideas for improvements.
 - Special Operations- Since the contract had only just been awarded, there were not many suggestions. However, Chief Miguel believed that having an EMS component would be too big of a project for this position. Regional education for facilities such as the ethanol plant going in Keyes would be very helpful. Chief Ellis agreed that regional pre-fire planning, training, etc. would be very beneficial for that type of facility.

Chief Mayotte suggested a committee. Chief Wilkinson felt that we need a voice in politics; a legislative position would be helpful.

Chief Skiles suggested that the next meeting be set aside as a workshop for the business plan. There was a request that the status of current projects be included in the business plan. There was also a request for a closed session regarding pending litigation.

6. Staff / Committee Reports

- 6.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi reported that the County's budgeting process will be getting underway. Now that we know how much all of the contracts will cost, she will prepare a better projection for next year. She requested that all agency representatives and their alternates turn in a Form 700 to her ASAP. They can be accessed on-line at the FPPC website or she has copies of the cover page for those who only need it.
- 6.2 Fire Investigations- Chief Payton supplied a report on investigations done in January
- 6.3 Fire Prevention – Chief Slamon provided some cost information for fire sprinkler systems. There was discussion over the cost vs. the savings on insurance. Chief Miguel pointed out that the fire-sprinklers are not about cost savings, they are about life safety. With the new types of developments that are becoming

popular, being united is more important than ever. The Fire Prevention Bureau requested direction from the Fire Authority for setting a stakeholders workshop including Chiefs, Boards, County Building Dept. and the BIA. Chief Slamon is also looking to improve communications between Fire Prevention and the individual districts.

- 6.4 Communications – Chief Skiles reported that the new Communications Coordinator will be starting March 19th. The final presentation will be done for CAD this week. Regardless of who gets the contract, there will be a fire liaison needed in the Comm. Center, full time during implementation; Radio Interoperability was discussed at the Chief's meeting, there will be times when some frequencies won't be available during implementation; Run card changes- if you need immediate changes they will be done, however, if you need changes in the future please hold on to those for the time being until the new CAD project is going. MDC signaling is coming; it has the ability to identify who is keying up a radio. In the second phase, lost radios could be turned off remotely.
- 6.5 Training – The Training Coordinator will be starting March 19th. He will be coming to each individual agency to assess needs with respect to mandated training. Each organization should identify their needs and requests.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 5, 2007 at the RFTC.

The meeting was adjourned at 1045hrs.

Mimi DeSimoni
Clerk of the Board