

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2008

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The flag was saluted.
2. Roll Call – The following agency representatives were present:

Chief Barrett	Cal Fire-SCU
Chief Brian Weber	City of Ceres
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Chief Jim Miguel	Modesto Fire
Chief Rob Hoyer	Oakdale Rural Fire District
Chief Bill Kinnear	City of Patterson
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Chief Ray Jackson	Stanislaus County Fire Warden
Chief Gary Thompson	Westport Fire District
Director Bob Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Mike Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire District

Also present were: Chad Homme, Ed Bartley, Salida Fire; Mike Kraus, Mike Payton, Modesto Fire Department; Ray Jackson, Ken Slamon, Bill Houk, Melba Hibbard, Mimi DeSimoni, Nicole Raabe Fire Warden's Office; John Borges and John Burton, Burton's Fire; Tod Woodward, DER.

3. Public Comment: No Public Comment

4. Minutes – Chief Mayotte made a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting, Director Bob Kimball seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

6.1 Out of Order on the Agenda. Tod Woodward, of the Department of Environmental Resources, Code Enforcement, made a presentation on weed abatement. He referred to Title 9 of the County Ordinance. He stated that Code Enforcement gets involved if the property is more than 10 acres, or is health and safety issue. He requested that, when a property requiring code enforcement does get forwarded to his office, it be accompanied by all of the required documentation so that he then can move forward with the process. Any weed abatement issue or fire hazard will still go through the Fire Prevention Bureau. There was much discussion on alley ways, and it was clarified that there is no mechanisms in place to enforce clean-up of alley ways.

5. Staff Committee Reports

- 5.1 Management/Finance: Mimi reported that the Executive Committee has been working on next year's business plan and the proposed budget revenue projections. She has also been working with Westport to project revenues derived out of areas to be annexed to Ceres; and Oakdale Rural with training for their

new Administrator. The Fire Prevention Records Management System is an on-going project.

- 5.2 Investigations: Chief Payton distributed the January report. Chief Miguel reported that there may be some changes on April 1st in the second call system for the Investigators. There was a question regarding Modesto's involvement with the Arson Task Force. Chief Miguel noted that the authority still rests with the DA's Office and they have not shown much interest. He also stated that if there are any concerns, please don't hesitate to call him.
- 5.3 Prevention: Chief Slamon handed out the Fire Prevention Activity for January. He discussed the pre-construction sign off by local fire agencies regarding water/access. The final is being held until the response from the fire agency is given.
- 5.4 Communications: Chad handed out a complete Communications Report for activities in the month of February. The Fire Master Frequency List will be out next month, and the fire paging tone plan will be also be discussed next month.
- 5.5 Training: Ed Bartley handed out a training report for February and announced the Training Advisory Committee had 14 agencies represented. WildLand '08 is coming up on April 5th.
- 5.6 Special Operations: Chief Houk handed out a report of last month's activities and discussed several items of interest. He requested that a resource survey be filled out and returned to him so that he may continue working with SR911 on it. There was discussion on the proposed MOU for the Bauer Air Unit that the Fire Warden's Office has purchased for use by local agencies.

6 Agenda Items

- 6.1 Out of order... see above.
- 6.2 Fire Authority Business Plan for 2008-2009- Consideration and adoption. The Fire Authority goals were updated to reflect the 6 services we currently provide. Fees for Fire Prevention cost recovery were allocated to the Fire Prevention Bureau in an effort to provide additional services that were identified as priorities. This plan, if approved will be taken by the Executive Committee to each Supervisor in an effort to highlight the programs and successes. Chief Miguel made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 Fire Authority Business Plan; Chief Mayotte seconded the motion. It was approved with a unanimous roll-call vote.
- 6.3 Chief Jackson and Melba Hibbard of the Fire Warden's Office presented information on the upcoming fire season and required reporting components. Melba demonstrated how to update the information for IQS in the Fire Warden's Website.

Announcements:

- The next meeting will be Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 0900hrs at the RFTC

The meeting was adjourned at 1120hrs.

Mimi DeSimoni
Clerk of the Board