



**South Lake County Fire Protection District**  
— in cooperation with —  
**California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Located at the Middletown Fire Station Board Room,**  
**21095 Highway 175, Middletown, CA 95461**

**This regular meeting is for the purpose of discussing and consider the following items:**

1. *President Comisky called meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.*
2. *Battalion Chief Wink led pledge of allegiance.*
3. *Roll Call: Vice President Devin Hoberg, Directors Stephanie Cline, Madelyn Martinelli, Rob Bostock and President Jim Comisky. Also Present: Chief Paul Duncan, Battalion Chief Mike Wink, Office Technician Karin Collett, and Board Clerk Gloria Fong.*
4. **HOBERG/MARTINELLI MOTION** to approve agenda. *AYES: Bostock, Cline, Martinelli, Hoberg, Comisky. NOES: None. MOTION CARRIED.*
5. Consideration of approval of videoconference option under AB 361. Board will consider approval of findings that there remains a State proclaimed COVID 19 health emergency and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.  
**CLINE/MARTINELLI MOTION** to approve item 5. *AYES: Cline, Hoberg, Bostock, Martinelli, Comisky. NOES: None. MOTION CARRIED.*
6. Citizens' Input: Any person may speak for three (3) minutes about any subject of concern provided it is within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors and is not already on the today's agenda. Total period is not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes, unless extended at the discretion of the Board.

*None.*

7. Communications:

7.a. Fire Sirens

*On behalf of the Fire Sirens, Battalion Chief Wink reports the fire district continues to support them, with maintenance items such as moving heavy items at least once a month, taking things to dump. Awning construction is expected to start February 7th. There are some problems with commercial doors that needs to be worked on.*

7.b. Fire Safe Council

*On behalf of the fire safe council, Chief Duncan reports the group is still waiting for information and legal contract to get curtain burners in. The Cobb Area Council is working to see if it can work under council to bring in funding in for that project.*

7.c. Volunteer Association:

*Association President Todd Fenk reports there was one withdrawal bringing it down to one new recruit in the academy, which is well underway. They did construction, cardiopulmonary resuscitation training and coming up is fire extinguisher training this Wednesday. Paid call firefighters (PCFs) are active doing station coverage during lean times. The group meets tomorrow for officer selection.*

7.d. Chief's Report

*In addition to written report, Chief Duncan reports kudos are to be had for volunteers, doing coverage at stations. Can't say enough for the assistant they have given us. It's a great team aspect for the PCFs to step up.*

7.e. Finance Report

*Staff Services Analyst Fong has nothing to add to finance report other than what's in the agenda packet.*

*Director Martinelli asked about the year-to-date Wittman reports through November, which SSA Fong replied that \$775,518 is a normal number because it is 1.5 for a 12-month period and half of this is about 700 thousand.*

7.f. Directors' activities report

*Director Martinelli, reports she followed the Lotus land and Guenoc project since she was president when contract was signed and wanted everyone to hear that the ruling and order of the petition was heard by the Supreme Court on January 4<sup>th</sup>, which concluded the County finding regarding the community evacuation routes are not supported by substantial evidence and the Environmental Impact Report does not comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, and commended station on their response times, which is reported to be 10-12 minutes into Loch Lomond and surrounding areas.*

*Director Bobstock, has no activities to report*

*Director Cline reports her activity was with registering for annual Fire District Association of California (FDAC) conference; she did not know what Director Martinelli reported was one of her responsibilities but has been in contact with legislators and commented that the main concern is with in and out of area and not enough roads.*

*Director Hoberg has no activity to report.*

*President Comisky reports he been working with FDAC, Cal Chiefs, attending planning meetings up and down southern California, met with the director of Office of Emergency Services quarterly, that State of California is gaining a great position and the ability to influence certain items, which Fire Chiefs, Cal Chiefs, Metro Chiefs are in the process of meeting with Governor Newsom in the next 30 days to address.*

8. Regular Items:

- 8.a. Fire Detection services presentation by Illumination Technologies. Placed on the agenda at the request of Chief Executive Officer Christopher Eldridge of Illumination Technologies.

*CEO Eldridge shared presentation from agenda packet and offered an open-ended invitation to visit their facility in Calistoga for hands-on demonstration of IQ system.*

*President Comisky asked, and CEO Eldridge explained he is proposing and looking to strategically locate six IQ sites to cover over 90% of the population and area of Lake County, bring advantages of the IQ service and possibly utilize other multipurpose infrastructure. Chief Duncan indicated he'd be better served by approaching the County of Lake Board of Supervisors and Lake County Risk Reduction Authority because of county-wide application as opposed to just the South County area, and that the St. Helena and Lake Berryessa areas are served by the Napa County dispatch, whom their agency is currently in contact with for Napa County IQ coverage.*

*No action taken.*

- 8.b. Election of President of the Board of Directors, Vice President of the Board of Directors, Secretary and / or Clerk to the Board of Directors for calendar year 2022. Placed on the agenda in accordance with Fire District Bylaws. (Outgoing President conducts election and adjourns tonight meeting)

*Director Comisky motions to nominate Director Hoberg as President, Director Cline seconds. AYES: Bostock, Cline, Martinelli, Hoberg, Comisky. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.***

*Director Cline motions to nominate Director Bobstock for Vice President, Director Martinelli seconds. AYES: Hoberg, Cline, Martinelli, Bobstock, Comisky. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.***

*Director Cline motions to nominate Gloria Fong as Board Clerk and Secretary, Director Comisky seconds. AYES: Cline, Martinelli, Bobstock, Hoberg, Comisky. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.***

9. Consent Calendar Items:

- 9.a. December 21, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

9.b. Warrants

9.b.1. January

9.b.2. December – corrected

**MARTINELLI/HOBERG MOTION** to accept consent calendar. AYES: Cline, Hoberg, Bobstock, Martinelli, Comisky. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

10. **HOBERG/CLINE MOTION** to adjourn meeting at 8:35 p.m. All in attendance are in favor of motion.

*Respectfully submitted by Karin Collett, Office Technician:*

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**READ AND APPROVED BY**  
*DEVIN HOBERG, President – Board of Directors:*

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