



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

7:00 P.M., November 17, 2020
Middletown Fire Station, 21095 Highway 175

NON-TIMED ITEMS

A. OPEN MEETING:

- A1. *President Martinelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*
- A2. *Chief Duncan led pledge of allegiance.*
- A3. *Present: Directors, Eric Redford, and Devin Hoberg, Rob Bostock Vice President Comisky, and President Madelyn Martinelli. Also present: Chief Paul Duncan, Battalion Chief Mike Wink, Board Clerk Gloria Fong.*
- A4. **BOSTOCK/COMISKY MOTION** *to approve agenda with closed session to be heard after approval of agenda. AYES: Hoberg, Redford, Bostock, Comisky, Martinelli. NOES: None.*

B. CITIZENS' INPUT: None.

C. COMMUNICATIONS:

C1. Reports:

C1.1. Fire Sirens

Purchases for the approved \$20,000 wish list have begun. They continue to operate the thrift store, with fire district support. All are asked to spread word for members to join.

C1.2. SL Fire Safe Council

They have funds to continue chipping until next spring. Things are going well and they are just looking for grant funding to continue their efforts.

C1.3. Volunteer Firefighters' Association

They're seeing if candy cane run can continue. Four recruits are expected to start in January.

C1.4. Chief's Report

Chief Duncan reports:

For North Division:

We are hoping for a winding down of fire season with the latest round of precipitation. The Engines are scheduled to down staff to 1-engine per station. If the weather continues to be wet, more down staffing is anticipated.

Construction continues on the new Boggs Mountain Forest Office off of Road 500. The new helicopter has been delayed on delivery, now anticipated to be February 2021.

Progress is being made on the Station 31 remodel and asbestos removal project, with an anticipated 'move-in' date of February 2021. Fire Season 2020 put the brakes on the project temporarily.

Two new HFEO positions have been added to Konocti Camp Shop to assist with repairs and maintenance.

For Camp Operations:

Crew numbers continue to be a challenge. Konocti has 2 crews currently staffed at 13-14 per crew.

8 Camps are scheduled to be 'depopulated' due to low inmate numbers. 4 of those are in the North, and 4 in the South. No LNU Camps were on this initial list. Unknown if more 'depopulations' are on the way. In general, a 'depopulation' is not a closure, it is relocating inmates and CDCR crews to other camps but keeping CAL FIRE personnel at the Camp to ensure maintenance and upkeep.

Konocti Camp served as a base camp for several local incidents in October.

For South Lake Operations:

The new Medic 6311 was put into service with all the radio installs completed.

The new SCBA's under the Lake County \$970,000 FEMA Grant have been ordered and should be in the county during the first week of December. The process will be for them to be assembled and tested by the vendor once they are delivered to North Shore Fire. After testing, we will begin the installation and refitting of the SCBA's into our equipment.

There is a potential for us to 'find a home' for the old SCBA's, but since they do not meet the current safety requirements, this needs to be researched before releasing them to another Department, to avoid liability on South Lake.

Hidden Valley Station 63 now has a custom-fabricated, installed Fire Escape to their second-story bedroom window so they have a way out in case of a fire.

OES359 with PCFs and Staff responded to the recent fires in Orange County.

Water Rescue, Snowcat, Rescue/Rope, Live Fire Training (Fire Control 3), and Driver Training are all on the list for this winter. We pay for all of these classes out of the ABH Funds identified for Training, Equipment, and Branding.

On 11-12-2020 Staff responded to a structure fire in Hidden Valley Lake. A quick and efficient response from staff saved the structure and stopped the attic fire. While the home still has significant roof damage, most of the home, from the walls down, was undamaged with light smoke damage. There were 8 new Thermal Imaging Cameras that were at the scene of this Fire. This was our first fire since the cameras were purchased through a donation from a family in Hidden Valley. They worked very, very well. Thermal Imager technology is a game-changer, especially during overhaul.

The Hidden Valley Lake Station 63 expansion evaluation is ongoing. We are waiting for the Surveyor's report. There is a discussion with the County about structure setbacks. HVLA already has a plan to move the mailboxes when needed.

We did not receive FEMA funding for SCBAs and Engines for SLCF. We will apply again for Engines.

Our recent Fire Sirens Wish List for \$20,000.00 was approved to purchase Firefighting tools and equipment.

We have received a verbal notification of two \$5,000.00 grants for a total of \$10,000.00 to purchase 13 road signs and 88 address signs for the Jerusalem Valley Road Area. We will be working with the County on the road re-naming and addressing project.

Earlier this year we received donations of \$12,000.00 from the Lake County Wine Alliance, and \$5,000.00 from the Rockridge Foundation. We are using those funds to purchase a new Lake County Red Net Repeater to improve radio communications for SLCF on Lake Red. That purchase has been started.

The Electrical Safety Prop here at Station 60 had the story boards installed last week. We are nearing completion on that project. We would like to have a small dedication in the Spring of 2021 to recognize the people the prop is dedicated to.

Loch Lomond Station 64 had the toilets and sinks installed this week. Additional repairs and improvements are ongoing to that facility.

Chairman Moke Simon advised the Rancheria was awarded the funds for the National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration project to be placed on Mt. St. Helena. There is no implementation or purchase date yet.

C1.5. Financial Report

SSA Gloria Fong apologized for brief report. She's been on fire assignment for Glass fire.

Overtime is being covered by budget transfers and these appear on tonight's agenda.

Budget summary represents 45% of fiscal year, excluding Cal Fire invoice.

C2. Directors' Activity and Committee Report

Bostock - no activity other than signing checks.

Comisky - participated in equipment and facilities committee meeting with Chief Duncan, Battalion Chief Wink, Director Hoberg and attended Zoom meetings for Fire District Association of California.

Hoberg - participated in committee meeting, as Director Comisky mentioned.

Redford - no activity to report.

Martinelli - no activity to report.

TIMED ITEMS

D. REGULAR ITEM:

D1. Consideration for Resolution No. 2020-21-07, A Resolution Amending the Conflict of Interest Code. Placed on agenda by SSA Gloria Fong.

COMISKY/HOBERG MOTION to accept D1 as presented. AYE: Bostock, Comisky, Hoberg, Redford, Martinelli. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

E1. Minutes presented:

E1.1. October 20, 2020 – Regular Meeting

E2. Warrants presented:

E2.1. November – preliminary

E2.2. October

E2.3. September – corrected

E3. Budget Transfer

REDFORD/HOBERG MOTION to approve consent calendar. AYES: Bostock, Redford, Comisky, Hoberg, Martinelli. NOES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. **HOBERG/COMISKY MOTION** to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m. All members in attendance are in favor of motion.

Respectfully submitted by: 
Gloria Fong, Board Clerk

READ AND APPROVED BY: Madelyn Martinelli
MADELYN MARTINELLI
President – Board of Directors