



Sonoma County Fire District Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes
Tuesday January 17, 2023, 2:00 PM
Location: Fire Station 1 - 8200 Old Redwood Hwy. Windsor

CALL TO ORDER

Tognozzi called the meeting to order at 2:00
Present for Staff: Deputy Chief Johnson, Bolduc, Washington
Present for Counsel: Adams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

President Tognozzi- present	Director Klick-present
Vice President Treanor- present	Secretary/Treasurer So- present
Director Briare - present	Director Hamann-present Director Weaver-present

REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

1. December 17, 2022- **No reportable action taken; instructions given to staff.**
2. January 11, 2023- **No reportable action taken; instructions given to staff.**

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

An opportunity for the Board President to approve adjustments to the current agenda.

Adding one item to agenda.
Action item

7. CONSIDERATION OF RANCHO ADOBE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REQUEST FOR CONTRACT SUPPORT FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES AND MUTUAL AID GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICES

The Board will consider and give direction regarding the request of the Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District for the Sonoma County Fire District to provide potential contract support for Advance Life Services and mutual aid ground ambulance services.

SONOMA COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

An opportunity for the President of the Sonoma County Professional Firefighters Association to address the Board on matters of the Association.

Rutkowski spoke and commented on the recent upstaffing for the flood/weather; IAFF is sending 4 staff to a class in February; Captain Ramos is working with Kathy Washington on a revised Peer Support and Wellness program and policy. He also introduced Deputy Director Matt Eggleston.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Johnson reported out on the activities of the staff and crews over the past month. He discussed; Important upcoming dates for meetings and events; ambulance RFP is due 3/1/23; the deployment of M572; HR is working on a new EAP program and several work. comp claims; SCY 1 was pre-positioned during the Weather/Flood event and was an asset for recon missions; we had 575 calls for service during the event and



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we had 11,984 calls in 2022; Community Outreach continues to do great work; annual blood drive has concluded, and we are waiting on final count; generator for station 5 arrived.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A motion by Treanor and a second by Klick approved the minutes from the December 20, 2022, regular board meeting and the January 10, 2023, as well as the bills and payables for December 2022. 7-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

1. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETINGS IN COMPLIANCE WITH AB361**
The 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.
A motion by Treanor and a second by Klick approved the videoconference option.
7-0-0.

Public Hearing opened at 2:15. Public Hearing closed at 2:16.

Public Hearing: The Board will conduct a public hearing for consideration and adoption of District Ordinance 2023-01, The District Fire Code.

2. **ORDINANCE 2023-01 DISTRICT FIRE CODE**
The Board will complete the first read of Ordinance 2023-01 and conduct a public hearing for consideration and adoption of Ordinance 2023-01.
3. **RESOLUTION 2023-02 A RESOLUTION BETWEEN CAL OES AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT, SONOMA COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S STATE AGENT RESOLUTION FOR NON-STATE AGENCIES**
The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2023-02, allowing the District to receive federal financial assistance for disasters for open claims and claims in the future 3 years.

A motion by Hamann and a second by Weaver adopted Resolution 2023-02. 7-0-0. Roll call vote.

4. **AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH WITTMAN ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR EMS BILLING SERVICES**
The Board will consider authorizing the Fire Chief to sign a contract with Wittman Enterprises, LLC for EMS billing services.

New billing is 3.99 % for billable transports and 8 % on transport billing.

A motion by Weaver and a second by Briare authorized the Fire Chief to sign a new contract with Wittman Enterprises. 7-0-0.

5. **ELECTION BALLOT FOR SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**
The Board will consider submitting an election ballot for officer positions on the Board of the Sonoma County Fire Districts Association.



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The Board of Directors considered the ballot and appointed Treanor to complete the ballot and voting for Klick and Schroth-Cary.

6. COMMITTEE RE-ASSIGNMENTS

The Board will review appointments to sub committees.

The Board considered and discussed who would like to be a part of the committees and it was agreed that there would be no changes.

Finance committee: Briare, Hamann, Treanor

Facilities committee: Klick, Tognozzi, Weaver

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RAFPD Fire Chief Veliquette explained the nature and purpose of this request. His Board of Directors will have 2 resolutions before them on 1/18/23 relating to ambulance services. After discussions our Board supports the proposal of SCFD providing an ambulance in their District.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Standing Committee: Finance Committee- n/a
2. Ad Hoc: Facilities- n/a

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Enclosed

COMMUNICATIONS

None

CLOSED SESSION- Entered into closed session at 2:50

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Govt Code section 54956.9(a):
AMR West v. California Department of Health Care Services, Sonoma County Fire District, Sonoma Valley Fire District, City of Petaluma, et al.; Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2021-80003757
2. Anticipated Litigation (two cases) (Government Code section 54956.9(b)).

Closed session ended at 4:00

REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION WILL BE AT OPEN MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

4:00


Kathy Washington- Secretary to the Board