

**Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Special Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
May 25, 2005
Regional Fire Training Center
1220 Fire Science Lane, Modesto, CA**

Call To Order: Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 1100 hrs.

Roll Call: The following agency representatives were present:

Chief Steve Barrett	California Dept. of Forestry
Chief Dan Davis	City of Ceres
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Chef Jim Miguel	City of Modesto
Chief Kevin Blount	Mountain View Fire District
Chief Mike Wilkinson	City of Oakdale
Chief Rob Hoyer	Oakdale Rural Fire District
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Gary Hinshaw	Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire District
Chief Gary Thompson	Westport Fire District
Director Bob Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Mike Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire District

Also present were: John Barindelli, Westport Fire; Mike Payton and Mike Kraus, Modesto Fire; and Mimi DeSimoni, County Fire Warden's Office.

Public Comments: None

Agenda Items:

- A. Chairman's Report on Meetings- Chief Skiles reported that meetings have been held with Supervisors Grover, O'Brien and DeMartini to present our business plan and seek possible partnerships with the County. The six priorities were discussed. Weed abatement was identified as a priority to them. Code Enforcement was identified as a possible solution. It appears likely that the \$300,000 general fund contribution will continue, however, it is not clear if the \$290,000 will be approved. Bringing the Fire Prevention responsibilities under the Fire Warden's office was suggested by one of the supervisors. This is a departure from the County's stance that they had no interest in providing any fire services. Chief Hinshaw pointed out that this demonstrates a level of confidence in what the Fire Authority has achieved and is trying to build. Chief Skiles asked the group if they were interested in pursuing a partnership with the County for these services? Chief Mayotte raised the question regarding whether the County could provide Fire Marshal services without providing suppression services. There was interest in the partnership. Chief Wilkinson pointed out that the loss of County Fire and the services it provided was a great loss to all the fire agencies. Chief Davis thought that the Fire Warden's Office would give more security to the employees providing the services because there wouldn't be uncertainty about the contract year to year. There was concern over the amount of control the Fire Authority would maintain if the contract were given over to the County. There was also concern about the provision of services after July 1st. A contract extension was suggested. Chief Mayotte said he would issue pink slips on June 9th if the contract is not extended. Chief Skiles committed to have a RFP for prevention services by the June 1st meeting and to contact the CEO for direction.

- B. Draft Business Plan- The plan has been circulated and no comments have been received from any members. The plan was distributed to three of the Supervisors, and the two others will receive it before next week. Chief Barrett moved to adopt the business plan as presented; Director Kimball seconded the motion. A roll call vote reflected all members present voting unanimously to adopt the 2006-2007 Fire Authority Business Plan, with the exception of Ceres because he had left the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Mimi DeSimoni
Clerk of the Fire Authority

Approved 6/1/06 on a motion by Chief Mayotte, and a second by Chief Miguel.