

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
May 3, 2007

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 0902 hrs. The flag was saluted.
2. Roll Call - The following agency representatives were present:

Steve Barrett	Cal Fire
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Asst. Chief Henry Benevides	Keyes Fire
Chief Jim Miguel	Modesto Fire
Deputy Chief Rob Hoyer	Oakdale Rural Fire
Chief Bill Kinnear	City of Patterson
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Deputy Fire Warden Ray Jackson	Stanislaus County
Asst. Chief John Barindelli	Westport Fire District
Director Bob Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Mike Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire

Also present were: Ed Bartley and Chad Homme, Salida Fire; Lisa Byrne and Stefani Bongiorno, Stanislaus Regional 911; Ron Cripe, R.F.T.C.; John Barindelli, Westport Fire; John Borges, Burtons Fire, Inc.; John Ellis, Cal Fire; Dennis Wister, Stanislaus County; Ken Slamon Stanislaus County Fire Prevention Bureau; Kim Morante and RaeLene Brown Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District; Mimi DeSimoni and Nicole Raabe Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office.

3. Public Comment – There was no comment.
4. Approval of Minutes: Steve Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2007 meeting with no noted changes; Director Bob Kimball seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.
5. Staff/Committee Reports
 - 5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi reported that the County's budget is in process. The proposed budget for the County Fire Service Fund is completed. There is a meeting with the CEO staff next week to go over the proposed budget. Chief Hinshaw and Chief Skiles met with Rick Robinson and Patty Hill Thomas to present the business plan and the request for the additional \$380,000. If the county does not the grant the additional request for money the Fire Authority will have to make revisions on the existing Business Plan.
 - 5.2 Fire Investigations- Chief Miguel supplied a report on investigations done in March. He informed the F/A that all investigators will work the 3rd and the 4th of July enforcing fire work codes. He will report back at the next meeting in regard to all agency support including the Sheriff and D.A. and possible change over to an Administrative Citation, like the City of Modesto currently does. There will be more information on the 4th of July Task Force. The Fire Works Enforcement Plan was azenized for the June meeting.
 - 5.3 Fire Prevention – Chief Slamon informed the Fire Authority that the Fire Prevention report would be one month behind due to the timing of receiving reports and dates of the Authority Meeting. Also the Fireworks Public Display was azenized for the June meeting to discuss how the districts would be handling the permits.
 - 5.4 Communications – Chad Homme gave an overview of activity for the month of April. He has met with all but four agencies. There will be a Report of Findings on the surveys done by the next meeting. The CP-90 is at

Burtons with final phase of equipment being installed. The Training operation manual is being completed. The Fire Frequency Use Agreement is in process. We are working with Cal Fire to form a written agreement. Fire Frequency Sharing is expected to go live on 11/07/07. He went over the Radio System and the CAD System being considered right now. All updated information can be seen on the website www.salidafire.com under the communications section. Lisa Burn from SR-911 gave a presentation and hand out on a survey that was done to better open the line of communication between fire agencies and SR-911.

- 5.5 Training – Ed Bartley gave an update on April activity along with a hand out. He touched on agency visits, training needs assessment, and training priorities. A summary of findings will be handed out at the next meeting. All updated information can be seen on the website www.salidafire.com under the training section.
- 5.6 Special Ops Report- The job classification is in process with County HR for the special ops position.

6. Agenda Items

- 6.1 Fire Code Adoption Process- Chief Slamon supplied a hand out on the process for adopting the Fire Code and how the Stanislaus County Fire Prevention Bureau can assist the districts in the transition. He also stated that a time line would be established so that the county/city ordinances are in place by January 2, 2007, or we will automatically default to the State Fire Code with no local amendments.
- 6.2 Nomination of Officers- Mimi reported that after the April meeting, letters soliciting interest from agency representatives for running for office were sent out. No responses were received. Bob Kimball said that he believed that due to current projects, and status of the Fire Authority, for continuity, he would like to see the current Board remain in place one more year. After further discussion, Chief Skiles and Chief Passalaqua both expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to act as Chair and Vice- Chair, however, they were more than willing for someone else to step in if they had the time and desire. Mimi was willing to remain as Clerk of the Board. Several board members expressed their appreciation for the time they have invested and the work they have done. Director Kimball made a motion to nominate the current Executive Board to continue in their positions again next year. There were no other nominations from the floor. Chief Miguel seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 11 yes votes and 1 abstention by Chief Passalaqua. Chief Miguel made a motion to close nominations; Director Kimball seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote. There being only one nominee for each position, according to the Rules of Procedure, the election was held and the officers will take their positions at the July meeting.

7. Announcements

- 7.1 Chief Miguel asked to open Public Comment again to remind everyone about The Elks Lodge Fire Fighter Appreciation Dinner to be held on May 19th. He encouraged all the districts to send at least one representative to attend and be honored. He asked that all the agencies send him an e-mail stating whether they have a representative that will attend.
- 7.2 The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 7, 2007 – 0900 hrs at the RFTC

8. The Meeting was adjourned at 1020 hrs.

Mimi DeSimoni
Clerk of the Board