

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
August 2, 2007

1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 0902 hrs. The flag was saluted.

1. Roll Call - The following agency representatives were present:

Steve Barrett	Cal Fire
Commander Brian Weber	City of Ceres
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Asst. Chief Henry Benavides	Keyes Fire
Chief Jim Miguel	Modesto Fire
Fire Marshal Rick Fields	City of Oakdale
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
Chief Gary Hinshaw	Stanislaus County Fire Warden
Chief Gary Thompson	Westport Fire District
Chief Mike Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire

Also present were: Captain Ed Bartley, Salida Fire; Ron Cripe, R.F.T.C.; Jon Rivera, Stanislaus County Sheriffs Dept., Chief Ray Jackson, Chief Mike Wilkinson, Mimi DeSimoni, and Nicole Raabe, Stanislaus County Fire Wardens Office; Chief Slamon, Fire Prevention Bureau; Bill Houk, Board of Supervisors Office; Wayne Staylon, SR911; John Silviera, Modesto Fire; Dennis Wister, County Building Dept., Rick Robinson, Stanislaus County CEO.

3. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Minutes: Chief Jim Miguel made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2007 meeting with no noted changes; Chief Steve Mayotte seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

There was a motion to move Agenda item 6.3 forward by Chief Hinshaw and seconded by Chief Miguel.

- a. County CEO Rick Robinson is recommending the continuation of \$300,000 that has been allocated to the Fire Authority; however he will not recommend the addition funds requested of \$375,000. He recommended the Fire Authority look at different sources to find additional funding. It was noted that the County has included \$100,000 in the budget for County Fire's portion of CAD implementation. Chief Passalacqua made a motion to revise the Business Plan based on the lower level of funding and reduced services, Chief Barrett seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

5. Staff/Committee Reports

- 5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi is has been working on the annual report. Fiscal year 06-07 finished with positive financial results. She has assisted some of the districts with year end information and direct assessments. The new fire prevention fee schedule has been implemented along with policies and procedures related to it.
- 5.2 Fire Investigations- Captain Silviera handed out the June report. During the year, there were 683 calls; 412 were arson, (60.3%). There were 12 arrests. Other information was given that is included in the annual report. There is discussion with the DA regarding administrative citations for illegal fireworks.
- 5.3 Fire Prevention- The quarterly report was handed out for all districts. There will be a fiscal year-end report handed out at the next Fire Authority meeting.

- 5.4 Communications – Chief Skiles presented on Chad Homme’s behalf. They are currently working with SR911 on Mt Oso, radio operability, and P25 compliance. He asked that you please let Chad know if you have any issues. He discussed the tone changing scheme for the future and what impacts it will have for each agency. Regional communications grant application was put into AFG. The proposal for the new CAD was approved by BOS, City Council and SR911. IPC is the new vendor and an implementation team is being formed. Fire Frequency sharing implementation team will have its kick off meeting. It is scheduled to be in place on November 7, 2007 at 7:00 am.
- 5.5 Training – Captain Bartley handed out a report on the major items being reviewed. He will be assisting as coordinator at the RFTC to keep things running smoothly with Ron Cripe’s departure.
- 5.6 Special Ops- Interviews are scheduled for August 8th to fill the position. Chief Jackson announced that there is a work plan ready for the first 180 days.

6. Agenda Items

- 6.1 Fire Prevention- Chief Ken Slamon handed out the Fire Code Adoption timeline. An initial analysis of local amendments has been completed and one meeting has been held.
- 6.2 A draft of the Fire Authority Annual Report was handed out for review by the membership. Report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors when it is complete and approved by the Fire Authority.
- 6.3 Agenda item moved to beginning of the meeting.
- 6.4 Annual Service Reviews were handed out to all the districts present and asked to be returned by August 24, 2007. This process will give each agency an opportunity to comment on current services and provide input for improvements.

7. Announcements

- There were no announcements.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 6, 2007 – 0900 hrs at the RFTC

8. Chief Mayotte made a motion to adjourn at 1030 hrs, it was seconded by Chief Curnow and approved by all.

Mimi DeSimoni
Clerk of the Board