

Stanislaus County Fire Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 6, 2007

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1. Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 0902 hrs. There was no American flag present in the room.

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

Director Curtis King	Burbank Paradise Fire District
Commander Brian Weber	City of Ceres
Chief Karl Curnow	Denair Fire District
Chief Jim Miguel	Modesto Fire
Fire Marshal Rick Fields	City of Oakdale
Chief Rob Hoyer	Oakdale Fire District
Chief Dale Skiles	Salida Fire District
Chief Steve Mayotte	Stanislaus Consolidated Fire District
Chief Gary Hinshaw	Stanislaus County Fire Warden
Director Bob Kimball	West Stanislaus Fire District
Chief Mike Passalacqua	Woodland Ave. Fire District

Also present were: Mike Kraus, Mike Payton, Modesto Fire; Chad Homme, Ed Bartley, Salida Fire; Raelene Brown, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Walt Luihn, Oakdale Rural Fire; Mimi DeSimoni, and Nicole Raabe, Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office; Wayne Staylon, SR911.

3. Public Comment – Chief Powell from OES gave a briefing on fires that were currently active in the state. Additionally he supplied information on task books, the ROSS system, and the challenges they have had with the Type III OES engines on order, and the extended time it will take before they are ready.

4. Approval of Minutes: Chief Steve Mayotte made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with one noted change (fire investigation numbers were for the year, not the month of June); Director Kimball seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

There was a motion to move Agenda item 6.1 forward by Chief Hinshaw and seconded by Chief Miguel.

6.1 Adoption of Annual Report and Revisions of Business Plan- A draft of the Annual Report was sent via e-mail to all agency representatives for review prior to the meeting. The report contained a brief over-view of the business that was conducted by the Fire Authority during the 06-07 fiscal year. Each service provider included information on the activities and achievements for the year. In addition, each agency was given the opportunity to comment on each service. County CEO Rick Robinson attended the August meeting and informed the Fire Authority that he would be recommending the \$300,000 funding again this year, but would not recommend the additional \$375,000 requested by the Fire Authority for enhanced service levels. The Business Plan was revised based on the lower level of funding and those revisions were reflected in the plan that was distributed. Director Raelene Brown expressed her disappointed that there was no funding for Fire Prevention to do public education in the schools. Chief Mayotte wanted to ensure that, although weed abatement was lined out, the program would continue as it has. It was clarified that a more proactive program would not be implemented at the current funding level, but that the process for force cleaning will continue. Chief Mayotte made a motion to adopt the 2006-2007 Annual Report and the revised 2007-2008 Business Plan; Chief Miguel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

## 5. Staff/Committee Reports

- 5.1 Management, Fiscal, Legislative- Mimi reported that she has been working on finalizing the reports that were distributed at the meeting. There were limited surveys turned in. She reminded all in attendance that the finance/administrative services included not only those times that agencies call in for assistance, but also includes Chief Skiles and Chief Passalacqua's time, as well as the monthly reports, financial statements, e-mails, MDC program administration, and other documentation performed for the Fire Authority.
- 5.2 Fire Investigations- A monthly report for July was distributed outlining all investigations and their current status. There was a significant dollar loss that month - \$2.8 million.
- 5.3 Fire Prevention- Chief Slamon was unable to attend the meeting, however, a report was distributed containing the totals of fire prevention activities recorded for the 06-07 year; a more detailed and informational report will be completed soon. Work continues on the Fire Code adoption process.
- 5.4 Communications –Chad Homme reported on several projects he has been involved with as the Communications Coordinator. The Fire Mobile Command Post was utilized and SR911 has spent time training in it. Other items discussed were a Countywide RMS system, Countywide Radio Communications Study, Radio Maintenance Contract, CAD system update, and the Diablo Grande Radio Communications Study.
- 5.5 Training – Captain Bartley handed out a report on the current topics that fire training is addressing. A training delivery log was also provided along with information on the State Training Officers Fall Symposium. He is currently working on a train-the trainer program for the new generation fire shelters. Planning for Wildland 2008 is underway with CAL Fire.
- 5.6 Special Ops- The Special Operations position is expected to be filled by mid-October.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 4, 2007 – 0900 hrs at the RFTC

The meeting was adjourned at 0955hrs.

Mimi DeSimoni  
Clerk of the Board