

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2009

1. Call to Order:

Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 1015, the flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The following agency representatives were present:

Cal Fire SCU	Chief Barrett
Denair Fire	Chief Curnow
Keyes Fire	Chief Watt
City of Modesto	Chief Miguel
City of Oakdale	Chief Botto
Oakdale Rural Fire	Chief Hoyer
City of Patterson	Chief Kinnear
Salida Fire	Chief Skiles
Stanislaus Consolidated	Chief Mayotte
Stanislaus County	Chief Hinshaw
Westport Fire	Chief Thompson
West Stanislaus	Director Kimball
Woodland Ave	Chief Passalaqua

Also attending the meeting were: Ed Bartley, Salida Fire; Mike Payton, Mike Kraus, Modesto Fire; Henry Benavides, Keyes Fire; Royjinder Singh, Turlock Rural Fire; Bill Houk, Ken Slamon, Ray Jackson, Mimi DeSimoni, Stanislaus County; RaeLene Brown, Stanislaus Consolidated; and Michael Lillie, City of Ceres.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Minutes:

Chief Mayotte made a motion to accept the minutes, Director Kimball seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

5. Staff Committee Reports:

5.1 Finance / Admin. – Mimi gave a report on information she had received from the Assessors Office regarding declining property values and the outlook for next year. She related this to the affect on the County Fire Service Fund and the Fire Authority Budget. Minutes from the Quarterly Finance Admin Managers meeting were handed out.

- 5.2 Fire Investigations- Chief Payton reported that March was a typical month. There were low fire losses. The City of Modesto passed an ordinance increasing fines for illegal fire works from \$750 to \$1,000. Doug Machado will be leading the fire works task force. They would like increased participation. There has been cancellation of several displays.
- 5.3 Fire Prevention – Chief Slamon passed out the activity report from March. He noted that the Fire Prevention Bureau will be inspecting fire booths stands in most of the unincorporated areas.
- 5.4 Communications – Chief Skiles reported that the first order for the communications equipment on the AFG grant is being ordered. The date for the new CAD has been extended from May to a later date to further develop the system. Run card changes will be held off until implementation. There is also concern about implementing during the middle of fire season.
- 5.5 Training- Captain Bartley extended thanks to everyone that helped make Wild Land '09 a success. He highlighted recent training events including the No One Left Behind program.
- 5.6 Special Operations- The final water rescue policy has been put out for distribution. He is beginning to meet with the confined space rescue group. He requested that all departments send someone to participate in this project.

6. Agenda Items:

Business Plan- A draft of the 2009-2010 Fire Authority Business Plan was handed out for review. The plan includes service levels and funding for all of the contracted services. Chief Skiles asked each member to review the plan so that it can be considered for adoption next month. Mimi noted that the proposed budget may change, based on what happens with the County's proposed budget.

Election Committee – Chief Skiles notes that we are one month behind in forming our election committee. The election committee is responsible for seeking members that are interested in holding the Chair, Vice-Chair, or Clerk/Secretary positions. Chief Mayotte volunteered to be on the committee, he and Mimi will get the word out. At the next meeting, it will be opened up to the floor for nominations. If there is only one person for each position, they will take office at the July meeting. The July meeting will be held as scheduled on July 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mimi DeSimoni
Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office