

Stanislaus County Fire Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2020, 830 hrs.
Fire Warden's Office, 3705 Oakdale Rd, Modesto



1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order by the Vice Chair, Chief Wise at 830 hrs. The flag was saluted.

2. Roll Call:

The follow agency representatives /alternates were present:

Burbank Paradise Fire	Chris Bernardi
Cal-Fire	Absent
City of Ceres	Chief Wise
Denair Fire	Absent
Hughson Fire	Absent
Keyes Fire	Chief Klevmyr
City of Modesto	Chief Ernst
Mountain View Fire	Absent
City of Newman	Absent
City of Oakdale	Chief Ernst
Oakdale Rural Fire	Chief Ernst
City of Patterson	Absent
Salida Fire	Absent
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	Chief Whorton
Stanislaus County Fire Warden	Chief Klevmyr
City of Turlock	Chief Carlson
Turlock Rural Fire	Absent
Westport Fire	Absent
West Stanislaus Fire	Absent
Woodland Ave. Fire	John Boer

Also attending the meeting: Randy Crook, Chad Homme and Chris Parnell, Stanislaus County Fire Warden; Brooke Freeman, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office; Dustin Bruley, Fire Investigation Unit; Desiderio Calzada, SR911; Clint Bray, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire; Tim Tietjen and Mike Lillie, Modesto Fire.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Approval of Minutes:

4.1 Approve of the August 6, 2020 special meeting minutes

Chief Whorton made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris Bernardi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Staff / Committee Reports:

5.1 Fire Investigation Report

NFPA Technical Committee Report

- Dustin Bruley reported on the investigations during the reporting period. A summary report was included in the agenda packet and a full break down report was emailed to Chief's prior to today's meeting.
- Chief Ernst requested a better line of communication and would like a call as soon as there is a critical incident. Dustin Bruley agreed to call.

5.2 Fire Prevention Report

- Chief Crook reported that Fire Prevention has remained very busy for the last six months but has been working with limited staff due to the EOC being activated for the COVID-19 Response and staff were assigned to assist.
- Do not have stats at this time for the same reason.
- Will start making contact with schools to start walk-throughs.
- New computer system, Streamline is coming. Training on new system was paused due to COVID-19.
- Chief Crook has been trying to get a hold of someone at the State Fire Marshal's office about State Bill 85 to inquire about compliance of district reporting for annual inspections.
- Chief Ernst inquired on pallet yards and compliance due to all of the yards that are popping up. Chief Crook replied they have been visiting the sites often, about 4 – 6 times a year and they have been compliant. Going to continue to make consistent visits to keep them compliant and also working with County Counsel on a possibility of serving citations to the companies that are out of compliance.
- Chief Ernst questioned whether salaries of RFA funded staff that are working in the EOC will be credited to RFA budget. Finance Manager Brooke Freeman replied that currently those staff members are being coded to a special account in order to track salaries so reimbursement to the RFA budget can happen in the future with a mid-year adjustment to the fund balance.

5.3 Fire Communications Report

- Communications Coordinator Chad Homme reported regarding AB109 projects:
 - Mobile Installation – Vendor 10-4 – about completed with bond to start work. Motorola equipment replacement will be fast. Kenwood's will take longer.
 - Acquisition of pagers – working on sole sourcing since there is only one vendor available.
 - Station Alerting – Phoenix G2, waiting on the Purchase Order now.
 - Radio sites – Patterson site's antennas are installed. Tate equipment is on order to complete.
- Everbridge – they are changing their methodology on how they are charging us. Currently using for COVID-19 text notifications which is putting us over the threshold. Going to submit invoice to COVID-19 Response for payment for 20/21.
- John Boer requested AB109 account balance.

5.5 Administration & Support Report

- Finance Manager Brooke Freeman reported on the RFA Budget Summary that was included in the Agenda Packet.
- No report from Chief Klevmyr.

6. Agenda Items:

No items to report.

7. Announcements:

- 7.1** The next Regular meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2020, 8:30 a.m., Regional Fire Training Center

Meeting adjourned at 0855 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Casi Persons
Clerk of the Board