



Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

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Special Joint Meeting of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District and North Tahoe Fire Protection District

Minutes
August 20, 2018

Directors Present:

Meeks Bay Fire - Director Hyde, Vice-President Kromydas, President Miller and Director Warmack
North Tahoe Fire - President Potts, Director Ragan

Director Not Present:

Meeks Bay Fire - Director Massie
North Tahoe Fire - Vice-President Baffone, Director Correa, Director Loverde

1. Call to Order

The special joint meeting was called to order, on behalf of Meeks Bay Fire at 1:10pm by President Miller; and Russ Potts on behalf of North Tahoe Fire

2. Flag Salute

President Potts led the flag salute.

3. ESCI Presentation

A. Standards of Coverage

Joe Parrott gave the presentation of the Standards of Coverage. Following are some points of interest from the written report:

- This report is policy guidance, not a mandate of what must be done;
- Workload has increased by 54% over the last 10 years;
- The system has opportunities for improvement;
- Data revealed dispatch agencies (EDSO, PCSO, GVECC) are taking too long to transfer/dispatch priority calls;
- Police dispatch needs to transfer calls to fire and then stay on the line to receive additional information;
- Dispatch centers are not performing to national standards;
- Improved mobile data computers (MDCs) with two-way communications can initiate response in lieu of radio traffic;
- Response times are extended due to geography, travel routes, call locations and based on posted speed limits;
- Trying to meet 1710 standards is not realistic in most cases due to challenges such as those listed above;
- Turn out times can be reduced;
- Recommended increasing travel time goals to what is more realistic;



- Improved data collection and analysis will help focus on areas of improvement;
- Engine and medic units may not need to respond to all calls;
- Medic-51 should be staffed separately from engine staffing; and
- Look into what is causing emergencies and create data to use for community education.

B. Governance Study

Dawn Mittleman and Kurt Latipow of ESCI presented the Governance Study. Following are some points of interest from the study:

- Fleet standardization between Meeks Bay and North Tahoe Fire Districts is commendable;
- Meeks Bay has received several enhancements through the management agreement with North Tahoe;
- Survey results showed that the highest ratings coincide with the core of what the districts do;
- Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) elimination is likely not viable, “. . . a special district that was not a multicounty district as of July 1, 1979 is not eligible for the exemption from ERAF at anytime in the future.”
- Both districts are projected to be balancing their budgets using reserve funds by the end of five years. Meeks Bay has already been doing this;
- With respect to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), the districts are encouraged to meet and negotiate **prior** to going to LAFCO, and adopt substantially similar resolutions of application to LAFCO. The districts can achieve legal unification by reorganizing through annexation; and
- The recommendation of ESCI is full legal unification.

4. Public Input

Responses to some questions were:

- Current fees and taxes being paid to the individual fire agencies would likely remain intact and benefit the geographic area;
- Unless certain protest thresholds regarding annexation between the two districts are met, an election of registered voters or property owners is not required as part of the LAFCO process; and
- State Board of Equalization (BOE) fees would be required in the annexation process.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Boards the joint meeting of the Boards of Directors was adjourned at 3:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn R. Crawford
Clerk of the Board

A list of attendees is on the following page.



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Additional Attendees:

Meeks Bay and North Tahoe Fire Staff:

Shawn Crawford	Clerk of the Board (Meeks Bay)
Kelly McElravey	Clerk of the Board (North Tahoe)
Michael Schwartz	Fire Chief (North Tahoe)
Steve Simons	Fire Chief (Meeks Bay)/ DC Ops. (North Tahoe)
Todd Conradson	Division Chief
Kim Eason	Director of Finance
Greg Smith	Battalion Chief
Steve McNamara	Battalion Chief
Mike Brazil	Engineer
Lucas Frey	Firefighter/Paramedic
Kevin Gilley	Firefighter/Paramedic
Erin Holland	Public Information Officer
Dan Hopwood	Captain
Errick Kerfoot	Firefighter/Paramedic
Chris May	Engineer
Gary Nelson	Captain
Jeff Rau	Firefighter
Clyde Rust	Engineer
Ted Soloski	Firefighter/Paramedic
Rhett Stemmler	Firefighter/Paramedic
Dave Telfer	Engineer
Scott Worl	Engineer

ESCI Representatives:

Gail Latipow
Kurt Latipow
Dawn Mittleman
Joe Parrott

Also Attending:

Lolly Kupec, Community Member
Jose Henriquez, El Dorado County LAFCO
Sue Hennike, El Dorado County CAO's Office
Chief Tim Alameda, Battalion Chief Brad Zlendick and Kileigh Labrado, Lake Valley Fire
Heidi Doyle, Sierra State Parks Foundation
Chief Alan Riley, Squaw Valley Fire