



# Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

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## Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

**Minutes**  
May 22, 2019

**Directors Present:** Director Hyde, President Miller and Director Warmack, and Director Beals who was sworn in at this meeting

**Director Not Present:** Director Massie

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors, for the month of May was called to order at 3:31pm by President Miller.

**2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Director Hyde and seconded by Director Warmack to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Business Requiring Action**

**A. Review of Candidate Letters and Resumes and Selection to Fill Board Vacancy**

President Miller explained responsibilities of the office to applicants for the Board vacancy, gave a brief review of some sections of the Brown Act, and suggested reading of some publications specific to holding public office. Direction was given to Board Clerk Crawford that all Directors be given the current edition of Open & Public.

After review of letters of interest and resumes from Ellie Beals and Tim Rantz, it was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Director Hyde to appoint Elleyne "Ellie" Beals to fill the vacant seat on the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Crawford administered the Oath of Office to Director Beals.

President Miller requested that PIO Holland prepare a media release.

**B. Resolution of Appreciation for Nicholas J. Kromydas**

President Miller read the resolution 2019-02.

It was moved by Director Hyde and seconded by Director Warmack to adopt Resolution 2019-02, extending Meeks Bay Fire's appreciation and gratitude to Director Kromydas for his years of service to the community on the Beautiful West Shore of Lake Tahoe. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Review of Alternative Governance Models Between Meeks Bay Fire and North Tahoe Fire, and Discussion Regarding the Process and Future Joint Meetings**

Both Placer County and El Dorado County LAFCOs are willing and prepared to assist in the process of a reorganization of the two districts. El Dorado County LAFCO is meeting this evening to discuss the



process. Placer County LAFCO will be the lead agency for the process. Resolutions of application will be the next step.

Staff has been working on and will bring forward sample documents for review by both boards. There will be meetings in both Placer and El Dorado Counties.

There will be additional joint board meetings and community meetings to share the information. El Dorado County Board of Supervisors has offered to come up to Meeks Bay Fire's district and meet with the Board. Supervisor Novasel and the Board of Supervisors are interested in the two districts moving forward with reorganizing.

President Miller would like the Board of Supervisors and Meeks Bay Fire Board to meet to discuss the district's future direction. He believes a lot of information will be gleaned from attending homeowner meetings this summer. President Miller will invite Supervisor Novasel to attend future meetings.

#### **D. Next Board Meeting Dates**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be June 26<sup>th</sup>. The July meeting will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4. Approval of Past Minutes**

It was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Director Beals to approve the Board Minutes dated April 24, 2019, as amended to show that Director Massie did not attend the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Financial**

It was moved by Director Beals and seconded by Director Hyde to accept the financial reports, items 5.A-G, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Public Input**

There was none.

#### **7. Chief's Reports**

Chief Simons updated the board on activities since the last meeting. Items of particular interest included:

- Shawn Crawford was presented with the Award of Merit from North Tahoe Fire;
- Station 53 is in the process of being remodeled;
- Response plans are being refined to be more consistent with other agencies;
- Agreements with cooperating agencies for the Emerald Bay response area are being worked on;
- Newsletter topics are being put together;
- *Wilder Than Wild*, a film about California wildfires in 2017, will be shown on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Homewood and June 13<sup>th</sup> at Kings Beach Event Center;
- Staff is currently working on preliminary budgets to be presented to the respective boards for adoption at public hearings;
- Chief Schwartz invited board members to participate in a four-hour tour of the Camp Fire burn area;
- There is a push to reduce or eliminate fees for plan review and approval of accessory dwellings (i.e. granny flats). This would be adding additional responsibilities to fire agencies without receiving additional revenue;
- North Tahoe Fire has hired two new d-space inspectors for the season;
- During the plan check process, access, water and set-back issues have been a recurring problem;



- Fire Code cycle is coming up which means the districts will be busy preparing amendments to be presented during public hearings;
- PIO Holland is still trying to connect North Tahoe Fire's Next Door account to the Meeks Bay Fire area of El Dorado County so information can be shared to both districts;
- Tahoma cleanup day will be this Saturday (Memorial Day weekend) at the county yard located on Wilson Avenue from 9am-noon

**8. Information Items**

- Report from Sustainable Community Advocates

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Beals and seconded by Director Hyde to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shawn R. Crawford  
Clerk of the Board

**Additional Attendees:**

Fire Chief Michael Schwartz  
Fire Chief Steve Simons  
Division Chief Todd Conradson  
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford  
Battalion Chief Greg Smith  
Forest Fuels Coordinator Eric Horntvedt  
Public Information Officer Erin Holland  
Captain Naman Beatie  
Firefighter Will Marshman  
Firefighter Paul Moen  
Firefighter Ted Soloski

**Additional Attendees:**

Tim Rantz  
Skip Thomas