



Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Edward I. Miller

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Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2023 ❖ 3:30 p.m.

Minutes

Directors Present: Director Fielding, Vice President Kromydas, President Miller, and Director Millslagle a quorum is established.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors for the month of January was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by President Miller.

2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda. There was no public comment.

It was moved by Director Millslagle and seconded by Director Kromydas to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Approval of Past Minutes

There were no additions or changes to the minutes from the December 14, 2022 meeting. There was no public comment.

It was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Director Millslagle to approve the Board Minutes dated December 14, 2022, as submitted and posted. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Financial

There was a discussion between Board and staff.

It was moved by Director Fielding and seconded by Director Kromydas to accept the financial reports, Items 4.A-E, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Public Input

There was none.

6. Business Requiring Action

A. [Resolution Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency Issued on March 4, 2020, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District for the Period of January 18-February 17, 2023, Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions](#)

This resolution allows the Board the option to hold meetings virtually. The law (AB 361) enacted to implement the proclamation remains in effect until January 1, 2024. The ability to



hold virtual meetings like this is allowed while the March 4, 2020 COVID-19 State of Emergency proclamation is active. If, in the next 30 days the Board decides to meet in person and then the need arises to meet virtually again, it's a good idea to pass this resolution. Each resolution is good for 30 days. The District will be returning to in-person meetings once the COVID-19 State of Emergency proclamation ends on February 28, 2023, as public agencies will no longer have the necessary authority to hold virtual meetings under the provisions of AB 361 after that date.

There was a discussion regarding AB 2449 and its requirements. The District Clerk sent each Board a PDF with information about AB 2449.

There was a discussion between Board and staff. There was no public comment.

It was moved by Director Kromydas, seconded by Director Millslagle to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2023-01, allowing the District the option of holding the January and February meeting in a virtual setting. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. [Future Planning with North Tahoe Fire Protection District](#)

Chief Leighton updated the Board on the LAFCO process. Placer County LAFCO has everything they need from the District to continue with the process. Currently, the chief negotiators from Placer County and El Dorado County are negotiating on what the consolidation and annexation with North Tahoe Fire Protection District is going to look like financially. Per directions from North Tahoe Fire's Board of Directors to Placer County, they decided that they will continue with the LAFCO process pending the negotiation outcome with El Dorado County on the following topics: the UAL, the tax exchange, and an apparatus and facilities maintenance budget. On December 19th, the chief negotiators from Placer and El Dorado counties had their first negotiation meeting. Based on that first meeting, it was reported that El Dorado County said that they were not aware of the UAL liability or the tax exchange, however, they have attended meetings in the past where these topics were discussed. Chief Leighton expressed that he believes that both Meeks Bay Fire and North Tahoe Fire have provided all necessary documents and information to LAFCO to continue on with this process. Now that this process is in the hands of the counties negotiating teams, Chief Leighton had hoped and wished that this part of the process would be more transparent. As that he and District staff would have been part of the decision-making process. In the spirit of cooperation, Placer County has commissioned Bryce Consulting to conduct an additional fiscal impact analysis to verify the findings of the multiple other fiscal impact studies that were conducted over the past two years.

In an effort to keep moving toward the next step of what the District can do, President Miller wrote to the new County Supervisor, Brooke Laine, requesting a meeting with her and Chief Administrative Officer Don Ashton along with Chief Leighton to discuss the roadblocks from El Dorado County. Supervisor Laine responded and set up a meeting with President Miller and Chief Leighton for February 3, 2023 to discuss El Dorado



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County's involvement in the consolidation and annexation. Chief Leighton also has a meeting next week with Supervisor Cindy Gustafson to keep this process moving forward.

There was a discussion regarding what the options would be for Meeks Bay Fire if the LAFCO process fell through.

In order to continue with the LAFCO timeline, the last thing both Board's need to do is pass a resolution regarding the future makeup of the legislative body for the proposed reorganized North Tahoe Fire Protection District.

There was a discussion between Board and staff. There was no public comment.

It was moved by Director Fielding, seconded by Director Kromydas to adopt Resolution 2022-24 regarding the Meeks Bay Fire Protection Board of Directors requesting the Placer Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) consider the makeup of the legislative body for the proposed reorganized North Tahoe Fire Protection District. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

C. [Form 700 Filing Requirements](#)

This is a housekeeping item. Every elected official and public employee who makes or influences governmental decisions is required to annually submit a Statement of Economic Interests, also known as the Form 700. The Form 700 provides transparency and ensures accountability. Directors should contact Kim Smith at El Dorado County directly with questions.

This item was informational only. No Board action by vote was required

D. [Next Board Meeting Dates](#)

- February 15, 2023 – regular Board meeting (GoToMeeting)
- March 15, 2023 – regular Board meeting

This was information only. No Board action was required. There was no public comment.

7. [Chief's Report](#)

Chief Leighton updated the Board on activities since the last meeting. One thing that was not in his report that he wanted to bring to the Board's attention is the Insurance Moratorium. Bulletin 2022-13 enacted by Senate Bill 824, which is good for one year, states that "An insurer shall not cancel or refuse to renew a policy of residential property insurance for a property located in any Zip Code within or adjacent to the fire perimeter." The fire perimeter is the Mosquito Fire and the Fairview Fire. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's office sent this out to homeowners letting them know that their insurance cannot be canceled if they are part of one of the Zip Codes listed in the moratorium. The Zip Codes include 96141, 96145, and 96146, but not 96142. However, 96142 should have been included. The moratorium states that "If additional Zip Codes are determined to be within or adjacent to a fire perimeter subject to a declared state of emergency, the Department



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may issue a supplemental bulletin adding such additional Zip Codes to the moratorium against cancellations and non-renewals of policies of residential property insurance pursuant to Insurance Code section 675.1(b).” President Miller called the Insurance Commission and asked why they did not add 96142 to complete the perimeter and learned that CAL FIRE and CAL OES give the Zip Codes to the Insurance Commission on which homes to not cancel the insurance. Chief Leighton called CAL FIRE and CAL OES regarding this and he is hopeful that they are going to add 96142 to the list.

8. Information Items

The report from Sustainable Community Advocates was included in the Board packet. There was no Board or public comment on the report.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Director Millslagle to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Daniels
Clerk of the Board

Staff Attendees:

Fire Chief Steve Leighton
Division Chief Alan Whisler
Director of Finance and Administration Kim Eason
Fire Marshal Brent Armstrong
Battalion Chief Naman Beatie
Station 51 Crew
PIO Erin Holland
Administrative Assistant II Gordana Wood
Clerk of the Board Melissa Daniels

Additional Attendees:

Ellie Beals