



# Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

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## Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

**Minutes**  
September 25, 2019

**Directors Present:** Director Beals, Vice President Hyde, Director Kromydas, President Miller

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors, for the month of September was called to order at 3:30pm by President Miller.

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

It was moved by Director Beals and seconded by Director Kromydas to approve the agenda as revised placing items 7A and 6F to follow item 6C. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of Past Minutes**

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to approve the Board Minutes dated August 28, 2019, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Financial**

It was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Director Beals to accept the financial reports, items 4.A-F, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

After the Financial reports were accepted, President Miller inquired if the District was currently, or recently “in the red”, (or in debt). The response was “no”, indicating that the District is solvent.

**5. Public Input**

There was none.

**6. Business Requiring Action**

**A. Candidate Applications and Selection to Fill Board Vacancy**

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to table a decision until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Public Hearing to Adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 by Resolution 2019-05**

Public Hearing opened at 3:45pm.

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Beals to adopt the final budget by Resolution 2019-05 for fiscal year 2019/2020 in the amount of \$1,801,901. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing closed at 3:46pm



**C. Adoption of Findings of Fact Resolution 2019-06 and First Reading of Amendments to the California Fire Code**

After introduction of Ordinance 19-2 repealing Ordinance 16-1 of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District and amending the California Fire Code based on Resolution 2019-06 of Findings of Fact for Changes or Modifications to the State Building Code.

Chief Conradson noted the biggest changes are:

- items of exclusions are codes not adopted by the State, that do not pertain to the district or are not practicable to enforce;
- wider range of penalties based on the degree of the offence;
- burn ban; adding definition of campfire; and
- community events using large barbecues and mobile kitchens must be permitted.

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Beals to adopt Resolution 2019-06 of Findings of Fact for Changes or Modifications to the State Building Standards Code. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Adoption of Resolution 2019-07 for Appreciation of Director Massie's Years of Service and Resolution 2019-08 for Appreciation of Director Warmack's Years of Service**

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Beals to adopt Resolution 2019-07 for appreciation of years of service for Director Massie. The motion passed unanimously.

It was further moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Vice President Hyde to adopt Resolution 2019-08 for appreciation of years of service for Director Warmack. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Declaration of Out-of-service Gasoline-powered Ventilation Fans as Surplus**

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Beals to declare the out-of-service, gasoline-powered ventilation fan as surplus and authorize the Fire Chief to dispose of the gasoline-powered ventilation fan as deemed appropriate. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Fire Chief Authorization to Sign Agreement to Lease Meeks Bay Fire Station 62 to US Forest Service**

*This item was moved to follow 7A which was moved to follow 6C.*

Both the US Forest Service station 43 (mold problem) and barracks located behind Station 43 (on national historic register) have been condemned. The Forest Service is trying to find a location to house their engine in the interim of building a replacement facility.

After much discussion, it was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to authorize the Fire Chief to explore the possibility of leasing Meeks Bay Fire Station 62 to US Forest Service and begin working on a proposed agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

**G. Alternative Governance Models Between Meeks Bay Fire and North Tahoe Fire**

A Town Hall meeting, hosted by Supervisor Novasel, was held at Marie Sluchak Park earlier in the month. She has proposed a tentative date of October 17<sup>th</sup> to host another meeting at station 61. President Miller suggested and will propose holding the meeting following the October board meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## H. Next Board Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The November meeting will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup>, which is the second Wednesday of the month.

## 7. Presentation Items

### A. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office CodeRED™ Presentation by Deputy Greg Almos

*This item was moved to follow 6C.*

Deputy Almos gave a presentation of El Dorado County's CodeRED™ program.

The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office- Office of Emergency Services Alert Notification System provides a number of ways in which the county may contact the community in the event of an emergency such as: evacuations due to wildfires or hazardous material spills, or urgent law enforcement operations. The El Dorado County Office of Emergency Services partnered with CodeRED™ emergency notification service to alert residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media when there is a threat to the health or safety of residents.

In order to receive notifications, individuals must sign up for this program through El Dorado County's website at <http://ready.edso.org>.

### B. Website Update

President Miller requested head shots of directors Beals and Kromydas to be included on the website.

### C. Campfire Regulations in State Parks

Chief Simons explained that local fire agencies do not have jurisdiction over state or federal parks. Campground hosts at state and federal sites take on the responsibility of ensuring campfires are taking place in a safe manner. President Miller would like to send a letter to the state and federal parks within the district, requesting that they adhere to red flag warnings.

## 8. Chief's Reports

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

- Battalion Chief Steve McNamara will be the new Division Chief/Fire Marshall; Captain Scott Sedgwick will be the new Battalion Chief; Engineer Paul Moen will be the newest Captain; Firefighter Lucas Frey will be promoted to Engineer, and former Engineer Clyde Rust will be returning as an Engineer;
- July and August were very busy, running approximately ten calls a day;
- Prescription burns are being discussed by federal and state agencies;
- North Tahoe Fire's new ambulance is almost in service;
- Station 53 remodel is at the flooring and cabinetry stage;
- Last weekend was the first red flag condition for the season; there were approximately 125 additional staff throughout the basin during that time;
- Pre-attack plans have been created for the west and north shores of the lake which are used for agencies that are responding from out of the area;
- President Miller gave kudos to PIO Erin Holland for all of her work with media;
- Fire Prevention Officer testing will take place tomorrow;
- North Tahoe Fire received another Assistance to Firefighters Grant from FEMA for \$151,000 for power load systems (gurneys) for all the ambulances;
- There are still two pending grants for Meeks Bay Fire and one for North Tahoe Fire;



- North Tahoe Fire is continuing funding for a public access AED program. The newest one has been placed at Commons Beach by Tahoe City PUD;
- Budgets have been adopted by both districts;
- Legislative issues Chief Schwartz is working on are fireworks, granny flats, business and tourism master plan and its impacts and lack of funding for the additional needed resources

**9. Information Items**

- Report from Sustainable Community Advocates

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Vice President Hyde to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 6:25pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Shawn R. Crawford  
Clerk of the Board

**Additional Attendees:**

Fire Chief Steve Simons  
Division Chief Todd Conradson  
Director of Finance Kim Eason  
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford  
Battalion Chief Steve McNamara  
Captain Jamye Stowell  
Engineer Hollingsworth  
Firefighter McCurley  
Firefighter Rice

**Additional Attendees:**

El Dorado County Deputy Greg Almos  
US Forest Service Rep. Donovan Lee  
US Forest Service Rep. Kyle Jacobson  
Doug Estill  
Jennifer Lemke  
Tim Rantz  
Paul Schultz  
Skip Thomas