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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEEKS BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND NORTH TAHOE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SPECIAL, EMERGENCY, JOINT MEETING

Government Code Section 54956.5

## **Minutes**

August 31, 2021

**Directors Present:** Meeks Bay Fire: Director Fielding, Vice President Kromydas, Director Lemke (arrived at

12:16 pm) and President Miller

North Tahoe Fire: President Baffone, Director Correa (arrived at 12:33 pm), Director

Doyle, Director Loverde and Vice President Ragan

## 1. Call to Order

The Special, Joint, Emergency meeting of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District (MBF) Board of Directors, was called to order at 12:05pm by North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTF) Board President Baffone.

### 2. Roll Call

NTF Clerk of the Board Martin called the roll for NTF Directors; and MBF Clerk of the Board Crawford called the roll for MBF Directors. Both districts had a quorum.

## 3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Consider determining that the Caldor Fire and threats posed by the 2021-2022 Fire Season constitute an emergency that severely impairs public health and safety pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5 and require prompt action by Board of Directors due to the threatened disruption of public facilities such that this special meeting could be called without complying with the 24-hour notice or posting requirement of Government Code Section 54956

Chief Leighton briefed the directors of the current conditions of the Caldor Fire. He also explained the goals and objectives laid out in the Incident Action Plan. The Directors of both Districts requested that the Caldor Fire Incident Action Plan (IAP) be forwarded to them.

There was Board discussion. There was no comment from the public.

It was moved by North Tahoe Fire Director Ragan and seconded by Director Loverde the Board approved determining that the Caldor Fire and threats posed by the 2021-2022 Fire Season constitute an emergency that severely impairs public health and safety pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5 and require prompt action by Board of Directors due to the threatened disruption of public facilities such that this special meeting could be called without complying with the 24-hour notice or posting requirement of Government Code Section 54956. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of North Tahoe Fire Directors.

It was moved by Meeks Bay Fire Director Fielding and seconded by Vice President Kromydas the Board approved determining that the Caldor Fire and threats posed by the 2021-2022 Fire Season constitute an emergency that severely impairs public health and safety pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5 and

require prompt action by Board of Directors due to the threatened disruption of public facilities such that this special meeting could be called without complying with the 24-hour notice or posting requirement of Government Code Section 54956. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of Meeks Bay Fire Directors.

# 5. Resolution 2021-05 Authorizing the Fire Chief to Declare a Local Emergency in Order to Respond to the Caldor Fire and Any Other Potential Fires During the 2021-2022 Fire Season

Chief Leighton explained that he would become the incident commander if it comes into our Districts' areas. The emergency declaration before the Boards will allow him to purchase equipment and pay for other expenses related to the fires during the 2021-2022 fire season. The Districts would also be allowed to recoup funds from the state.

There was a Board discussion. There was no comment from the public.

It was moved by Director Doyle and seconded by Director Ragan, North Tahoe Fire Board adopted Resolution 09-2021 and authorized the Fire Chief to declare a local emergency in order to respond to the Caldor Fire and any other potential fires during the 2021-2022 fire season. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of North Tahoe Fire Directors.

It was moved by President Miller and seconded by Vice President Kromydas, Meek Bay Fire Board adopted Resolution 2021-05 and authorized the Fire Chief to declare a local emergency in order to respond to the Caldor Fire and any other potential fires during the 2021-2022 fire season. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of Meeks Bay Fire Directors.

## 6. Public Input

There was none.

## 7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned by NTF President Baffone at 12:48pm.

Respectfully submitted, Shawn R. Crawford Clerk of the Board

#### **Staff Attendees:**

Fire Chief Steve Leighton
Division Chief Steve McNamara
Director of Finance Kim Eason
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford
District Clerk Kelly Martin
Battalion Chief Naman Beatie
PIO Erin Holland
Captain Jamie Sheppard
Inspector Ramon Manzano

## **Additional Attendees:**

Legal Council Steve Gross