



SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING OF February 10, 2021

Notice of Teleconferenced Meeting

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 regarding COVID-19, members of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors and staff participated in this meeting by teleconference. To reduce the spread of COVID-19, members of the public were encouraged to listen to the meeting from their homes via teleconference by calling +1 408-638-0968, enter the meeting number when prompted (91767985734) and entering Access Code 580202 or connecting to the meeting online via their computer, smart phone or tablet at the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/91767985734?pwd=WXh6YIRockhaMlpNWndFU2hPS1NrUT09>

1. Call to Order

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

At 6:03 p.m., President Parker called for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence to follow.

1.2 Roll Call

A. Directors Present:	Directors Campbell, Harmon, Parker, Patterson and Pisciotta
B. Directors Absent:	None
C. Fire District Staff:	Chief Whittle, Administrative Captain Vandervoort and Administrative Secretary Walton

2. Public Comment (GC §54954.3)

None

3. Agenda Amendments (GC §54954.2) – Discussion/Action

None

4. Consent Calendar

4.1 Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2021

4.2 Approve January Payroll 1 and 2 in the amount of: \$324,165.72

4.3 Approve January Expenditures in the Amount of:

General Fund:	\$151,060.28
Capital Outlay/Zone A:	\$ 10,088.48
SCHMIT:	\$ 91,004.42
TOTAL:	\$252,153.18

On motion of Director Pisciotta seconded by Director Harmon to *Approve Consent Calendar Items 4.1 through 4.3* was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Campbell, Harmon, Parker, Patterson and Pisciotta
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

5. Discussion Items

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5.1 LAFCO Letter to Solicit Nominations for the regular and alternate member seats on the Consolidated Redevelopment Oversight Board in Santa Cruz County

Chief Whittle stated that LAFCO is soliciting nominations for the regular and alternate member seats for the Consolidated Redevelopment Oversight Board. There is no Board action required but if anyone is interested, the application is included in the board packet. President Parker added that the application deadline is February 26th.

6. Action Items

6.1 Approve Resolution 2021-1: Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of a Report made by the Fire Chief of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (SVFPD) Regarding the State Mandated Annual Inspections of certain Occupancies Pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code, Discussion/Action

Chief Whittle stated that based on the Grand Jury report from last year, the recommendation was for fire departments to report the state mandated inspection findings to the public. Administrative Captain Vandervoort will review the mandated inspections.

Administrative Captain Vandervoort stated that based on Senate Bill 1205, Fire Districts are required to report the status of state mandated inspections for certain occupancies to their Board of Directors. For the 2020 calendar year, all 25 state mandated inspections have been completed and we are 100% compliant. For all occupancies with violations, they are working to have them corrected and I am confident they will be resolved for the 2021 inspection. For the most part, the violations are for the 5-year sprinkler inspection, which has been delayed due to Covid.

President Parker inquired about the large number of violations at the Scotts Valley Middle School and Director Campbell inquired about the Scotts Valley High School sprinkler issues.

Administrative Captain Vandervoort stated that the majority of the violations at the Scotts Valley Middle School were missing evacuation maps posted at the door in each classroom. For Scotts Valley High School, the sprinkler system is functional but in need of maintenance repairs, which they are working on. Chief Whittle stated that we will continue to follow up until the violations have been resolved.

On motion of Director Campbell seconded by Director Pisciotta to *Approve Resolution 2021-1* was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Campbell, Harmon, Parker, Patterson and Pisciotta
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

7. Board of Directors and Administrative Reports – Information/Discussion
(No action will be taken on any questions raised by the Board at this time.)

7.1 Board of Directors Report – Directors

None

7.2 Administrative Report – Chief Officers

The Administrative Report was included in the board packet and Chief Whittle reported the following:

- On January 19th, the county experienced a large wind event and crews responded to over 40 calls for service including 2 wildland fires in the SVFPD. In addition, we responded with a type 3 engine and water tender to the Panther Fire and a type 3 engine to the China Grade Fire. Both incidents will be reimbursed by OES.
- Due to debris flow concerns in the burn areas, we participated in a County pre-assembled local government Task Force with a type 3 engine.
- Battalion Chief Theilen announced his retirement for March 6th.
- The Battalion Chief and Captain Test is scheduled for February 22nd and the application deadline is February 15th. With Battalion Chief Theilen's retirement, we will be promoting 2 Battalion Chiefs.
- An email was sent with a link for the mandatory board training. If you click on the email link and enter your SVFPD email, it will take you to the training page. You will also receive an email from our IT provider Pagoda Technology for a training link for cyber threats.

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7.3 Administration of Fire Services Agreement with the Branciforte Fire Protection District Report

Chief Whittle stated that he met with the BFPD new Board Director Tim Dodds and they discussed the current agreement with the SVFPD and direction for the future. I also met with the BFPD Board President Pat O'Connell and we discussed options moving forward. The BFPD Board was interested in talking with Central Fire to take over management but based on my discussion with the new Central Fire Chief, they will be focusing on completing their consolidation for the next several years. At this point, the best option is for the BFPD Board to promote a Fire Chief from within.

8. Correspondence – Information

8.1 LAFCO Letter – Election for Special District Seats on LAFCO

8.2 Thank you letter from Valley Christmas Project

The Board received and filed the correspondence.

9. Closed Session: Government Code §54957.7

9.1 Conference with Labor Negotiators: Government Code §54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Ed Harmon and Joe Parker
Employee Organization: All

At 6:25 p.m., President Parker announced that the Board would be going in to Closed Session for the purpose listed in Item 9.1.

10. Open Session

10.1 Report on Closed Session: Government Code §54957.1

At 7:45 p.m., the Board reconvened to open session and President Parker reported that for Item 9.1, no action was taken.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST


Joe Parker
Board President


Ron Whittle
Board Secretary