

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING OF April 12, 2023

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (SVFPD) was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at the City of Scotts Valley Council Chambers. President Pisciotta called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

President Pisciotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence to follow.

1.2 Roll Call

A. Directors Present:	Directors Cosner, Hurst, Parker, Patterson and Pisciotta
B. Directors Absent:	None
C. Fire District Staff:	Chief Whittle, Battalion Chiefs LoFranco and Stubendorff and Administrative Services Manager Walton

2. Public Comment (GC §54954.3) None

3. Agenda Amendments (GC §54954.2) – Discussion/Action None

4. Consent Calendar

4.1 Minutes: Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2023

4.2 Approve SVFPD Claims Disbursements for the Month of March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 in the Amount of:

<u>Payroll and Benefits:</u>	\$465,257.25
<u>General Fund:</u>	\$ 51,357.21
<u>Capital Outlay:</u>	\$ 6,600.00
<u>SCHMIT:</u>	\$ 13,439.75
<u>TOTAL:</u>	\$536,654.21

4.3 Adopt Resolution 2023-3: Resolution Requesting Temporary Transfer of Funds

4.4 Adopt Resolution 2023-4: Resolution Authorizing Participation in and Approving the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the Fire Risk Management Services Joint Power Authority

On motion of Director Parker seconded by Director Cosner to *Approve the Consent Calendar Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4* was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Cosner, Hurst, Parker, Patterson and Pisciotta
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

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5. Discussion Items

5.1 Branciforte Annexation Update

Chief Whittle stated that the BFPD Board approved the Benefit Assessment going to the voters and the County Board of Supervisors approved the shift of property taxes from the BFPD to the SVFPD. The Branciforte Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting tomorrow.

6. Action Items – Discussion/Action

6.1 Approve Contract with RRM Design for Architectural Services

Chief Whittle reported that the contract was included in the Board packet with the scope of work for the La Madrona Fire Station. Chief Whittle stated that he attended a meeting with RRM Design and Directors Patterson and Pisciotta to review the contract, which aligned with RRM Design proposal that was approved by the Board last month. Legal Counsel has not signed off on the contract due to a few minor legal edits. Legal Counsel has contacted RRM Design but the changes have not been finalized.

The Board discussed the contract and decided to move the Item to the May Board Meeting Agenda for Legal Counsel approval, which should not delay the project. No action was taken.

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

President Pisciotta stated that the Equipment and Facilities Committee toured the Redwood Station, which the La Madrona Station will be modeled after. Director Patterson stated that during the tour, they discussed building issues and changes that will be incorporated in the La Madrona Station architectural drawings.

Director Cosner stated that the Fire Chief Recruitment Committee met with Kim Petersen to discuss questions for the Fire Chief Candidate interviews.

7.2 Administrative Report – Chief Officers

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

- Admin Staff attended the SC County Fire Chiefs Admin Section Meeting hosting Microsoft Excel Training.
- BC Stubendorff and Admin Services Manager Walton met with Communication Services Corporation to discuss replacing the telephone system.
- Santa Cruz Warriors Basketball Game Fund Raiser for Santa Cruz City Fire Captain Brian Tracy.
- Memorial for Santa Cruz City Fire Engineer Ben Bynes. Scotts Valley Fire and Central Fire staffed engines to cover the city along with BC Stubendorff so Santa Cruz Fire crews could attend the memorial.
- Fresno Symposium: Several Employees attended the Fresno Training Symposium with the end goal of bringing back updated and new tasks, tactics and strategies. Training topics included: First Due Operations, Hose Pulls and Management, Forcible Entry, Ventilation, REMS / Rope Rescue Ops, etc. Captain Sundermier, Engineers Pedemonte, Post, Nehf, Smiley, Crivello and Firefighter Shaughnessy attended.
- I attended the FDAC conference in Napa, CA along with all SVFPD Board members and BC Stubendorff.
- As the Zone Coordinator, I managed the large wind event at NetCom triaging incidents. Due to the large volume of call, we had issues with Tablet Command that we are working to resolve.

BC LoFranco reported that Captain Pettys and Admin Specialist Jackson are working on a lithium battery training flyer.

BC Stubendorff stated that it was a bad month of severe weather incidents but overall, the SVFPD fared well.

8. Correspondence – Information

None

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9. Request for Future Agenda Items
None

10. Closed Session: Government Code §54957.7 and §54957.7

10.1 Fire Chief Recruitment: Government Code §54957
Conference with Kim Petersen, recruiter, Peckham and McKenney

10.2 Real Estate Negotiations: Government Code §54956.8
Property: 6000 La Madrona Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066
Agency Negotiator: Fire Chief Ron Whittle,
Negotiating parties: City of Santa Cruz & Scotts Valley Water District
Under Negotiation: Consider offer for property easement

At 6:22 p.m., President Pisciotta announced that the Board would be going into Closed Session for the purposes listed in Item 10.1 and 10.2.

11. Open Session – Discussion/Action

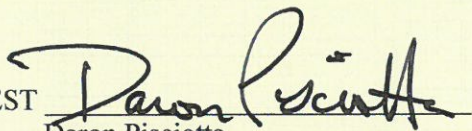
11.1 Report on Closed Session: Government Code §54957.1


At 8:19 p.m., the Board reconvened to Open Session. President Pisciotta reported that for Item 10.1, the Board discussed the Fire Chief Recruitment and for Item 10.2, the Board discussed the Property Easement. No action was taken.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST


Daron Pisciotta
Board President


Ron Whittle
Board Secretary