

San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 13, 2010

Minutes

President Rickards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Rickards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Directors Augustine, Brainard, Clark, Johnston, Jackman, Rickards, Winter and Board Secretary Briggs

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Battalion Chief Lannon, Public Information Officer Villarreal, Business Services Manager O'Dell, Administrative Specialist Dibb, and Recording Secretary Roos

Public Communications: Captain Alan Laatsch, President of Firefighters Local 1434, addressed the Board of Directors regarding Agenda Items 15, 16 and 20, as well as items in the Chief's Report and Fleet Maintenance issues.

Kandhy Franklin, of the Crest Fire Safe Council, addressed the Board of Directors regarding issues in the community of Crest, including fuel reduction. She also noted she plans to write another grant for assistance with fuel breaks and the use of CO² chips, and will be working with PIO Villarreal on media contacts.

Holland Bean, Crest resident, addressed the Board of Directors regarding fuel reduction and her support of the use of goats to clear brush in Crest.

Dina George, Crest resident, addressed the Board of Directors regarding fuel reduction and her support of the use of goats to clear brush in Crest.

Johnny Gonzalez, owner of Environmental Land Management, spoke to the Board of Directors about his goats and their use in Crest to assist in fuel reduction. He noted he appreciated Fire Marshal Larsen's assistance and availability to educate and meet with Crest residents about San Miguel Fire's local ordinances. He noted that if \$230,000 had been used prior to the devastating

wildfires of a few years ago, the homes in Crest could have been saved. Additionally, he commended PIO Villarreal and his work with the Before the Threat Campaign.

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of April 22, 2010: Upon a motion by Director Jackman, second by Director Brainard, and unanimous vote, the April 22, 2010 minutes were approved.
2. Approval of Agenda: By Board consensus, the Agenda was approved with the following changes: move Agenda Item 15 to after Agenda Item 7; move Agenda Items 16, 17, 18, and 19 to after Agenda Item 11.

The agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2010 was posted at the District Headquarters on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

3. Public Hearing (Second Reading) – Ordinance 2010-1 – An Ordinance of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Adopting an Updated and Consolidated Service Fee Schedule and Fines for Unlawful False Alarms: President Rickards opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. to invite comments and questions from the audience. President Rickards noted no public comment was forthcoming. President Rickards closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Augustine, and unanimous vote, Ordinance 2010-1 was adopted.
4. Contract with Fire Recovery USA: Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Jackman, and unanimous vote, the Contract with Fire Recovery USA was approved.
5. Monthly Expenditure/Revenue Update: Chief Ghio provided an update on monthly expenditures/revenue and distributed an updated Budget Comparison – Revenues & Expenditures (General Fund) sheet.
6. Quarterly Financial Review: Chief Ghio provided an overview of the District's financial reports.
7. Receive and File Quarterly Investment Report in Accordance with the California Government Code: Upon a motion by Director Clark, second by Director Jackman, and unanimous vote, recommendation to accept and file the Quarterly Investment Report was approved.
15. 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget: Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Jackman, and unanimous vote, the 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget was approved.
8. Resolution 10-2 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Ordering the Levy of the Special Benefit Tax for Fire Suppression and Emergency Services (Crest Area) for Fiscal Year 2010-2011: Upon a

motion by Director Clark, second by Director Winter, and unanimous vote, Resolution 10-2 passed.

9. Resolution 10-3 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Ordering the Levy of the Special Benefit Tax for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services (Bostonia Area) for Fiscal Year 2010-2011: Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Clark, and unanimous vote, Resolution 10-3 passed.
10. Resolution 10-4 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Ordering the Levy of the Special Benefit Tax for the Provision of Advanced Life Support (Paramedic/Firefighter) Engines for Fiscal Year 2010-2011: Upon a motion by Director Clark, second by Director Winter, and unanimous vote, Resolution 10-4 passed.
11. Resolution 10-5 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Ordering the Levy of the Special Tax for Fire Suppression, Protection and Emergency Medical Response Services (Proposition E) for Fiscal Year 2010-2011: Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Clark, and unanimous vote, Resolution 10-5 passed.

16. Reports:

- a. Committee Reports: Director Brainard requested information on M95 masks. Chief Ghio noted he is working with RCCP Captain Jim Marugg and the San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association and will provide more information at a future meeting about a letter writing campaign on this topic.

Director Johnston requested Business Services Manager O'Dell assist her with obtaining information on the number of Dispatchers working at HCFA.

- b. Local 1434 Communications: Alan Laatsch, Firefighters Local 1434 President, noted he attended the CPF Conference held in April. He commented on the Chief's Report and possible duplications from the previous month.
- c. San Miguel Fire Safety Professionals Communications: Amy Wrightson, Fire Safety Professionals member, noted there was nothing to report.
- d. Fire Management Association Communications: None.
- e. Directors Reports: Director Jackman noted he attended the CSA-69 meeting earlier today.

President Rickards noted that he and Director Winter met with Chula Vista Mayor Cheryl Cox regarding funds that may be available to assist immigrants from Iraq that are moving into the District.

f. Correspondence: Chief Ghio read a thank you note from Heartland Dispatch Director Chip Yarborough.

g. Chief's Report: Chief Ghio highlighted several items listed in the Chief's Report. He noted that he distributed the San Diego County Deployment Study to County fire chiefs, and left a copy for each Director on the dais. He also noted that he, President Rickards, and Director Winter will present a State of the District Forum to local community groups, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 3, 2010, at the Otay Water District's lower level meeting room. Chief Ghio reported he has been voted in as President for a 3rd and final term to the SDCFCA.

h. Action Plan Recap:

Create calendar that includes special event dates such as Reserve Program graduations, meetings in Crest, etc. Have ready before next Board meeting.

Permanently move Agenda Items 16e and 16g to after 16a.

Provide information from SDCFCA on M95 masks.

Place on a future meeting agenda a Board overview on the goat program and fuel reduction in Crest.

Provide vegetation issues and environmental review of defensible space.

Place on a future meeting agenda a presentation by Kenny Osborn of Fire Prevention Services.

Place Cost Recovery Ordinance on website with the actual vehicle code violations.

Amend false alarms section.

Board members to complete mandatory Ethics Training before June 25.

Obtain number of dispatchers at Heartland.

President Rickards adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 7:34 p.m.

17. Closed Session – Liability Claim (Section 54956.95 of the Government Code):
Claimant: Jeffrey L. Nelson. Agency Claimed Against: San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District.

18. Closed Session – Liability Claim (Section 54956.95 of the Government Code): Claimant: Daniel B. O’Leary. Agency Claimed Against: San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District.
19. Closed Session – Liability Claim (Section 54956.95 of the Government Code): Claimant: Richard Pascall. Agency Claimed Against: San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District.

President Rickards reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 7:43 p.m., and reported that direction was given for Agenda Items 12, 13, and 14.

12. Resolution 10-6 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Relating to the Industrial Disability Retirement of Retired Engineer Jeffrey L. Nelson: Upon a motion by Director Clark, second by Director Winter, and unanimous vote, Resolution 10-6 was approved.
13. Resolution 10-7 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Relating to the Industrial Disability Retirement of Retired Captain Daniel B. O’Leary: Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Augustine, and unanimous vote, Resolution 10-7 was approved.
14. Resolution 10-8 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Relating to the Industrial Disability Retirement of Engineer Richard Pascall: Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Jackman, and unanimous vote, Resolution 10-8 was approved.

President Rickards adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

20. Closed Session – Conference With Labor Negotiator (§54957.6): Agency Negotiators: Attorney Joseph Sanchez and Directors Augustine, Brainard and Jackman. Employee Organization: Firefighters Local 1434.
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23. Closed Session – Conference With Labor Negotiator (§54957.6): Agency Negotiators: Attorney Joseph Sanchez and Directors Augustine, Brainard, and Jackman. Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees: Division Chief, Business Services Manager, Administrative Specialist/Finance, Public Information Officer, and Fleet Maintenance Supervisor.

President Rickards reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 8:53 p.m., and reported that direction was given for Agenda Items 20, 21, 22, and 23.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

Board President Rickards adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Roos

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Recording Secretary