

Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District

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FINAL Minutes

Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District

BOARD MEETING

Minutes of February 9, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY PRESIDENT SPISAK

1.0 ROLL CALL PRESENT: ABENDSCHAN, FOSTER, HURLEY, LUCCHESI, SPISAK

ABSENT: NONE

1.1 INTRODUCTIONS
FIRE CHIEF JON JONES
BOARD SECRETARY TRACY NEW
DIVISION CHIEF TODD SKRABAK
LOCAL 3535 PRESIDENT RYAN PETERS
STATION 1 & 3 ON-DUTY CREWS
OFF DUTY PERSONNEL
LAFCO COMMISSIONER JIM ANDERSON
LAFCO EXECUTIVE OFFICER PAT MCCORMICK

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 COMMUNICATIONS FROM/TO BOARD MEMBERS & PUBLIC

3.1 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Aptos/La Selva Firefighter Paramedic Jason Wichelmann stated concerns regarding a breakdown in communication and work environment for employees.

Aptos/La Selva Captain Aaron Paasch stated that the views expressed during meetings with the Local 3535 President Ryan Peters are reflected equally by the other members of the Union. He also spoke regarding his disappointment in the direction of the current labor negotiations.

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Member of the public Ann Peters, mother of Local 3535 President and Aptos/La Selva Captain Ryan Peters, spoke regarding the current morale of the District, and implored the Board to change their current situation with the employees.

Aptos/La Selva Captain Greg Hansen stated his concerns regarding a higher number of lawsuits within the District, and its negative effect on the employees.

President Spisak thanked the speakers for their input.

- 3.2 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Written Communications included an agenda for the 2/1/17 LAFCO meeting, LAFCO report on a potential fire study, 1/5/17 letter from member of the public Carol Hobson regarding District concerns, reply letter to Ms. Hobson from Board President Spisak, registration packet for CSDA (California Special Districts Association) Board Members Best Practices Workshop, and the CSDA Special District Board Member/Trustee Handbook.

LAFCO Commissioner Jim Anderson stated that he, Supervisor John Leopold and Supervisor Zach Friend have formed a sub-committee to address plans for a fire study. He invited the Board and District leadership to meet with the sub-committee and Central FPD representatives to discuss the process of the proposed fire study. Director Hurley mentioned that Item 6.1 will further discuss this.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2017

Note: minor date/title corrections made to the agenda prior to approval, per direction from Board Directors.

- 4.2 MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS DISBURSEMENTS OF JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2017

- 4.3 MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE EZ ONE GENERAL LEDGER REPORTS FOR THE PRIOR MONTH-END

- 4.4 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: None.

On motion by Director Foster, seconded by Director Hurley, that Consent Agenda Items 4.1 through 4.3 be approved as submitted, was approved by the following vote:

Ayes:	Abendschan, Foster, Hurley, Lucchesi, Spisak
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

5.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 DISCUSSION OF LAFCO FIRE SERVICE REVIEW

LAFCO Executive Officer Pat McCormick stated that LAFCO would like to invite the District to a re-organization meeting with Central FPD leadership and the aforementioned LAFCO sub-committee. Per Mr. McCormick, Central Fire District has assigned two of their Directors to attend this meeting as well. Board Directors and District employees gave input and asked for further detail on the details of the proposed meeting.

6.2 MASTER PLANNING PROCESS STATUS REPORT DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TO ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE MASTER PLAN PROCESS

Fire Chief Jones reported that the project team kickoff meeting with Mr. Mazza of Citygate was held on January 30, 2017. Information on various aspects of the District was provided. One-on-one meetings with program managers to help expand on this information will be scheduled. Fire Chief Jones proposed a meeting to allow for community stakeholders input into the Master Plan process be scheduled for a special meeting to take place on February 23, 2017, at 7:00PM. The meeting will serve as a stakeholder listening session, in which the public would be invited to give input into the process. After brief discussion, a motion was made to confirm the proposed meeting date.

On motion by Director Foster, seconded by Director Lucchesi, that Agenda Item 6.2, “To Hold a Special Meeting to Engage Stakeholders in the Master Plan Process” be approved as submitted was approved by the following vote:

Ayes:	Abendschan, Foster, Hurley, Lucchesi, Spisak
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

6.3 NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY STATUS REPORT

Fire Chief Jones briefly reviewed his staff report on National Fire Academy attendance, and answered questions from Directors regarding the focus of study, training process, and other details.

6.4 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AMBULANCE CONTRACT UPDATE

Fire Chief Jones reviewed the process and update on progress of Santa Cruz County’s successor contract for the ambulance contract and possible changes that could affect the District. Director Hurley inquired as to the feasibility of two person BLS (Basic Life Support) ambulances, Fire Chief

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Jones stated there is data to support the feasibility which is the current practice in surrounding counties and throughout the state of California.

8.0 STANDING REPORTS

8.1 BOARD OVERSIGHT INQUIRY: None.

8.2 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Fire Chief Jones briefly reviewed his staff report on administrative projects completed in 2016. Topics included recent storm-related damage and emergency calls, the current Fire Captain promotional opportunity and upcoming testing process, and the formation of an Apparatus Committee to evaluate current apparatus trends and develop a purchase specification for the District.

8.3 REPORT FROM FIREFIGHTERS' LOCAL 3535

Local 3535 Vice President Will Wingert stated that the Union will help in any way needed to support a feasibility study, and strongly suggested the need for a true merger study between Central Fire Protection District and Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District.

8.4 REPORT FROM CHIEF OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION: None.

9.0 CLOSED SESSION 8:35 PM

9.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Employee Organization: Firefighters Union Local 3535

9.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Employee Organization: Chief Officers' Association

10.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

10.1 REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Item 9.1, the Board met with the District labor negotiator, and gave direction.

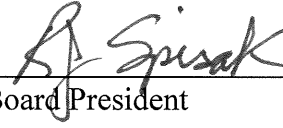
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11.0 ADJOURN MEETING: 9:31 PM



Secretary to the Board



Board President