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Steve Green  
Director  
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Greg Bernardi  
Director  
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## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Station 26 Meeting Room, 3318 Topeka Street in Riverbank, CA  
Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 6 PM

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**CALL TO ORDER** – 6:02PM

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ROLL CALL** Present: President Zanker, Vice President Woods, Director Bernardi, Guzman  
Absent: Directors Green  
Staff: District Counsel Chris Diaz, Fire Chief Michael Whorton & Board Clerk Hannah & Mr. Andy Heath, Financial Consultant

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Director Bernardi moved to approve the agenda as presented, Director Woods seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

#### PRESENTATION/STUDY SESSION DISCUSSION – Andy Heath, Financial Consultant

1. FY 2019/2020 Preliminary Budget

*The following individual addressed the Board: L3399 President Nichols.*

#### ACTION CALENDAR

##### ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider adoption of FY 19/20 Preliminary Budget

**ACTION:** Director Guzman moved to approve the FY 2019/2020 Preliminary Budget as presented and eliminating the vacant positions of Fire Marshal, Administrative Assistant III and Operations Assistant, Director Woods seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

2. Consider Resolution 19-02 adopting the appropriations limit for FY 2019-2020.

**ACTION:** Director Guzman made moved to adopt the FY 2019-2020 Appropriations as presented, Director Woods seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

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3. Consider adoption of Resolution 19-01 ordering the levy and collection charges within Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District Special Benefit Assessment Rate and Rate Reduction "Lifeline" Program for FY 2019-2020.

**ACTION:** Director Guzman moved to approve ordering the levy and collection charges within Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District Special Benefit Assessment with a 3% Rate Increase and the Rate Reduction "Lifeline" Program. Director Bernardi seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. Director Comments –**

\*President Zanker expressed her concern for the plane crash in Calaveras County, as she was called to the scene due to her employment and she expressed her gratitude as she witnessed all the emergency responders working aimlessly to render aide. SCFPD was there on mutual aide as well and she saw nothing but commitment and professionalism from our District employees. She has nothing but respect and praise for the District! She also informed the public that this would be her last board meeting as the Board of Supervisors has replaced her seat. There were some hurt feelings and trust issues over the Oakdale agencies contracts but she feels these can be restored. She did all she could for the District and has no animosity or resentment for the District employees or other agencies.

\*Vice President Woods wants to remind everyone that both the Oakdale agencies were responsible for terminating the contracts with SCFPD. Although the other agencies were responsible for termination of the contracts, the leadership of L3399 continues to blame this board for their actions. It has also come to this board's attention the Oakdale City has been negotiating with Modesto City Fire for the last two years to contract for services with Chief Ernest. It is now apparent that both Oakdale agencies never wanted a contract with SCFPD and spent the last few months trying to discredit this District knowing they were not interested in extending the contract SCFPD proposed. During the difficult layoff process as outlined in the L3399 MOU and signed by L3399, this board followed the requests of the Union leadership for the layoff process, only to be ostracized yet again. I am also troubled by the leadership of L3399 and their disrespectful behavior toward Chief Mike Whorton, the Board of Directors and the rate payers of this District who pay the employees salaries in this District. L3399 has shown their true character and I am disappointed by their unprofessional conduct at board meetings. L3399 leadership has misinformed their union members regarding events of the last several months and placed blame on this District. The reality is that L3399 would be better served by working with the District in finding solutions and communicating honest information to their membership instead of placing blame and communicating misinformation to their member to discredit this Board. Shame on L3399!

## **CLOSED SESSION - 7:25PM**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Pursuant to (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)) One Potential Case
2. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representative: Patrick Clark, Consultant; Employee Organization: SCFPD Firefighters Local 3399.

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3. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representative: Patrick Clark, Consultant; Employee  
Organization: SCFPD Battalion Chiefs.
  
4. Public Employee Performance (Government Code Section 54957)  
Title: Fire Chief

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION 7:44PM**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT –**


**ACTION:** - There is no reportable action

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:45PM**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the SCFPD Board of Directors is Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 6 PM in the Station 26 Meeting Room, located at 3318 Topeka Street Riverbank, CA.

ADOPTED: July 11, 2019

BY:

  
Betty Hannah, Clerk of Board

APPROVED:

  
Board President