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Director  
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Director  
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## MINUTES

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

Station 26 Meeting Room, 3318 Topeka Street in Riverbank, CA

Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6 PM

(THE AGENDA PACKET IS POSTED AT EACH SCFPD LOCATION AND AT [WWW.SCFPD.US](http://WWW.SCFPD.US))

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**CALL TO ORDER** – 6:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION** - None

**ROLL CALL** - Present: Directors: Bernardi, Goulding, Neal, Rivers, Stanfield  
Excused: Fire Chief Whorton  
Staff: Battalion Chief Bray, Board Clerk Betty Hannah  
Teleconference: District Counsel Chris Diaz

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –

**ACTION:** Director Rivers moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Director Neal. Motion passed 5/0.

**AYES:** Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Neal, Rivers, Stanfield

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:** *None*

**PRESENTATIONS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** –

1. Employee Recognition of Service Years – BC Bray recognized the following employees for their years of service: Captain Tucker for 19 years, Captain Bennett for 11 years, Engineer Ehrenberg for 13 years, Firefighter Leslie for 13 years and Inspector Peterson for 3 years. Congratulations!

2. New Hires/Promotions/Retiree Announcements – BC Bray reported the nine new hires will start on January 15, 2021. They are as follows: Firefighter Paramedic Bjorge, Firefighters; Abreu, Baker, Crabtree, Foster, Lunde, McDaniel, Summers and Wessels. Congratulations!

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – *None*

## ACTION CALENDAR

**CONSENT ITEMS** – All matters listed on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless otherwise requested by an individual Board Member or public for special consideration.

1. Waive Readings – Waive all Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions, except by Title
2. Approval of Minutes – December 2020
3. Acceptance of Warrants – December 2020
4. Acceptance of Financial Reports – December 2020

### **Consideration of Removed Consent Item(s) – None**

**ACTION:** Director Neal moved to approve the Consent Calendar Items as presented, seconded by Director Rivers. Motion passed 5/0.

**AYES:** Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Neal, Rivers, Stanfield

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Continued discussion of Station 23 Closure – BC Bray reported the station will reopen after the successful completion of the new hire fire academy.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None scheduled

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Review and Adopt Resolution 21-01 Nomination & Election of 2021 Board Officers: President Chair, Vice President, District Treasurer & Board Clerk

**ACTION:** Director Goulding moved to nominate and elect the following Board Officers:

President Director Bernardi, Vice President Goulding, District Treasurer Adolin Tamrrzian and Board Clerk Betty Hannah, seconded by Director Stanfield. Motion passed 5/0.

**AYES:** Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Neal, Rivers, Stanfield

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

2. Take action to Nominate and Select 2021 Board Committee Members

**ACTION:** Director Rivers moved to adopt Resolution 2021-01, nominate and elect the following Standing Board Committee Members and Ad Hoc Members as follows: Capital

Facilities-Directors Rivers/Stanfield, Finance- Directors Goulding/Neal, Personnel- Bernardi/Stanfield, District Representative- President/Vice President, Grievance- Directors Bernardi/Goulding, Prop 172/Army Ammo- Directors Neal/Rivers, Censure- Directors Rivers/Stanfield, seconded by Director Neal. Motion passed 5/0.

**AYES:** Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Neal, Rivers, Stanfield

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

3. Review and Adopt Resolution 21-02, updating the Stanislaus County Signature Authorization list and WestAmerica Bank Signature Authorization list.

**ACTION:** Director Goulding moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2021-02 to update the Stanislaus County Signature Authorization list and WestAmerica Bank Signature Authorization list, seconded by Director Neal. Motion passed 5/0.

**AYES:** Directors; Bernardi, Goulding, Neal, Rivers, Stanfield

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. Correspondence –**

- a. Holiday Photos

### **2. Written Staff Reports – Information and Discussion Items**

- a. Fire Chief – BC Bray reported District reaction times has decreased and met the industry standard.
- b. Training
- c. Local 3399 – L3399 President Ehrenberg welcomed Director Neal and reported safety personnel are excited for the new hires to come on board as this an exciting time for the District.

### **3. Verbal Committee Reports - Information Only**

- a. Capital Facilities
- b. Finance
- c. Personnel
- d. Ad Hoc Prop 172/Army Ammo
- e. Ad Hoc Censure

### **4. Director Comments –**

- Director Goulding welcomed Director Neal and the new hires and is anticipating the Reopening of Station 23. He also expressed his appreciation for all the hard work with the chief officers.
- Director Stanfield also welcomed Director Neal and thanked all the personnel for all the hard work. He is excited for a good year.
- Director Neal thanked Riverbank City Council for appointing him to this position. Mr. Neal has been involved with the city and community for many years and is eager to represent this District to continue to move this District into a financially secure position. He also wanted the community to know Riverbank Assembly of God Church provides food boxes to anyone on Tuesdays, 9:30am – 1100am at 3126 Stanislaus Street, Riverbank.
- Director Rivers also shares the same welcome to Director Neal, the new hires and his appreciation to Chief Whorton and Betty, Board Clerk, who seldom get recognized for their hard work and efforts. It has been a year of changes and pandemic but we are all here to work together for a better year.
- Director Bernardi also welcomed Mr. Neal and the new hires. A special thank you to Chief Whorton and Betty, who participated and organized Christmas donations from Board members, private donors and Brighter Christmas Organization along with Donations of toys from Amazon.

**CLOSED SESSION – 6:30 PM**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)). Foster Farms, LLC Foster Dairy Number Two, LP; Frantz Properties Family Limited Partnership, et al. v. County of Stanislaus; Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District, Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. CV-20-002107.
2. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6) Agency designated representative; Directors: Goulding & Rivers, Unrepresented employee: Fire Chief

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 8:05 PM**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT – No reportable action**

**ADJOURNMENT – 8:06 PM**

ADOPTED: February 11, 2021

By:   
Betty Hannah, Board Clerk

APPROVED:   
Steven Stanfield, Board Director