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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 10, 2019 at 6 PM

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<b>Susan Zanker</b> Board President At Large	<b>Dave Woods</b> Board Vice President Empire	<b>Steve Green</b> Director Waterford	<b>Michelle Guzman</b> Director Riverbank	<b>Greg Bernardi</b> Director At Large
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**CALL TO ORDER** 6 PM by President Zanker

**ROLL CALL** Present: Directors: Susan Zanker, Dave Woods, Greg Bernardi, Steve Green, Michelle Guzman  
Staff: District Counsel Representative Health Lee, Acting Chief Michael Wapnowski, Board Clerk Carissa Higginbotham

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**ACTION:** Director Guzman moved to approve the agenda, Director Bernardi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5/0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – *The following individuals addressed the Board: Mr. Travis Somner, Waterford Resident; Mr. Michael Frantz, Hickman Resident; L3399 President Derek Nichols.*

#### 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. Acceptance of Warrants – November, 2018
2. Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2018 Special Meeting and December 13, 2018 Regular Meeting.

#### Consideration of Removed Consent Item(s)

**ACTION:** Director Guzman moved to approve Consent Item 1 and 2, Director Bernardi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5/0.

## Action Items

1. Review and consider acceptance of Independent Accountant's Report and authorize payment to Richardson & Co.

**ACTION:** Director Guzman moved to accept the Independent Account's Report but directed staff to communicate the cost difference to OFPD for potential additional payment of \$533. Vice President Woods seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5/0.

2. Election of 2019 Officers: President, Vice President and Clerk of the Board.

**ACTION:** Vice President Woods made a motion to retain Zanker as President, seconded by Director Guzman. Director Guzman made a motion for Woods as Vice President, seconded by Bernardi. President Zanker made a motion for Betty Hannah as Clerk of the Board, seconded by Director Green. All Motions passed unanimously 5/0.

3. Nomination and selection of 2019 Committee Members and District Representative(s).

**ACTION:** Director Guzman made a motion to maintain the same committee leadership that we currently have now but to remove district counsel from all committees, seconded by Bernardi. Motion passed unanimously 5/0.

4. Consider approval of contract for professional services with Dr. Roland, PhD, ABPP for psychological and critical incident debriefing services.

*The following individuals addressed the Board: Mr. Somner, Mr. Nydahl and L3399 President Derek Nichols.*

**ACTION:** Director Guzman made a motion to approve the contract with the revisions of: change of Fire Chief's name, correction of President's name and when term date of 6/30/2019, the contract will be brought back to board for annual renewal consideration. Motion passed unanimously 5/0.

5. Review and consider approval of draft response to the FY 16/17 Annual Audit Management Letter and authorize payment for services.

*The following individuals addressed the Board: Mr. Behrens & Mr. Victorine.*

**ACTION:** Director Guzman moved to continue Action Item 5 at February board meeting, seconded by Vice President Woods. President Zanker directed staff to review, agree and specifically address each item for further clarification and details. This service has been paid. Motion passed unanimously 5/0.

6. Consider approval of employment agreement appointing a new Fire Chief.

*President Zanker requested a 30-minute recess to allow the public adequate time to review the Fire Chief Contract handout. (Recess followed 7:16-7:46 PM) President Zanker explained the complete lengthy hiring process and opened for public*

*comments. The following individuals addressed the Board: Mr. Whitemyer and Mr. Nydahl.*

**ACTION:** Vice President Woods made a motion to appoint Fire Chief Michael W. Whorton, seconded by Director Green. Motion passed unanimously 5/0.

**PRESENTATION - Overview of Joint Powers Authority Law (District Counsel)**

*The following individuals addressed the Board: L3399 President Derek Nichols, Mr. Victorine and, Mr. Wiggins.*

**DISCUSSION**

1. Oakdale Fire Protection District contract negotiations.  
*Mr. Victorine addressed the Board.*
2. City of Oakdale contract negotiations.  
*Mr. Whitemyer addressed the Board.*
3. Continued discussion of program potentially imposing charges regarding emergency and non-emergency services.  
*These individuals addressed the Board: Mr. Nydahl and Mr. Sumner.*
4. FY 2018-2019 Budget Study Session.  
*President Zanker directed staff to continue this discussion in March, 2019 with an expanded budget discussion.*

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **Correspondence**
  - a. Thank you card from Sutter Lakeside Hospital during the Mendocino Complex Fire.
  - b. "Psalms in my heart" from Ottawa University High School Camp for the Camp Fire firefighters.
  - c. Thank you cards from Mrs. Piper's Kinder class at California Avenue Elementary School for public education event (Captain Tucker, Engineer Ehrenberg and Firefighter/Paramedic Goepfert).
  - d. Thank you cards from Mrs. Powell's 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders at California Avenue Elementary School (Captain Gardner, Engineer Eckle and Firefighter/Paramedic Haas).
  - e. Thank you card from Ms. Medlin to Captain Johnson for school presentation.
2. **Written Staff Reports – Information and Discussion Items**
  - a. Acting Chief/Operations
  - b. Training
  - c. Prevention
3. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Personnel (Zanker/Guzman) – to be scheduled soon
  - b. Finance (Green/Guzman) – to be scheduled soon

- c. Capital Improvement/Facilities (Woods/Green)
  - d. Fire Advisory (Bernardi/Guzman)
  - e. Ad Hoc OFPD Contract Negotiations (Guzman/Woods)
  - f. Ad Hoc City of Oakdale Contract Negotiations (Zanker/Bernardi)
4. **Director Comments** – At this time, any Board Members may make announcements, report briefly on their activities or request an item placed on a future agenda.

*President Zanker Vice President Woods, Directors Guzman, Bernardi and Green congratulated Fire Chief Whorton and looks forward to strengthening and working with District staff.*

**ACTION:** Director Guzman moved to close open session at 9:20 PM, Director Bernardi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5/0.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representatives: Patrick Clark & Andy Heath, Consultants  
Employee Organization: SCFPD Firefighters Local 3399
2. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representative: Patrick Clark & Andy Heath, Consultants  
Employee Organization: SCFPD Battalion Chiefs
3. Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957)  
Title: Fire Chief
4. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representatives: President Susan Zanker and Director Dave Woods  
Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief

#### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT (9:50 PM) – NO REPORTABLE ACTION.**

The Board revisited public comment briefly to direct District Counsel to draft a letter with President Zanker to respond to the question posted during public comment by Bill Ross.

**ADJOURNMENT (9:20 PM)** – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the SCFPD Board of Directors is Thursday, February 14, 2019, at 6 PM in the Station 26 Meeting Room, located at 3318 Topeka Street Riverbank, CA.

BY:   
Betty Hannah, Clerk of the Board

ADOPTED: February 7, 2019

APPROVED:   
SUSAN ZANKER, President of the Board