



# NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

January 27, 2020 AT 4:00 PM

2021

This meeting was held via teleconference, pursuant to the Governor of California's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020.

### 1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by President Paul Bernier at 4:08 PM
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Directors Rob Stewart, Fred Peterson, Scott Newman, Tatsuo Okaya and Paul Bernier were participating. Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville and Administrative Manager Anneke Turbeville were also participating.
- d. Approval of the Agenda: **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Peterson) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

### 2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

### 3. STRATEGIC PLANNING: The strategic planning session began with a discussion of the budget. Multiple sources of revenue were covered:

**Special Tax:** Last year the District experienced a setback with the failure of Measure K. Peterson suggested the District begin planning for the next attempt now. Newman wants to hold off until after the election for the county's tax measure, which is expected in November, and after we learn if we will be receiving any funds from Proposition 19. His recommendation was that the District plan for a tax measure in 2022.

**Proposition 19:** This will be discussed at the SCFDA meeting tomorrow. Director Stewart offered to be part of the team to research Prop 19. The District wants to know how to get its share of Prop 19 funds.

**County Firefighter Staffing:** Director Newman is waiting for a response from Gore after sending him an email about continuing the funds, which were \$275,000 for the past two years.

**Fuel Management:** Chief Turbeville said the crew has multiple projects lined up at this time but advertising could be necessary to secure work and/or funding in the future.

**Grants:** Chief Turbeville explained that we must establish needs then pursue grants to cover those needs.

**Casino Mitigation Funds:** These funds are not a known amount and may dry up.

**Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association:** The Board agreed that GVFA donations should not be used to fund positions; instead, funds should go toward capital improvements.

**Tax Exchange Agreements:** Future annexations will result in tax exchange agreements. The outcome of these agreements is unknown, since other fire departments around the county depend on these funds.



Kincade Claim: A lawyer, Greg Skikos, is putting together a claim for us to recover expenses associated with the Kincade Fire.

The Board agreed that District reorganization is an important topic of discussion which should be revisited in a separate planning meeting.

**A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to recess the meeting until the 7 pm public hearing. All ayes.**

4. **SPECIAL TAX PUBLIC HEARING:** Walter Kieser delivered a presentation on “Consideration of Special Tax Zone and Parcel Tax Resolution and Ordinance Special Tax Zone #1”. He gave a brief background of the special tax, including participants, special tax summary, and strategic considerations. He went over the boundaries and the timeline, followed by recommended actions tonight. Legal counsel Bill Ross reported that the timeline requirements have been met.

Paul Bernier opened the hearing to public comments. Larry Heiges thanked the District board for its cooperation with the proposal, as well as Chief Marshall Turbeville, NE Cope, and the Vineyard Valley View Association. Wes Brubacher wondered if the wording of the resolution and ordinance can change between the first and second public hearing; Bill Ross confirmed that the wording is able to change. Resident Bob Scavullo asked who can vote in the election; Bill Ross stated that registered voters within the proposed boundary can vote. Every year the District will send a list of parcels to the tax collector for the tax bill. The fuel management projects will be prioritized in a way that benefits the community.

**A motion was made and seconded (Newman/Okaya) to adopt Resolution 20/21-0127-01. A roll call vote was taken (Okaya-aye, Newman- aye, Bernier-aye, Stewart- aye, and Peterson-aye). Motion passed.**

**A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Okaya) to adopt Ordinance 20/21-0127-02. A roll call vote was taken (Okaya-aye, Newman- aye, Bernier-aye, Stewart- aye, and Peterson-aye). Motion passed.**

5. **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** There was no good of the order.

6. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** Discussion and schedule of the next regular meeting to be held on February 18, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. **A motion was made and seconded (Stewart/Newman) to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM. All ayes.**

Minutes approved as <sup>amended</sup> written- Motion/Second:

Okaya/Stewart

Clerk of the Board: Juneau Turbeville

Date: 2/18/2021

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