



# NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

Pursuant to the Governor of California's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, and to maximize public safety, this meeting will occur via Zoom.

Video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89269117428?pwd=eDdhNGhWQlZ2djJUWWRPemF3dzFGZz09>

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### 1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by President Rob Stewart
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Rob Stewart [ ] Fred Peterson [ ] Tatsuo Okaya [ ] Paul Bernier [ ] Scott Newman [ ]
- d. Approval of the Agenda

### 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Election for board officer positions. *Current* positions are as follows:

- a. President- Rob Stewart
- b. Vice President- Paul Bernier
- c. Treasurer- Tatsuo Okaya
- d. Secretary- Fred Peterson

### 3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: The public is welcomed and encouraged to address the Board at this time on matters not on the Agenda. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the Board is not permitted to take action on any matter not on the Agenda unless it determines that an emergency exists or the need to take action arose after the posting of the Agenda. This period will be limited to thirty minutes and individual speakers will be limited to five minutes.

### 4. MINUTES: Review and approval of the minutes from the December 12, 2020 Special Meeting and the December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting.

### 5. FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of current financial reports.

### 6. CONSENT CALENDAR: Review and approval of December warrants to be paid.

### 7. CHIEF'S REPORT: Review and questions regarding the Chief's monthly report and any verbal updates on the status of the District and matters pertaining to the operation of the Department.

### 8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Report from the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District Board President

### 9. GEYSERVILLE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION REPORT: Report from the GFEA Liaison

### 10. GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT: Report from the GVFA Liaison

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:** This time is set aside to read any letters or related correspondence to the Fire Department.

**12. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Consolidation and Annexation: Discussion and exploration of possible future annexations and consolidations with neighboring fire departments and corresponding tax agreements.
- b. Alexander Valley Fire Station: Discussion and updates on the pursuit of money from MAC for the maintenance of the Alexander Valley Fire Station.
- c. Fuel Reduction Fee Schedule: Review the proposed fee schedule, which includes fuels crew rates.
- d. Social Media Policy: Review of updates to the draft social media policy.
- e. Knights Valley Update: Director Newman will provide an update to the District on Knights Valley.
- f. Strategic Planning: Presentation of notes on future goals and planning issues of the fire district. Strategic planning meeting will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> (time TBD).
- g. Chalk Hill Property Update: Latest findings of the triangle property.

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. JPA Side Letter: Approval of change to agreement between Northern Sonoma Fire and Cloverdale Fire requiring 5% of base (instead of total) payroll costs as part of fee for service.
- b. Solar Panels: The solar panel system (original system) installed as part of the 2003 Geyserville Fire Station construction has failed. The solar panels and system that were added later remain operational. This is a request to authorize the expenditure of up to \$10,000 to repair the original solar system at the Geyserville Fire Station.
- c. Wildland Firefighting Positions SOP: Presentation and discussion of the Wildland Firefighting Positions SOP.
- d. Fuels Manual: Request for expenditures associated with legal review of Wildland Fuels Mitigation Employment Manual. Review is expected to take 10-15 hours at \$240 to \$380 per hour.

**14. GOOD OF THE ORDER:** This time is set aside for comments from the Board members and the public regarding general interest such as special events, parties, announcements, fundraisers, etc.

**15. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** Discussion and schedule of the next regular meeting to be held on February 18, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

The District does not transcribe its proceedings. Anyone who desires a verbatim record of this meeting should arrange for attendance by a court reporter or for other acceptable means of recordation. The public is allowed to use any form of audio or video recording, absent a reasonable finding by the Board that this action will disrupt proceedings. Such arrangements will be at the sole expense of the individual requesting the recordation. Questions about this agenda – call the Fire District's Office at 707/857-4373.