



NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

May 18, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

Geyserville Fire Station - 20975 Geyserville Avenue, Geyserville, CA 95541

Telephone: 669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 833 0282 8301

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83302828301?pwd=MXFRreHJJYml1WmNjVnVpeUNGWCtrRz09>

1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by President Fred Peterson
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Rob Stewart [] Fred Peterson [] Larry Heiges [] Scott Newman [] Pat Abercrombie []
- d. Approval of the Agenda

2. 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.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. District-Wide Service Zone: Vegetation management zone update.
- b. Update on City and Planning Unit Outreach Efforts: Board members and Chief will report on any meetings or contacts during the past month and plans for upcoming meetings.
- c. Discussion of Fire Sales Tax Measure: The Board will discuss the potential fire sales tax measure, including where it currently sits, and begin formulating questions about the proposed tax.
- d. Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee Updates: Discussion and presentation of framework.
- e. Fire Station Updates: Discuss any updates on potential and existing sites and facilities.
- f. Consideration of Approval to Hire Bookkeeper: The Board will consider approval to hire a bookkeeper or accountant for financial assistance with grants and other financial matters.
- g. Discussion and Approval of Draft Policies:
 - i. Policy 211: Procurement Policy
 - ii. Policy 801: Release of Records
 - iii. Policy 1041: Member Speech, Expression and Social Networking

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Introduction and approval of Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report 2021/2022
- b. Introduction and discussion of New Policies:
 - i. Policy 100: Fire Service Authority
 - ii. Policy 101: Oath of Office
 - iii. Policy 102: Policy Manual
 - iv. Policy 203: California Fair Political Practices Commission Filings

5. **MINUTES:** Review and approval of the minutes from the May 10, 2023 Special Meeting and the April 20, 2023 Regular Meeting.
6. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Review of current financial reports.
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - a. Warrants: Review and approval of April/May warrants to be paid.
8. **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.
9. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Report from the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District Board President
10. **GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT:** Report from the GVFA Liaison
11. **NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE JPA COMMITTEE REPORT:** Report from the Northern Sonoma County Fire JPA Committee
12. **CORRESPONDENCE:** This time is set aside to read any letters or related correspondence to the Fire Department.
13. **FUTURE/POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS:** This time is set aside to bring up overview of future/potential agenda items to consider and put on collective radar.
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. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:** Employee performance evaluation & review, Fire Chief, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.
16. **RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING:** Announce any decisions made in the closed session.
17. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** Discussion and schedule of the next regular meeting to be held on June 15, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

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