

1 **March 26, 2019**

2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**
3 **THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

4 President Luevano called the meeting to order at 4:00.

5 **THE INVOCATION GIVEN BY Deputy Chief Marovich.**

6 **ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

7 **ROLL CALL:**

8 **Present:** Directors Harris, Hoffman, Luevano, Munson and Van Doorn (at 4:05 p.m.).

9 **Absent:** None.

10 **Staff Present:** Fire Chief/CEO Abbott, Attorney James and Board Secretary Stephen-
11 Porter. In the audience were: DFC Marovich, D/C Mahr, B/Cs Krumwiede, McReynolds,
12 Schoenheit and Wilson, FM Koch and members of the public and Association.

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14 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

15 1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Luevano addressed the audience and inquired whether
16 there were any public comments regarding items not on the Agenda. There being no
17 comments, the Public Comment Section was closed.

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19 **ACTION AGENDA**

20 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

- 21 3. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2019**
- 22 4. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2019**
- 23 5. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES** – None
- 24 6. **REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-04 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**
25 **NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MAKING ANNUAL REQUIRED FINDINGS OF THE**
26 **SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE MITIGATION FEE PARTICIPATION ORDINANCE FY 2019/2020**

27 President Luevano inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 2-6 . There
28 being no discussion, President Luevano asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
29 On a motion by Vice President Harris, seconded by Director Munson, the motion to approve

30 the Consent Agenda as presented passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Directors Harris,
31 Hoffman, Luevano and Munson; **Absent:** Van Doorn.

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33 **ACTION ITEMS:**

34 7. **REVIEW AND CAST BALLOT FOR SAN DIEGO LAFCO 2019 SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION — CHIEF**
35 **ABBOTT:** Chief Abbott presented the LAFCO Special District Information to the Board. There
36 is one (1) seat open on the LAFCO Regular Special District Member and one (1) seat open
37 LAFCO's Alternate Special District Member, both which expire in May 2023. The Board
38 discussed accepting the LAFCO Nominating Committee's recommendation, choosing Steve
39 Casneta for the Alternate. On a motion by Vice President Harris, seconded by Director
40 Hoffman, the motion to authorize the President to vote for Edmund Sprague and Steve
41 Casneta passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Directors Harris, Hoffman, Luevano and
42 Munson; **Absent:** Van Doorn.

43 8. **REVIEW AND APPROVE SECOND CONTRACT FOR MICROWAVE RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES**
44 **— DEPUTY CHIEF MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT:** Director Van Doorn arrived at 4:05 p.m.
45 Deputy Chief Marovich presented the last contract request for the System, noting it will be
46 the same sole source as the original contract due to the intricacy of the system and Sun
47 Wireless being the original installer familiar with the system. On a motion by Director
48 Munson, seconded by Director Van Doorn, the motion to approve the contract for the
49 Microwave radio system upgrade with Sun Wireless as the sole source passed unanimously.

50 9. **PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN MARCH 26, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M. — HEARING ON**
51 **PROPOSED ELECTION DISTRICT MAPS — CHIEF ABBOTT:** President Luevano open the public
52 hearing to review and discuss the proposed election district maps. He encouraged a free
53 exchange of ideas with the public members in the audience. Chief Abbott presented the
54 three electoral district maps and census materials to the Board and public, discussing how
55 they were developed, the general principles of re-districting, the interests and the California
56 Voting Rights Act. The map and statistic compiler, FF/PM Dustin Glasgow was present to
57 answer questions. At the conclusion of Chief Abbott's presentation, he inquired if there were
58 changes or additions to the maps, methodology of development, election sequencing or

59 electoral district boundaries. After lengthy discussion and receiving input from the Board
60 and public, there was a consensus to accept the maps as presented, without change and to
61 have the three maps be the final maps for consideration. Public Member Letitia Maldonado
62 Stamos offered that her community would endorse Map Three. The maps and census
63 information will be available for the next public hearing on April 16, 2019, when the final
64 selection will be considered if no other changes are requested.

65 10. **REVIEW AND CONSIDER FACILITY REPLACEMENT FUNDING – REVENUE MEASURE**

66 **FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS – CHIEF ABBOTT:** Chief Abbott updated the Board on Strategy
67 Research Institute summary of the public opinion poll findings, which demonstrated that
68 among the various options a limited revenue measure received the greatest degree of public
69 support. Chief Abbott discussed the benefits of pending ACA-1 legislation and the length of
70 time until approval. He informed the Board of discussions with the Registrar of Voter’s office;
71 our present consultant should have the requisite experience and capabilities to conduct a
72 third-party mail ballot-only Special Election, which would be the preferred method of election.
73 On a motion by Vice President Harris, seconded by Director Hoffman, the motion to
74 authorize Staff to move forward with a mail ballot using the current consultant to construct
75 ballot language and to utilize SRI to continue public outreach passed unanimously. The
76 Board thanked Staff for the hard work on this issue.

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78 **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

79 11. There are no additional Discussion Agenda Items for the March 26, 2019, Board
80 Meeting.

81 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

82 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel James presented his report “Public Agencies
83 Do Not Have to Create Records for PRA Requesters.” Brief discussion ensued regarding
84 the increasing number of requests and how this determination affects the District. This is
85 informational only, no action required.

86 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Brief discussion ensued regarding the items, with
87 a special thanks to everyone who participating in the Boot Drive in the rain. Informational

88 only, no action required.

89 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM.**

90 ● **NEWS ARTICLES:** Brief discussion ensued regarding articles. This is informational
91 only, no action required.

92 ● **COMMENTS:**

93 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**

94 ● **STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO:** Chief Abbott updated the Board on CalFIRE's
95 weed abatement goals in and around the District. He also addressed staffing issues in the
96 Fire Prevention department. Options for conducting inspections for weed abatement were
97 discussed including software, grants, drones and volunteers. Informational only, no further
98 action required. Chief Abbott informed the Board North Comm leased additional space from
99 Rancho Santa Fe and noted RSF may move out, which would provide them with additional
100 space. Chief Abbott informed the Board that Chiefs Marovich and Mahr continue talks with
101 Fallbrook Regional Healthcare District. The new Air Compressor, funded by the Regional
102 Neighborhood Grant Program, is in place. Chief Abbott opined he is optimistic about ACA-
103 1 and that they added Districts to the legislation. In addition, he sent a letter of opposition
104 to AB 1486.

105 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: DEPUTY CHIEF MAROVICH:** Deputy Chief Marovich
106 reminded the Board the Preliminary Budget would be coming in May. **CHIEF McREYNOLDS:**
107 Chief McReynolds updated the Board on examinations, including Engineers exams, which
108 had six candidates from six agencies. He opined the collaboration with other agencies in
109 the North Zone is a good investment.

110 ● **BOARD:** No comments.

111 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS:** A/P Mann noted the E-Board of the Association had approved
112 moving forward with supporting the District in the next steps of the election. They will be
113 presenting it to their membership with unanimous E-Board backing.

114 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No further comments.

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CLOSED SESSION

CS-1. There are Closed Session Items for the March 26, 2019, Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 6:40 p.m. by Vice President Harris and seconded by Director Hoffman to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on April 16, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Loren A. Stephen-Porter

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Board Secretary

Minutes approved at the Board of Director’s Meeting on: May 28, 2019

