October 24, 2017

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

President Munson called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

THE INVOCATION GIVEN BY Chief Abbott.

ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ROLL CALL:
Present: Directors Harris, Hoffman, Munson and Thuner.
Absent: Director Luevano.

Staff Present: Fire Chief/CEO Abbott, Attorney James and Board Secretary Stephen-Porter. In the audience were: D/C Mahr, B/Cs Krumwiede and McReynolds and members of the public and Association.

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: President Munson addressed the audience and inquired whether there were any public comments regarding items not on the Agenda. Chief Abbott introduced the new CEO for San Diego LAFCO, Keene Simonds, who introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief overview of upcoming events for the 2018 year. He invited the Board’s participation and noted they would be seeing him as they worked together in the future. There being no further comments, the Public Comment Section was closed.

2. EMPLOYEE BADGE PINNING — CHIEF ABBOTT: Chief Abbott introduced the newly appointed Battalion Chief Barry Krumwiede. Chief Krumwiede’s history with the District was reviewed and he introduced his family to the Board. Chief Abbott lauded both him and Chief Mahr for their work with the Foundation for Senior Care for their Aging in Place and Fall Prevention Programs. At the conclusion, Chief Krumwiede was pinned by his wife, Jen and congratulated by the Board.

3. SELECT AWARDS FOR BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM — B/S STEPHEN-PORTER AND CHIEF ABBOTT: Chief Abbott presented the following individuals and crews to the Board for consideration: [1] UNDATED THANK YOU CARD: E111: Captain Berry, Engineer Bracci,

ACTION AGENDA

Consent Items:

4. Review and Accept Regular Board Meeting for September 2017

5. Review and Accept Financial Report for September 2017

6. Review and Accept Policies & Procedures

7. Review and Accept 1st Quarter Emergency Service Overtime Tracking Report

8. Review and Accept 3rd Quarter Customer Satisfaction Survey Program Results

President Munson inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 4-8. Brief discussion ensued regarding a notation on the Customer Satisfaction Survey. There being no further discussion, President Munson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Vice President Thuner, seconded by Director Harris, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented, passed unanimously.

Action Items:

9. Approve Meeting Schedule and Place for North County Fire Protection District Board Meetings for the Year 2018 — Chief Abbott and B/S Stephen-Porter: B/S Stephen-Porter presented the plan for the 2018 Board meetings, noting that FPUD continues to be an appropriate venue for NCFPD Board meetings. After brief discussion,
on a motion Vice President Thuner, seconded by Director Hoffman, the Schedule for 2018 was unanimously approved as presented.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

10. There were no Discussion Items for the October 24, 2017 Board Meeting.

STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel James presented his letter “When is an Employee Not Acting as an Employee: The Coming and Going Rule? – Part 1.” Brief discussion ensued regarding District responsibilities and driving of District vehicles or running District errands. This is informational only, no action required.

- **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Brief discussion ensued regarding the items with it being noted there had been no claims to SDRMA for the FY 16/17. Informational only, no action required.

- **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:** See Item No. 3.

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

- **COMMENTS:**

- **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**

  - **STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO:** Chief Abbott updated the Board on happenings in the District. He noted the discussion with the Rainbow Board continues to go well and they are considering the need for a financial policy. They have determined that they do not need to continue to have a separate Fire Chief since the transition is proceeding smoothly, although certain issues regarding on-boarding and equipment still need work. The District continues to work on the facilities at Station 6. The Board questioned whether the Advisory Board will continue, which it will for now. Station 3 area response call time has improved by a ten seconds with calls up 14. Chief Abbott informed the Board of the Ad Hoc Committee’s activities for the Revenue Measure and discussed the scientific methods to be employed. A copy of the survey will be sent to Directors. Chief Abbott noted this year’s fire season has been one of the deadliest. Chief Abbott discussed changes in the law that
impact JPAs and their liabilities. Chief Abbott also noted this is the tenth anniversary of the Rice Fire. He discussed changes in the County that facilitate better readiness for wildfires, including mutual aid and boundary drops. Finally, Chief Abbott invited Directors to an “All Hands” meeting on November 7th at FPUD. A reminder will be sent by the Board Secretary. Informational only, no further action required.

- **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: CHIEF MAHR:** Chief Mahr informed the Board that all the Staff had returned from the fires, except one; he thanked them for their hard work. He noted that the expectation for Strike Team participation in the San Diego North Zone is proactive Mutual Aid response and the District meets quarterly with OES and others to ensure smooth coordination.

- **BOARD: DIRECTOR HARRIS:** Director Harris noted that the Explorer Post turned out for a Bonsall Chamber function in September and without supervision, function extremely well and performing exceptionally. **DIRECTOR HOFFMAN:** Director Hoffman felt there should be some recognition for Captain Choi’s leadership for the Explorer Post. He also noted that as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee, he was pleased with the quality and nature of information received. **PRESIDENT MUNSON:** Director Munson informed the Board staff had transported him to Temecula Valley Hospital, where his stay was excellent and the overall experience was very good. **VICE PRESIDENT THUNER:** Vice President Thuner informed the Board it was World Standards week.

- **BARGAINING GROUPS:** No comments.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** A member of the public, Katie De La Rosa introduced herself, stating she was present to see what the Board does at its meetings.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- **OPENING CLOSED SESSION:**
  At 6:45 p.m., President Munson inquired whether there was an objection to go into Closed Session. There being none, President Munson read the items to be discussed in Closed Session and the Open Session was closed. A short break ensued after the reading of the Closed Session Items. At 6:50 p.m., and the Board entered Closed Session to hear:
CS-1. **ANNOUNCEMENT — PRESIDENT MUNSON:**

An announcement regarding the items to be discussed in Closed Session will be made prior to the commencement of Closed Session.

CS-2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR — GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 - NON-SAFETY GROUP NEGOTIATIONS — CHIEF ABBOTT:**

FFA NON-SAFETY GROUP NEGOTIATORS

DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:

CHIEF ABBOTT

DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

CS-3. **EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE — GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957:**

CHIEF ABBOTT

DISTRICT NEGOTIATOR:

DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

CS-4. **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION — PRESIDENT MUNSON:**

- **REOPENING OPEN SESSION:**

On a motion by, which was seconded by Director Harris and which passed unanimously, the Board returned Open Session at 7:12 p.m., the following items were reported out to the public:

CS-2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR — GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6 - Non-Safety Group Negotiations — Chief Abbott:**

FFA NON-SAFETY GROUP NEGOTIATORS

DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS:

CHIEF ABBOTT

DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

CS-2. On a motion by Vice President Thuner, seconded by Director Hoffman, the Board approved the Non-Safety Side Letter as presented. The motion passed with the following vote: **Ayes:** Directors Hoffman, Munson and Thuner; **Abstain:** Director Harris; **Absent:** Director Luevano.

CS-3. **EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE — GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957:**

CHIEF ABBOTT

DISTRICT NEGOTIATOR:

DISTRICT COUNSEL JAMES

No reportable action.
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:16 p.m. by Vice President Thuner and seconded by Director Hoffman, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on December 12, 2017, at 17:00. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Loren Stephen-Porter
Board Secretary

Minutes approved at the Board of Director’s Meeting on: December 12, 2017