



# South Coast Fire Protection District

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Minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 15, 2022  
Location: 39215 Church Street, Gualala, California

## 1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Flavia de Oliveira at 4:33pm.

## 2. Roll Call:

Present: Directors Chuckie Sorensen, Kevin Callanan, Rick O'Neil, and Flavia de Oliveira. Absent: Chair, Pete Slunaker.

## 3. Public Expression: 3 – minute limit person, 10 - minute total subject.

Kevin Evans announced that the Gualala Lions Club wants to re-start the Truck Light Parade. It is scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup>. Jason said a few community members have been showing interest in starting the parade up again.

Kevin also was representing GMAC (Gualala Municipal Advisory Committee). He distributed a report of home sales in the Gualala, The Sea Ranch and Anchor Bay region to illustrate the taxes we are paying the county that he feels we should be benefiting from. He also distributed a survey that GMAC developed to determine the interest of community members in the future development of the coastal communities.

## 4. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

**Kevin Callanan motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting on August 18, 2022 .**  
**Chuckie Sorensen seconded the motion. Ayes: Kevin Callanan, Chuckie Sorensen, Rick O'Neil, Flavia de Oliveira. Nays: none. The motion passed: 4 Ayes, and 0 Nays.**

## 5. Financial Report:

Referring to the financial report that was distributed at the beginning of the meeting, Jason said that we have \$292,000 in our primary account. In our secondary reserve account, we have \$240,000. We moved \$25,000 from the sub-account into the reserve account. Payroll was high last month due to strike team activity and will be high again this month. Some checks have been trickling in for some of the earlier fires that our firefighters attended.

## 6. Old Business: Discussion / Action on Updates

- a) **Grant Update**—The PG&E grant is complete. We received the \$45,000 reimbursement from that grant. Jason is continuing to seek grant funding for equipment and station repairs.
- b) **Surplus Equipment**—Jason said that he has not heard back from the department in Oklahoma that was interested in purchasing 7572. Initially we had a flurry of inquiries when the engine was first listed, but now they have dwindled off. After some discussion it was agreed upon to lower the price to \$24,000, and reword the listing to catch people's interest again.. The sealed bid that we advertised in the ICO for the jet skis got no response. We may advertise them for a set price of \$2,000 obo on a site with more distribution like Craig's List or Facebook.

## 7. New Business: Discussion / Action

- a) Measure P—is on the ballot for the upcoming election. By reallocating the half a percent sales tax to fire services, our district could stand to benefit by about \$130,000 per year from that tax.
- b) Resolution 22 – 02 (Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant 2023)  
**Rick O’Neil motioned to accept the Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant agreement, Resolution 22 – 02. Kevin seconded the motion. Ayes: Rick O’Neil, Kevin Callanan, Chuckie Sorensen, and Flavia de Oliveira. Nays: none. The motion passed, 4 Ayes, and 0 Nays.**

## 8. Chief’s Report:

- a) Our volunteers participated in a Mendocino County Task Force preposition assignment. We sent the dozer and a water tender. Both participated on the Walker fire outside of Willits. We received excellent reviews on our dozer program from Cal Fire and other departments. We also sent out an engine on a strike team to the Mosquito fire.
- b) We are partnering with North Sonoma Coast Fire (NSCF) to become a training center for the driver’s licenses that are required to drive the fire apparatus. We will be able to offer the driving tests as an employer testing facility for a commercial class A or B license for the participants if needed. One of the NSCF personnel with previous experience in this field is leading the project.
- c) The engineer position that we filled last May has been very helpful in catching up with the hose testing and other maintenance that we needed around the station. She has also helped expedite the strike teams in getting out a lot faster.
- d) Jason said he attended a Fire Chief’s meeting up in Elk. They are making a big push to get representatives from all the fire districts to engage with the Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts. Jason has been representing SCF for a while, but felt it was more appropriate to have a board member represent the district. Jason said that representation has been dwindling, but the Association was pivotal in securing Prop 172 funding, TOT funding, and also getting Measure P on the ballot. Flavia de Oliveira volunteered to replace Jason in that role. **Jason will get the appointment on the next agenda for authorization.**

## 9. Directors Comments:

None.

## 10. Closed Session:

None.

## 11. Open Session after Closed Session:

None.

**12. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm. Next Meeting is on October 20, 2022