



# South Coast Fire Protection District

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

## 1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Pete Slunaker at 4:30pm.

## 2. Roll Call:

Present: Chair, Pete Slunaker; Directors Kevin Callanan, Rick O'Neil, and Chuckie Sorensen  
Late: Director Flavia de Oliveira (Flavia joined the meeting during the Old Business discussion)

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

Jason commented that the posted agenda did not match the printed agenda for the meeting. "LAFCO elections" should appear under item 7, New Business as subheading "d".

## 4. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

**Rick O'Neil motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Kevin Callanan seconded the motion. Yeas: Pete Slunaker, Kevin Callanan, Rick O'Neil, Chuckie Sorensen; Nays: None. The motion passed, 4 Yeas, and 0 Nays.**

## 5. Financial Report:

The financial report was still printing, and postponed.

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

- a) **Surplus Equipment**—There has been no interest in the two jet skis. Jason said that he was going to surplus the equipment.
- b) **Strategic Planning**—Measure P (1/4-cent sales tax for fire services for 10 years) was passed by the voters. They said that we should see the first check by next December and then quarterly for an additional 39 quarters. The estimate for our department is between \$30,000 to \$31,000 per quarter. Jason would like to hire another temporary position beginning next fire season. He doesn't want to call it a permanent position until the funding starts coming in.

## 7. New Business: Discussion / Action

- a) **MHA Mobile Clinic Storage**—Mendocino Health Alliance partnered with Coast Life Support District (CLSD), and Redwood Coast Medical Services (RCMS) to secure a grant for a mobile clinic van to serve the outlying areas of the district. They were awarded the grant. However, RCMS has since then backed out of the grant. MHA and CLSD have forged ahead with the plan and have hired physicians and staffing for the mobile van. It will serve as a primary care service for the more remote areas of the CLSD district, namely Timber Cove, Stewart's Point, Irish Beach, etc. They also have the intent of making house calls. They are seeking housing for the van, or RV, and have approached the fire department. They said they also have some funding for renting space from us. The board and Jason discussed having them install a garage at Iversen

station. Kevin questioned whether the Iversen station would be a secure location. The board gave Jason the authority to negotiate an agreement with them.

- b) **Grants, Community Foundation, New Grants**—The department was awarded a Mendocino County Community Foundation grant for rope rescue equipment upgrades. It's a \$10,000 grant that we will be reimbursed \$7,500. The department is also applying for a USDA grant to purchase ATVs to haul the jet ski trailers. We are currently using privately owned ATVs and this is an opportunity to acquire some at a significantly lower cost. Additionally, our grant writer is also applying for a grant for parking lot/driveway improvements. Of our three AFG federal grants we applied for we were denied on two of them—staffing, and fire prevention. The third grant, an engine, we haven't heard back yet. The current AFG grant year is opening up soon, and Jason would like to partner with CLSD to help get another ambulance which would benefit us indirectly by supplying another ambulance that we could staff up if needed.
- c) **District Website**—Our current insurance company contracts with a company called AAAtraq that analyzes websites for ADA compliance issues. Our website came by as very high risk. Jason has a lead on a person who may be interested in designing a compliant website for us, but he hasn't heard back from him yet.
- d) **LAFCO Elections**—LAFCO would like our district to participate in the election for a candidate for the LAFCO board. There are two candidates that are running for the position. One is from the Ukiah Sanitation District, and the other is from the Anderson Valley Community Services District which also includes the fire services.

**Pete asked for a motion to elect Francoise Christian, from the Anderson Valley CSD, to serve on the LAFCO board. Flavia de Oliveira made that motion, and Rick O'Neil seconded the motion. Yeas: Flavia de Oliveira, Rick O'Neil, Pete Slunaker, Chuckie Sorensen, and Kevin Callanan. Nays: none. The motion passed, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.**

#### **8. Chief's Report:**

- The call volume will probably be a lower than last year, which was the highest call volume our department has ever seen.
- The volunteer staffing and recruitment is still good, though the trend throughout the state is down which is impacting the strike team staffing statewide.
- The Christmas party is this Saturday starting at 5:00pm.
- RCMS gave us a \$5,000 check for renting our station out for COVID-19 booster vaccine clinics.

#### **9. Directors Comments:**

Flavia turned in a statement from Wix for our website to Jason. She asked for reimbursement for the \$24.95 annual fee that she paid for our domain name.

Pete commended Rick for donating his services to repair the stove at the firehouse.

#### **10. Closed Session:**

None.

#### **11. Open Session after Closed Session:**

None.

**12. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm. Next Meeting is on January 19, 2023