

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, SIERRA FOREST FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 14, 2004

PRESENT:

Jim Shaw, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, Chief Deputy Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel
Tim Rochelle, Regional Forester

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

04-18SF AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the December 14, 2004 meeting be approved.

04-19SF MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the minutes of the August 10, 2004 meeting be approved with the following clarification: Item 04-13SF change Commissioner Galloway's statement to read "a burn ban on private property would impact public agencies." It was further ordered that the minutes of the September 14, 2004 meeting be approved.

04-20SF REPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITY

Tim Rochelle, Regional Forester, presented the Report of District Activity, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He highlighted the history of dispatch incidences, which was prepared to determine the sole response figure by Nevada Division of Forestry that is used to calculate the amount of the contract with the City of Reno Fire Department. He reported there had been no accidents or injuries of the career staff, seasonals, and volunteers.

In response to Commissioner Humke, Chief Rochelle responded the number of illegal burns included in the 95 vegetation fires was very small. He stated in the last few weeks County staff had met with residents of Galena to discuss alternatives to open burning. He reminded the Board there was an important NRS statute that helps with inspection and certification of the majority of open burns. He said the small volume of illegal burns are cited or cautioned and the responsible party informed about the law.

04-21SF PROPOSAL - INSPECT AND EVALUATE DISTRICT APPARATUS

Tim Rochelle, Regional Forester, said Craven and Associates was highly recommended by the Reno Fire Department. In response to Commissioner Galloway, he said the inspection and evaluation is done by National Fire Protection Standards, which gives confidence that purchased equipment meets those standards and determines what might need to be procured in the future.

Upon recommendation of Chief Rochelle, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the proposal by Craven and Associates in the amount of \$4,400 from the FY 2005 contingency funds in the current approved budget to inspect and evaluate District apparatus be approved.

COMMISSIONERS'/STAFF COMMENTS

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Katy Singlaub, County Manager said the cost sharing agreement with the City of Reno would be brought back as a future agenda item on both Fire Board agendas because of the contract. She said resolution is needed with the Reno Fire Union Local 731 on some of the issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, spoke about his property in California and his experiment using pine needles as a form of organic weed control in his pistachio groves.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

JAMES M. SHAW, Chairman
Sierra Forest Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County Clerk
and Ex Officio Clerk, Sierra Forest
Fire Protection District

*Minutes Prepared by
Jan Frazzetta, Deputy County Clerk*