

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

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

JULY 12, 2005

PRESENT:

**Bonnie Weber, Chairman**  
**Bob Larkin, Vice Chairman**  
**Jim Galloway, Commissioner**  
**Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner**

**Amy Harvey, County Clerk**  
**Katy Singlaub, County Manager**  
**Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel**  
**Tim Rochelle, Regional Forester**

ABSENT:

**David Humke, Commissioner**

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:

**05-9SF      AGENDA**

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke absent, Chairman Weber ordered that the agenda for the meeting of July 12, 2005 be approved.

**05-10SF      MINUTES**

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke absent, Chairman Weber ordered that the minutes of the April 12 and May 16, 2005 meetings be approved.

**05-11SF      REPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITY**

Tim Rochelle, Regional Forester, reviewed the status of the Consolidation of Fire Services of Sierra Forest Fire Protection District as stated in the agenda memorandum dated July 5, 2005.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the City of Reno staff had a willingness to recommend the cost sharing involved in Alternative No. 7 to the Reno City Council. Chief Rochelle said there had been contract issues with the City of Reno, but now discussions would be held to negotiate a potential contract.

Mary Walker, Walker and Associates, said Alternative No. 7 included the cost sharing for Verdi. She said the formula developed was based on assessed value and call volume information between the two parties.

**05-12SF      REPORT ON DISTRICT ALTERATION OF BOUNDARIES**

Tim Rochelle, Regional Forester, said Districts 35 and 38 had been impacted by Reno annexations of 7,000 acres in Cold Springs and additional land in Verdi. He said he would return to the Board on July 26, 2005 with the resolution to move forward with the recommended boundary adjustments. Chief Rochelle supplied a map, which showed information on City of Reno ordinances and dates, surrounding the District around the Peavine and Verdi area.

Commissioner Larkin requested a copy of the improved map before the July 26, 2005 meeting for review.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke absent, Chairman Weber ordered that the resolution excluding territory from the District be continued to July 26, 2005.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, spoke on key issues of fire prevention including access for residents, animal rescue procedures and policies, and the placement of fire crews.

Juanita Cox, Sparks resident, commented on the Andrew Lane Fire and stated there should have been better coordination between the professionals and the volunteers. She was concerned that cheatgrass was being used to reseed the burned areas since it was not an indigenous plant.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, commented the Bureau of Land Management used native grass seeds and noted there was a seed distribution point on East Lake Boulevard in Washoe Valley.

**COMMISSIONERS'/STAFF'S COMMENTS**

Commissioner Galloway requested, if any member of the public believed something improper was being done, that they either present evidence or cease making the allegations.

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

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**BONNIE WEBER**, Chairman  
Sierra Forest Fire Protection District

**ATTEST:**

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

*Minutes Prepared by  
Stacy Gonzales, Deputy County Clerk*