

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

MONDAY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 15, 2006

**SPECIAL MEETING**

PRESENT:

**Bob Larkin, Chairman**  
**Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman**  
**Jim Galloway, Commissioner**  
**David Humke, Commissioner**

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

ABSENT:

**Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner**

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

**06-10SF      AGENDA**

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the agenda for the special meeting of May 15, 2006 be approved.

**06-11F      PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2006/07  
TENTATIVE AND FINAL BUDGET**

**10:00 a.m.** This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing, published in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on May 5, 2006, to consider the tentative budget for fiscal year 2006/07 as well as possible changes to adoption of the final budget for fiscal year 2006/07.

Chairman Larkin opened the public hearing.

Mary Walker, Walker and Associates, presented the 2006/07 budget and noted it was prepared in accordance with Board direction that the State operated 473 Sierra Forest Fire Protection District would be transferred to a County operated 473 Sierra Fire Protection District as of July 1, 2006. Ms. Walker stated the District is in sound financial condition and reviewed the highlights of the agenda stating two funds, the

general fund and the prefunded retiree health benefits fund, were established with total expenditures of \$7,637,996. Fire emergency reserve funds were also established, and the tax rate will remain the same. She stated the payroll has been budgeted according to a negotiated multi-year agreement with the employees, which agreement will be coming to the Board at a future meeting. Ms. Walker advised the transfer and implementation of the new District is going very well and acknowledged the assistance of Melanie Foster, Assistant District Attorney, in those endeavors.

Ms. Walker then responded to questions from the Board. In response to Commissioner Galloway, she reported that the employees “shopped” for their medical and were able to come up with a less costly plan. Commissioner Humke noted the employee salaries are still ten percent below parity with other regional departments and asked if that was what was promised to the employees. Ms. Walker replied they were told the District would get them as close to parity as it could based on ability to pay, and this is far better than what they would have received under the State system.

There being no one present wishing to speak, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, it was ordered that the tentative and final budgets for fiscal year 2006/07 for the Sierra Fire Protection District be approved, adopted and duly executed by the Board members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no response to the call for public comments.

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

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**ROBERT M. LARKIN**, 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  
Sharon Gotchy, Deputy County Clerk*