

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

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 12, 2006

PRESENT:

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

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel
Joe Reinhardt, Interim Fire Chief

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:

06-62SF AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the agenda for the regular meeting of December 12, 2006 be approved.

06-63SF DONATION/RESOLUTION – SURPLUS TREES – UNITED WAY

Commissioner Galloway asked how it was determined which trees were to be harvested. Interim Fire Chief Joe Reinhardt responded that this took place as part of a fuels management program in the Galena Forest in conjunction with John Copeland, Fire Protection Officer with the Nevada Division of Forestry, and the Sierra Fire Protection District's field management crew.

Commissioner Weber asked about the process of giving trees to families. Chief Reinhardt explained that Cindy Walters of The United Way arranged for several community agencies to accept trees on behalf of families associated with those programs.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the surplus trees be donated to the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra for use as Christmas trees by nonprofit agencies and their clients. It was further ordered that the following resolution be adopted and the Chairman be authorized to execute the same:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF SURPLUS
PUBLIC PROPERTY TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CREATED
FOR RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 provides that a Board of County Commissioners may make a donation of surplus public property to a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes to be used for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County serves *ex officio* as the Board of Directors of Sierra Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that through the management of the Galena Forest by Sierra Fire Protection District, a number of trees must be cut, and that the gift of these trees to a nonprofit organization for use as Christmas trees will provide a substantial benefit to the residents of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County and the Board of Directors of Sierra Fire Protection District that:

1. The Board hereby grants to the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra, a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes, a grant of 50 Christmas trees cut from the Galena Forest by the Sierra Fire Protection District fuels management crew.
2. The purpose of the grant is to provide Christmas trees to client agencies and families in Washoe County who may otherwise not have a tree, while also appropriately managing the Galena Forest.

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 was adjourned.

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Sierra Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by
Lisa McNeill
Deputy County Clerk*