

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SIERRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

MAY 27, 2008

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson
Jim Galloway, Director
David Humke, Director
Kitty Jung, Director

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel
Michael Greene, Fire Chief

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

08-32SF AGENDA ITEM 2

Agenda Subject: "Approval of Agenda for May 27, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting. "

On motion by Director Humke, seconded by Director Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 2 be approved.

08-33SF AGENDA ITEM 3

Agenda Subject: "Discussion and possible action to approve an Interlocal agreement between the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Nevada Division of Forestry and the Sierra Fire Protection District for the fire suppression costs, cooperative fuels management and prevention efforts for the State owned area commonly known as Lake Tahoe State Park and Little Valley located within the District; and if approved, authorize the chairman to execute."

Fire Chief Michael Greene said he thought the agreement was a big step forward. Chairman Larkin clarified the District would pay \$100,000 per year to the State for fuels management in the Lake Tahoe State Park and Little Valley areas. He pointed out there was already a longstanding agreement with the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) regarding Little Valley and asked whether they had been consulted. Chief Greene indicated he had not spoken directly to UNR but had talked with the Director of the

Whittell Forest and Wildlife Area Board, who indicated they wanted to work cooperatively on fuels management to keep the area in its natural state. Chairman Larkin confirmed with Chief Greene that the agreement would only extend to the watershed boundary and there was no authorization to go into the Tahoe Basin. Chief Greene mentioned the Nevada Division of Forestry required the agreement in order for the Sierra Fire Protection District to convert to an NRS Chapter 474 district.

On motion by Director Humke, seconded by Director Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3 be approved, authorized and executed.

08-34SF AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: "Discussion and possible acceptance of grant funding from the Nevada Fire Safe Council in the amount of \$82,000 (no district match) for the purpose of funding a one (1) year fuels management coordinator position to oversee the Fire District's defensible space inspection program; (2) \$340,000 (no district match) to complete hazardous fuels reduction projects located on Washoe County open space in accordance with the Washoe County Risk Hazard Assessment (RCI 2005); (3) Possible authorization to the SFPD Chief to sign the necessary documents in connection with the acceptance of the funding and (4) If the grant is accepted direct staff to add to the adopted FY 08/09 Budget the funding and approval to fill a vacant fuels superintendent position to function as the defensible space inspection program coordinator."

Fire Chief Michael Greene explained the grant would fund personnel to drive through the District to identify property with defensible space issues, make contact with the owners, and assist them in getting funding through the Fire Safe chapter. Issues would ultimately come back before the Board if multiple reinspections showed noncompliance with removing hazards. He said the grant was a step forward from a complaint drive process to a proactive process. Chief Greene said \$340,000 would also go toward mastication and hand crew treatment in the Galena/Arrowcreek areas.

On motion by Director Humke, seconded by Director Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 4 be accepted, approved, authorized and directed.

08-35SF AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Subject: "Director's/Managers Announcements, Request for Information, Topics for Future Agendas and Statements Relating to Items Not on the Agenda. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)"

Chairman Larkin asked Fire Chief Michael Greene to participate with Division Chief Marty Scheuerman of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) in putting together a readiness report. He indicated he was interested in the status of equipment for the upcoming fire season. He said he was particularly interested

in aerial resources with respect to what federal and state agencies were doing and what local resources were available. Chairman Larkin related information supplied by Chief Scheuerman that C-130's could be retrofitted and the Air National Guard apparently provided some training to pilots from Wyoming. He expressed interest in the utilization of those resources.

08-36SF AGENDA ITEM 6

Agenda Subject: "Public Comment and discussion thereon. The Sierra Fire Protection District Board of Directors welcomes courteous and respectful public comment and input. Due to the amount of business the District Board conducts, public comment is limited to 2 minutes per person. "

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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4:45: p.m. On motion by Director Humke, seconded by Director Weber, which motion duly carried, 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*