

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

TUESDAY

1:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 10, 2009

PRESENT:

Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson
Kitty Jung, Commissioner
John Breternitz, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
John Berkich, Assistant County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel
Michael Greene, Fire Chief

ABSENT:

David Humke, Chairman
Robert Larkin, Commissioner

The Board convened at 1:15 p.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, stated Agenda Items 2C, approval of final labor agreement between Sierra Fire Protection District and Sierra Fire Protection District Officer's Association; and Agenda Item 2D, approval of final labor agreement between Sierra Fire Protection District and the International Association of Firefighters Local 3895 would be pulled.

09-05SF AGENDA ITEM 2A

Agenda Subject: "Approval of Agenda for February 10, 2009 Board of Commissioners Meeting."

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion duly carried with Chairman Humke and Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 2A be approved.

09-06SF AGENDA ITEM 2B

Agenda Subject: "Chief Report."

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion duly carried with Chairman Humke and Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 2B be approved.

09-07SF AGENDA ITEM 3

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible Board approval to authorize SFPD to continue to utilize Chevron/Texaco gasoline credit cards in excess of \$50,000 per year not to exceed the District’s authorized fuel and lube budget authority. (Page 20)”

Commissioner Breternitz asked if the use of fuel was equal to past years. Chief Michael Greene replied the increase was due to higher fuel costs, not to excess use of fuel.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Chairman Humke and Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3 be approved.

09-08SF AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: “Commissioner presentation to Acting Captain Mark Regan as employee of the quarter for his work in school education and prevention programs. (Page 21)”

Vice Chairperson Weber presented Acting Fire Prevention Captain Mark Regan a plaque for “Employee of the Quarter.”

Chief Michael Greene stated that Captain Regan had taken fire prevention education to a new level and wished to publicly thank him for his generous contribution to the community.

Captain Regan said the award should include support from the community, his fellow firefighters and the volunteer firefighters who all helped with school programs and community efforts to educate citizens about fire safety.

09-09SF AGENDA ITEM 5

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 two minutes per person.”

Dr. Bob Parker read a statement, which was placed on file with the Clerk, concerning the response times in the Galena Forest area. He said members of the community had been meeting to explore ways of improving those response times. Dr. Parker urged the Board to direct staff to work with the community so that options could be brought forward to ensure that there would be adequate emergency service in the Galena Forest area equal to the level available to the rest of the County.

Steven Perez reiterated the comments of the previous speaker. He said a fire station located in the Thomas Creek/Arrowcreek area would be a good value for the County since it would be a regional fire station and would greatly reduce the response times in those areas.

09-10SF AGENDA ITEM 6

Agenda Subject: “Commissioner’s/Managers Announcements, Requests 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.)”

Commissioner Breternitz stated he received emails concerning the response times and additional fire services in the Galena Forest area. He said the community was interested in working with Chief Greene, who also wished to continue discussions to move forward and increase communications. Commissioner Breternitz believed further discussions would be appropriate. Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, explained this needed to be agendized in order for the Board to have a discussion and give specific direction to staff.

Commissioner Jung encouraged the Chief and his staff to explore options to fulfill the gap between citizen safety and response time. She stipulated this be accomplished within a month’s time.

Vice Chairperson Weber requested this be placed on a future agenda for discussion and possible staff direction.

Chief Greene stated he looked forward to meeting with the citizen group and noted some base work had been completed; however, he had been waiting for Board direction to ensure discussions were moving in the right direction. Chief Greene said he would return with options and recommendations.

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ADJOURNMENT

1:35 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Chairman Humke and Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that the meeting be adjourned.

BONNIE WEBER, Vice Chairperson
Sierra Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:
Stacy Gonzales, Deputy Clerk*