

**SAN RAMON VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Minutes – February 23, 2011**

MISSION STATEMENT

In the spirit of our tradition, we strive for excellence, respectfully serving all with pride, honor and compassion.

Location: 1500 Bollinger Canyon Road
Administrative Building-Boardroom
San Ramon, CA 94583

Board Members Present: President Price, Directors Linari, Lindsay, Stamey and Umont.

Staff Present: Chief Price, Assistant Chief Collins, Assistant Chief Hart, Deputy Fire Marshal Stevens, Administrative Services Director Leete, District Counsel Ross, Finance Supervisor Sasser, Battalion Chief Barton, Union President Keel, and District Clerk Brooks.

1. Call to Order

Board President Price called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Price led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Determination of Quorum and Confirmation of Agenda

There was a quorum.

At this time in the meeting, Administrative Services Director Leete requested that three items be added to the agenda, one under consent and two under Closed Session.

Motion by Director Stamey, to add three additional items to the agenda, 5.10, and 12.5 and 12.6. Motion seconded by Director Lindsay. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

Ross Smith, 109 Montair Drive, Danville spoke about the District expenditures, specifically new engines, item 5.8 on the agenda. District Counsel Ross stated that public comment is for items not on the agenda and as this item is on the agenda, he recommended pulling this item and moving it to Old Business, Item 7.1. Motion by Director Linari, seconded by Director Lindsay to move item 5.8 on Consent to item 7.1, Old Business.

5. Consent Calendar

Director Linari moved approval of Consent Calendar items 5.1-5.10 1-2 (excluding item 5.8) Director Stamey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Special Announcements/Presentations/General Business

- 6.1 Recognition of CERT Instructor of the Year: Jack Robertson
- 6.2 Recognition of CERT Leaders of the Year: Barbara & Harry Hubinger
- 6.3 Recognition of CERT Volunteer of the Year: Ray Bryant
- 6.4 Recognition of CERT Inspirational Award of the Year: Katie & Paul Salvoni.

CERT Coordinator Bell introduced each of the award recipients, providing backgrounds on each. Chief Price then presented each of them with a certificate of appreciation and thanked them for all of their hard work and dedication to our CERT program. The Board thanked CERT Coordinator Bell and the volunteers.

7. Old Business

- 7.1 Authorization for approval of payment of \$1,634,487.75 to Hi-Tech EVS, Inc., for Three (3) Type 1 Engines.

Assistant Chief Hart stated that this was authorization for payment of fire apparatus ordered last year. Chief Price stated this item was authorized in the 2010/2011 budget. Director Umont asked how many hours before an engine becomes obsolete and how many we have in reserve now. Assistant Chief Hart stated 20 years before replacing fire apparatus with approximately 12/13 in reserve currently.

Motion by Director Stamey to approve payment in the amount of \$1,634,487.75 to Hi-Tech EVS for three Type 1 engines. Director Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. New Business

- 8.1 Ratify and confirm District Ad Hoc/Standing Committee on iPhone Use and Programming.

Director Stamey provided background on this item as he and Director Umont are members of this Ad Hoc Committee and stated that one meeting has been held to date.

Motion by Director Lindsay to ratify the appointment of the Board President setting up a District Ad Hoc Committee on District iPhone programs and related issues and confirming the appointment of Director Stamey as Chair and Director Umont as members of the Committee and even though this is an Ad Hoc/temporary committee, it should be treated as a standing committee, therefore, meetings would be subject to the Brown Act. Director Linari seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Correspondence

Director Lindsay commented on the nice notes we received relating to the get well cards we send out each month. Fire Chief Price stated that this starts with the crews indicating that cards be sent, with Office Assistant Eubanks assembling the list, and District Clerk Brooks sending out the cards. Chief Price stated that he gets positive feedback on this program almost daily.

10. Monthly Activity Reports

10.1 Operations - Assistant Chief Collins

Assistant Chief Collins reported on the monthly compliance report and gave a brief update on the Danville, El Pintado structure fire which caused approximately \$750,000 in damage.

10.2 Support Services - Assistant Chief Hart

Assistant Chief Hart reported on Station 36 Annex stating that we hope to occupy the building on March 1, 2011, and that we would observe some of the issues we have been having with the ceiling cracks and foundation slab for a few seasons. Some questions by the Board followed.

10.3 Fire Prevention – Deputy Fire Marshal Stevens

Deputy Fire Marshal Stevens reported on the monthly report, stating that the Danville/El Pintado fire was an electrical cause.

10.4 Administrative Services – Administrative Services Director Leete

Administrative Services Director Leete presented his monthly report stating that he has been attending CCCERA meetings regarding depooling. Finance staff has also been working on the transition from Union Bank to Bank of the West.

10.5 Fire Chief – Fire Chief Price

Fire Chief Price stated that this past month he has been busy working on the projects relating to the iPhone app, fielding requests from other departments, etc.

11. Good of the Order

Chief Price asked if the Board would consider cancelling the regular July, 2011 Board meeting due to staffing schedules. The board agreed to cancel the regularly scheduled July, 2011 meeting as several board members would also be unavailable.

Board President Price discussed correspondence from the Contra Costa Special District's Association and their upcoming 20th anniversary event scheduled for April 11, 2011.

Director Umont stated that he recently attended the CERT classes and was very impressed with the leadership. Director Umont also stated that he has also provided some of the District's key documents to some of the local libraries for reference.

Director Stamey complimented staff on the very successful HeartSafe designation event on February 14th, held at the San Ramon Community Center.

12. Closed Session


- 12.1 Conference with District Counsel – Potential Litigation
Possible exposure to litigation (two matters)
[Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b)(2) and 54954.5(c)]. Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation need not be disclosed. [Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(b) (3)(a)]
- 12.2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Negotiators: Assistant Chief Steve Hart/Chief Richard Price
Property Location: APN: 211-051-014-2
[Authorized under Government Code §54956.8 and 54954.5(e).]
- 12.3 Status of labor negotiations between the District and the San Ramon Valley Firefighters Association under the provisions [Authorized under Government Code §54957.6 and 54954.5(e).]
- 12.4 Conference with District Counsel – Potential Litigation Workers Compensation Claim No. SRV1000023 dated 2/9/10, Daniel Curtis vs. San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District [Authorized under Government Code § 54956.9(b)]
- 12.5 Conference with District Counsel – Potential Litigation Workers Compensation Claim No. SRV0800006 dated 7/22/07; Debra Meier vs. San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District [Authorized under Government Code § 54956.9(b)]
- 12.6 Personnel Matter: Annual Performance Review of Fire Chief [Pursuant to Government Code §§ 54954.5(e) and 54957].


13. Return to Open Session

Regular session ended: 8:00 p.m.
Closed session began: 8:10 p.m.
Closed session ended: 9:05 p.m.
Regular session reconvened: 9:06 p.m.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Prepared by: 
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District Clerk

Approved by: 
Jennifer G. Price
Board President