

**SAN RAMON VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUDGET WORKSHOP
Minutes – May 12, 2009**

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Location: San Ramon Community Center
12501 Alcosta Boulevard
San Ramon, CA

Board Members Present: Directors: Dickson, Linari, Lindsay, Price, and Sandy

Staff Present: Chief Price, Assistant Chief Hart, Assistant Chief Collins, Fire Marshal Jamison, Administrative Services Director Leete, Finance Supervisor Philapil, Finance Supervisor Sasser, Training Chief Krause, Special Operations Battalion Chief Picard; Technology Systems Manager Call, Legal Counsel Ross, Union President Keel, Code Compliance Officer Stevens and District Clerk Brooks.

1. **Call to Order**

Vice-President Lindsay called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice-President Lindsay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Determination of Quorum and Confirmation of Agenda**

There was a quorum, and there were no changes to the agenda.

4. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

5. **New Business**

5.1 Discussion and selection of alternate dates for regular board meetings, June through December, 2009.

District Clerk Brooks discussed the reason for changing these upcoming regular board meeting dates as listed in the staff report. Motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Sandy to change the Board meeting dates (June, 2009-December, 2009) as listed in the staff report. Motion carried.

At this time in the meeting, President Dickson arrived.

6. BUDGET WORKSHOP

- 6.1 Review consolidated “pro-forma” for the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 09-10
- 6.2 Discussion (in detail) of basic operating budget for Fiscal Year 09-10
- 6.3 Discussion (in detail) of capital projects and equipment budgets, including the lease and COP debt components

Chief Price stated that he will be presenting the final 2009/10 budget to the Board at the June 23, 2009 regular board meeting which would include any changes from this budget workshop.

Chief Price proceeded to review the preliminary pro-forma stating that we are exceeding our reserve policy with having a balanced budget.

Chief Price then went through the Board of Directors and the Fire Chief budget followed by each Department Manager reviewing and highlighting their goals and objectives for 09/10. The Board had some questions which staff answered for them.

Chief Price then reviewed the capital, equipment/vehicle replacement funds. Administrative Services Director Leete then discussed the debt service funds.

In reviewing the Budget letter, Chief Price highlighted some of the personnel changes he is recommending. The Board requested some additional information regarding these suggested changes that staff would bring back to the May 27, 2009 regular board meeting.

In discussing the health coverage of last resort and increased compensation for Board members, the Board concluded that they do not wish to implement these changes at this time, but possibly at a later date.

Legal Counsel Ross stated that the Board would only be providing direction to staff at this budget workshop. The Board would be asked to adopt the 2009/2010 budget at the June 23, 2009 Board meeting.

Regarding the item relating to take home vehicles, the Board agreed with implementing the changes suggested by staff.

Chief Price stated that the District is aggressively pursuing grant funding with the firm of Randal Funding.

Chief Price concluded by stating that a staff report regarding the implementation of an OPEB Trust would be forthcoming at the May 27, 2009 Board meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No comment.

8. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Board President Dickson complimented staff on the hard work that went into putting the preliminary budget together and how professional it was and how professional our staff is.

9. CLOSED SESSION


- 9.1 Conference with District Counsel – Potential Litigation
Possible exposure to litigation (two matters)
[Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b)(2) and 54954.5(e)]. Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation need not be disclosed. [Pursuant to Government Code § 54956(b) (3)(A)]
- 9.2 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).]

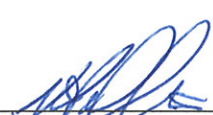
Return to Open Session

Regular Session ended	2:50 p.m.
Closed Session Began	3:10 p.m.
Closed Session Ended	4:10 p.m.
Regular Session Reconvened	4:15 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Board Budget Workshop adjourned at 4:15 p.m. to a Regular District Board meeting of May 27, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by: 
Susan F. Brooks, District Clerk

Approved by: 
President Nick Dickson