



## *Foresthill Fire Protection District*

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**DISTRICT BOARD**  
*CHRIS REAMS*  
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*VICE PRESIDENT*  
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*DIRECTOR*  
*RICHARD ARTHUR*  
*DIRECTOR*  
*TYLER HARKNESS*  
*DIRECTOR*

Minutes of **Regular** Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, June 2, 2016  
Foresthill Fire Protection District Administration Office  
24320 Main St.  
Foresthill, CA 95631

President Chris Reams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Directors in Attendance:** Walt Reed, Tyler Harkness, Kevin Greene,  
and Richard Arthur.

**Directors Absent:** Chris Reams

**Staff in Attendance:** Chief Gow, EMS Captain Drone, and Secretary Metz.

**Approval of Agenda:** Director Reed made a motion to approve the agenda as published.  
Director Arthur seconds the motion.  
Motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

Tamra West stated that she has sent a letter to select community members and the Placer County Board of Supervisors regarding events being held in Foresthill.

Gerry Fogel notified the Board that he is working with the Chief on getting an Employee Assistance Program up and running for FFPD employees.

Denise Kelly stated that she would like to help where needed to get more funding for the FFPD.

**Approval of previous Regular Meeting Minutes:**

Director Arthur made a motion to accept the minutes of the May regular meeting as presented.  
Director Reed seconds the motion.  
Motion carries.

**Approval of May Expenses:**

Director Arthur made a motion to accept the May financial reports as presented. Director Reed seconds the motion.  
Motion carries.

**Fire Chief Operations Report:**

Chief Gow reported the following items:

- Fire season is rapidly approaching.
- Employee evaluations have been completed.
- Fit testing is in process.
- Open Captain position will be posted next week.
- A sub-committee of Officers from PH and FH are looking into the possibility of cross-staffing.
- PH preliminary budget is \$160K in the red.
- PH has begun the task of recruiting a new Fire Chief.

**Action Items:**

1. Board Discussion and Action on Survey Results. Staff will present County plan for collection of additional information plus a potential countywide election in March 2017.
  - a. Chief Gow spoke to the following:
    - i. Chief and President Reams have attended many meetings with the other Fire Chiefs and Board Directors. All are in agreement that the City Gate study is far from fair and impartial. It mirrors the County line.
    - ii. Supervisor Montgomery's plan is to (at County cost), look at each District's budgets and audits. Determine everyone's true financial position. Use the information to ask the public for more money. Possible countywide election in March 2017.
    - iii. Plan B: The Fire Chiefs are working on a Plan B. Supervisor Montgomery would be grateful if she didn't hear any more about prop. 172 funds.
    - iv. Staff has come up with 2 models. The first has Foresthill standing alone, the second has FH and PH cooperatively with PH salaries and benefits.
  - b. Director Arthur made a motion to accept staff recommendation to hold off on a tax increase measure in favor of possibly participating in a countywide measure in March 2017. Director Harkness seconds the motion.  
Motion carries.
2. Approve Policies and Procedures, *Section II General Policies*.
  - a. Director Arthur made a motion to adopt Policies and Procedures, Section II, General Policies as presented. Director Reed seconds the motion.  
Motion carries.

3. Board approval of hiring, Lieutenant Shawn Cline and Limited Term Employee Aubrey Pierce.
  - a. Chief Gow recommends that the Board approve these hiring's in the strongest possible terms.
  - b. Director Arthur made a motion to approve the hiring of Lt. Shawn Cline and LTE Aubrey Pierce. Director Reed seconds the motion.
    - i. Public comment: Why is the Board approving the hiring of staff? This is an operational issue at the discretion of the Fire Chief.
      - ◆ Chief Gow stated that he has always done it that way at Placer Hills, but would take this comment under advisement.

Motion carries.

4. Approval of Resolution 2016-01 Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll for Tax Year 2016-2017.
  - a. Director Arthur made a motion to adopt resolution #2016-01 as presented. Director Harkness seconds the motion.
    - i. Greene                    AYE
    - ii. Reed                     AYE
    - iii. Harkness               AYE
    - iv. Arthur                  AYE
    - v. Reams                    ABSENT

Resolution is adopted.

#### **Discussion Items:**

1. Placer County Consolidation Study.
  - a. This was covered under action item #1.
2. Review Section III of Policies and Procedures.
  - a. VP Greene directed staff to leave this as a discussion item at the July meeting.
3. Review Agreement 2016/2017 Use Of Funds Agreement Middle Fork Project Nexus Funding.
  - a. Director Harkness recommends that the Board vote no on this agreement. It is one sided. FFPD is taking all the responsibility for too little money.
  - b. Chief Gow stated that FFPD runs about 15 calls per year in that area. However, each call normally takes multiple hours. County staff is well aware of this.
  - c. VP Greene asked if any part of the area in question is already in our District.
    - i. Chief Gow and Captain Drone both stated that part of it is.
  - d. VP Greene directed staff to put this item as an action in July.
4. Review 2016 – 2018 Agreement for Chief and Administrative Services between Placer Hills Fire Protection District and Foresthill Fire Protection District.
  - a. VP Greene stated that he has a lot of problems with the proposed contract.
    - i. Chief Gow stated that Presidents Hills and Reams had a couple of meetings to work this proposal out.

## Reports:

1. Labor Negotiations Report
  - a. This will be handled in closed session.
2. Firefighter's Association:
  - a. Jim Doucette from the FF Burn Institute thanked the FVFA for raising approximately \$60K during the time they have participated in the Fill the Boot Program.
  - b. The Hoyer Paramedic Scholarship Fund is being managed by Patrice now. An interview for the sole applicant will be set up soon.
  - c. Since no one was interested in golfing in the Chamber's tournament, the price of a team entry (\$265) was donated to the Chamber (\$100) and the Foresthill Historical Society (\$165).
  - d. The theme of this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is "Hometown Heroes". Matt Bowers and Lori Goettle are heading up the event this year. Volunteers are needed!
  - e. Garage Sale preparations are moving right along. Depending on who you ask, donations are either way up or slightly down from last year.
3. EMS Operations Report/Deputy Fire Marshal Duties
  - a. May Call Volume:
    - I. 51 Calls
      - 32 Medical
        - a. 23 Transports
        - b. 9 Non-Transports
      - 5 MVA
      - 3 Vegetation Fire
      - 1 Structure Fire
      - 4 Smoke Checks
      - 6 Public Assists
    - II. Red Cards are complete for the 2016 fire season.
    - III. Fire Line classes will start this month for employees.
    - IV. 6 Defensible Space inspections done.
    - V. 2 New construction inspections done.
    - VI. 5 Hydrant tests done.
    - VII. New ambulance rates went into effect on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. Foresthill & Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council Report:
  - a. None

## Closed Session: (7:15 p.m.)

### **§54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiators**

In attendance: Chief Gow, VP Greene, Director Reed, Director Harkness, Director Arthur, OM Metz.

Regarding Negotiations with IAFF Local 3800.

VP Greene reconvened the open session at 7:50 p.m. and reported that no action had been taken by the Board during closed session.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted:



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Patrice Metz, Board Secretary