

1 **October 22, 2019**

2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**
3 **THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

4 President Luevano called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

5 **THE INVOCATION GIVEN BY DEPUTY CHIEF MAROVICH.**

6 **ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

7 **ROLL CALL:**

8 **Present:** Directors Harris, Hoffman, Luevano, Munson and Van Doorn.

9 **Absent:** None.

10 **Staff Present:** Fire Chief/CEO Abbott, Attorney James and Board Secretary Stephen-
11 Porter. In the audience were: DFC Marovich, D/Cs Mahr and McReynolds, FM Fieri and
12 members of the public and Association.

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14 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

15 1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Luevano addressed the audience and inquired whether
16 there were any public comments regarding items not on the Agenda. Ms. Jeanne Allen
17 addressed the Board to discuss Prop A and the information on the Prop A. website regarding
18 the establishment of a CFD. Chief Abbott informed the audience that the election for Prop
19 A falls under the Mello-Roos Act and that is why the District is following those rules for this
20 election. Discussion ensued regarding why this is not just a landowner vote, with Chief
21 Abbott noting the rule that when more than 12 properties are involved, it goes to an “all
22 registered voter” election. Director Van Doorn arrived at 4:05 p.m. Next, Ms. Peggy Wells
23 addressed the Board and noted she was part of a group that monitors the integrity and
24 transparency of election procedures. She discussed David Tassuig’s group as being known
25 for being consistent and methodical. Ms. Wells requested an overview of the process, with
26 Chief Abbott providing an outline of the process. Ms. Suzanne Hern spoke next spoke
27 regarding her concerns about the report evaluating the District’s facilities and questioned
28 why there was a variance between \$630,000 to \$1.3 million a year for upkeep. Chief Abbott
29 explained the replacement project plan, the structures to be upgraded or replaced and noted

30 that the report opined that the District would need approximately \$26 million to bring the
31 District facilities up to date. He noted that at the estimated \$1 million per year to be realized
32 from the election in 20 years, the District would still remain at least \$6 million below the
33 needed amount to maintain facilities. Ms. Hern questioned whether all items on the list for
34 upgrade had been completed, with Chief Abbott noting they had not been. Ms. Lauren
35 Brimmer spoke next opining that there had been a lack of transparency in Proposition A,
36 without information regarding who would vote, exactly how the funds would be used and a
37 letter explaining the process for the sample and final ballot. She expressed concerned about
38 the District letting Bonds, that no details of the funding mechanism had been provided. The
39 Board informed her that no Bonds were involved in Prop A as they had been informed that
40 up to 50 percent of the Bonds would go to pay out for interest on the Bond. Under the current
41 plan, the money realized from the taxes will be collected directly by the County, who will
42 place it directly into the District account, which will be utilized according to CFD and County
43 policy. At 4:25 p.m., when there was no further public comment, the public comment section
44 was closed.

46 ACTION AGENDA

47 CONSENT ITEMS:

- 48 2. REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019
- 49 3. REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019
- 50 4. REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES
- 51 5. REVIEW AND ACCEPT 1ST QUARTER EMERGENCY SERVICE OVERTIME TRACKING REPORT
- 52 6. REVIEW AND ACCEPT 3RD QUARTER CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY PROGRAM

53 RESULTS

54 President Luevano inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 2-6 .Vice
55 President Harris requested that Item 4(c) be pulled from the Agenda for further discussion
56 at a later date. By consensus Item 4(c) was pulled from the Agenda and there being no
57 discussion, President Luevano asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a

58 motion by Director Hoffman, seconded by Director Van Doorn, the motion to approve the
59 Consent Agenda as modified passed unanimously.

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61 **ACTION ITEMS:**

62 7. **APPROVE MEETING SCHEDULE AND PLACE FOR NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**
63 **BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2020 — CHIEF ABBOTT AND B/S STEPHEN-PORTER:** Chief
64 Abbott presented the plan for the 2020 Board meetings, noting that FPUD continues to be
65 an appropriate venue for NCFPD Board meetings. On a motion by Director Munson,
66 seconded by Director Hoffman, the motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2020 as
67 presented passed unanimously.

68 8. **PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN — OCTOBER 22, 2019 (4:15 P.M.) — FOR**
69 **ADOPTION OF THE 2019 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND**
70 **DELETIONS — APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2019-01 — CHIEF ABBOTT AND FM**
71 **FIER:** President Luevano called the Public Hearing to order at 4:35 p.m., asking if there
72 were any public comments. There being no public comments, the Public Hearing was
73 closed. Chief Abbott presented the Ordinance for the second and final reading, giving an
74 overview of the major changes from previous Code adoptions. He indicated that as much
75 as possible, the County agencies are attempting to keep standards consistent throughout
76 the County, with local amendments as needed. Therefore, the District made only such
77 changes as were necessary to address local issues. He supported Board adoption of the
78 Ordinance, indicating this would continue the consistency between the District and local,
79 County and State Fire codes. On a motion by Director Munson, which was seconded by
80 Director Van Doorn, the Board unanimously approved Ordinance 2019-01 as presented and
81 directed publishing as required, with the following roll call vote: **Ayes:** Directors Harris,
82 Hoffman, Luevano, Munson and Van Doorn; **Noes:** None.

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84 **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

85 9. **COMMUNITY MEDICINE OVERVIEW — CHIEF ABBOTT, D/C MAHR AND MSO MURPHY:**
86 Chief Abbott made a presentation regarding Community Paramedicine, bringing the Board

87 up to date regarding the concerns in emergency medicine pushing this idea to the forefront.
88 He defined Community Paramedicine (CP), also called Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) as
89 the concept of improving community health delivered by pre-hospital providers (nurses,
90 paramedics and EMTs) through more successful navigation of the healthcare system. CP
91 is not a new concept; however, it has not been utilized in California. He noted that the
92 traditional emergency response, plus the physician shortage, emergency room
93 overcrowding and high wait times for emergency responders is causing responders to adopt
94 CP out of necessity. In addition, it is estimated 60% of patients transported by ambulance
95 would rather go by other means, if they were available. Chief Abbott also noted that
96 insurers, especially Medicare, are now assessing medical necessity for the level of services
97 rendered. If the insurer feels the care rendered exceeds the level of necessity, the patient
98 is left to pay what the insurer will not.

99 Chief Abbott noted cost and man-hour savings the District has implemented to make the
100 system more efficient, such as District partnerships with healthcare providers and social
101 service networks. He also outlined Zone activities that embrace CP concepts, including
102 tiered response and health services referral program. Chief Abbott noted the Zone is taking
103 a regional approach including obtaining a medical director, implementing call triage,
104 implementing a medical priority dispatch system, instituting a BLS overlay, as well as
105 considering other alternatives.

106 Director Munson inquired if we were constrained by law to the response model we have at
107 this time. Chief Abbott replied there are some aspects that can be implemented, although
108 they would have to be assured call triage was appropriate. President Luevano inquired
109 whether any change would be accounted for in this year's budget and if not, it could be
110 considered at the next year's review. Chief Abbott noted the entire fleet did not have to be
111 ALS response, but some could be BLS. The Zone is waiting to see the cost-savings
112 Oceanside will realize, although he estimated it would be approximately
113 \$10,000/year/personnel. Vice President Harris inquired whether the District would be
114 required to participate in anything if the Zone decided to implement. Director Van Doorn
115 inquired whether different types of vehicles, such as squads and quick response vehicles

116 are being considered. He expressed concerns about reduction in resources, delays in care
117 and the need to adjust level of response. Discussion to continue as new information is
118 available. No action required.

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120 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

121 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel James presented his report “The Brown Act
122 Conference Exception.” Brief discussion ensued regarding caution when discussing items
123 at conferences and to ensure discussion are not about District business. This is informational
124 only, no action required.

125 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Brief discussion ensued. Informational only, no
126 action required.

127 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

128 ● **NEWS ARTICLES:** Brief discussion ensued regarding articles. This is informational
129 only, no action required.

130 ● **COMMENTS:**

131 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**

132 ● **STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO:** Chief Abbott noted that SB 438 has been signed
133 by the Governor. The bill would prohibit a public agency from delegating, assigning or
134 contracting for “911” emergency call processing services for the dispatch of emergency
135 response resources unless the delegation or assignment is to, or the contract or agreement
136 is with, another public agency. He noted that AB 96, which defines a basic system to be
137 911 systems, including, Next Generation 911 and the subsequent technologies, and
138 interfaces needed to deliver 911 voice and data information from the 911 caller to the
139 emergency responder and the subsequent technologies, and interfaces needed to send
140 information, including, but not limited to, alerts and warnings, to potential 911 callers is still
141 under consideration. AB 932, which extends worker’s coverage to firefighters who are
142 performing said duties when not under the direction of their employer and injury, disability
143 or death incurred and such shall be deemed to have arisen out of, and been sustained in,
144 the course of employment for purposes of workers’ compensation and all other benefits, is

145 under consideration. Finally, SB 542, which defines certain mental conditions arising out of
146 employment and provides for peer support, has been signed by the Governor.
147 Informational only, no further action required.

148 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: DFC MAROVICH:** DFC Marovich noted the District
149 is bringing on four new Single Role Medics (SRM) after three had recently terminated. The
150 District is planning on hiring extra in order to ensure there is no overtime required. He noted
151 the District is losing SRM to other agencies when they are eligible to become FF/PMs. For
152 this recruitment, they have had ten applicants.

153 ● **BOARD:** No comments.

154 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS:** Captain Harrington informed the Board the Firefighter
155 Association had completed their campaign for Prop A. They reached every precinct, with
156 100% participation from its members. He said they learned a lot through the event and he
157 commented he was very proud of the membership and their participation.

158 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

160 **CLOSED SESSION**

161 ● **OPENING CLOSED SESSION:**

162 At 5:40 p.m., President Luevano inquired whether there was a motion to adjourn to Closed
163 Session. On a motion by Vice President Harris, seconded by Director Hoffman the motion
164 to go into Closed Session was approved. President Luevano read the items to be discussed
165 in Closed Session and the Open Session was closed. A short break ensued after the reading
166 of the Closed Session Items. At 5:45 p.m., and the Board entered Closed Session to hear:

167 CS-1. **ANNOUNCEMENT — PRESIDENT LUEVANO:**

168 An announcement regarding the items to be discussed in Closed Session will be made prior
169 to the commencement of Closed Session.

170 CS-2. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR — GOVERNMENT CODE**

171 **§ 54956.8 — CHIEF ABBOTT:**

172 PROPERTY LOCATION: 4157 Olive Hill Road – Station 3, Fallbrook, CA 92028;

173 PARTIES: North County Fire Protection District (Seller);

174 UNDER NEGOTIATION: Terms of Sale;
175 DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS: Chief Abbott, District Counsel James
176 CS-3. **EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957:**

177 Fire Chief/CEO District Counsel James

178 CS-4. **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION — PRESIDENT LUEVANO**

179 • **REOPENING OPEN SESSION:**

180 On a motion by Director Munson, which was seconded by Director Hoffman and which
181 passed unanimously, the Board returned Open Session at 6:31 p.m., the following items
182 were reported out to the public:

183 CS-2. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR — GOVERNMENT CODE**
184 **§ 54956.8 — CHIEF ABBOTT:** No reportable action.

185 CS-3. **EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957 - Fire Chief/CEO:** No
186 reportable action.

187 **ADJOURNMENT**

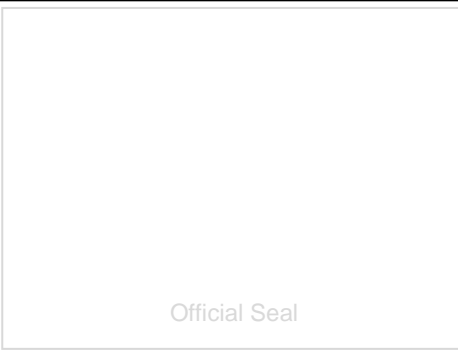
188 A motion was made at 6:35 p.m. by Director Hoffman and seconded by Director Munson to
189 adjourn the meeting and reconvene on December 10, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. The motion carried
190 unanimously.

191 Respectfully submitted,

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194 Loren Stephen-Porter
195 Board Secretary

196 Minutes approved at the Board of Director’s Meeting on: December 10, 2019



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