

1 April 27, 2021

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

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

5 **A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.**

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

7 **ROLL CALL:**

8 **Present:** Directors Acosta, Egkan, Kennedy and Van Doorn.

9 **Absent:** Director Munson.

10 **Staff Present:** Fire Chief/CEO Abbott, Attorney James and Board Secretary Stephen-
11 Porter. In the audience were: D/Cs Mahr and McReynolds, B/Cs Macmillan, F/M Fieri, FiM
12 Juul and members of the public and Association.

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14 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

15 1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Van Doorn addressed the audience and inquired
16 whether there were any public comments regarding items not on the Agenda. Sonya Rios
17 addressed the Board to request support for a grant she was pursuing through UC Riverside
18 that relates to firefighting and agriculture in the District and surrounding areas. She was
19 requesting a letter of support. After discussion, Chief Abbott offered to introduce her
20 through the County Fire District's Association, where he believed she would receive the most
21 support. He provided her with his contact information. Chief Abbott offered a brief period
22 of introduction by both Fire Chief candidates, during which both gave a brief introduction
23 and thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the recruitment. There being no
24 further comments, the Public Comment Section was closed.

25 2. **COMMUNITY CHALLENGE COIN AWARD — D/C MAHR AND CHIEF ABBOTT — FALLBROOK**
26 **REGIONAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT:** D/C Mahr introduced members of the District and outlined
27 their activities that engendered his recommendation for the award. He lauded the leaders
28 and staff for their active support of the communities and for working relationship with
29 NCFPD. CEO Rachel Mason and Board President Howard Salmon were present and both

30 addressed the Board. Challenge coins were presented to those present and given to Ms.
31 Mason for other staff.

32 3. **COMMUNITY CHALLENGE COIN AWARD — CAPTAIN CHOI AND CHIEF ABBOTT – BARBARA**
33 **BLISS**: Captain Choi introduced Ms. Bliss outlining her active efforts to locate the missing
34 youth and the steps she took to ensure the youth was protected until she could be returned
35 safely to her family. Ms. Bliss spoke briefly regarding her familiarity with the youth. Ms.
36 Bliss was given a challenge coin at the conclusion of her comments.

37 4. **COMMUNITY CHALLENGE COIN AWARD — CAPTAIN HARRINGTON AND CHIEF ABBOTT —**
38 **YULISSA ROSAS**: Captain Harrington introduced Ms. Rosas and informed the Board of the
39 circumstances leading to Ms. Rosas being nominated for recognition. He noted she actively
40 volunteered to translate for both the patient and his family while the patient was having a
41 medical crisis. Ms. Rosas was presented with a challenge coin at the end of the comments.

42 5. **FIRST QUARTER 2021 AWARDS FOR BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM — CHIEF ABBOTT AND**
43 **B/S STEPHEN-PORTER**: Chief Abbott presented the individuals and crews to the Board for
44 Recognition and selection. After discussion, on a motion by President van Doorn, seconded
45 by Vice President Kennedy, the Board unanimously selected Captain Benoit, Engineers Tyler
46 and Quinn to be recognized for their work on the Engineer’s exam.

48 ACTION AGENDA

49 CONSENT ITEMS:

- 50 6. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 2021**
- 51 7. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2021**
- 52 8. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES – NONE**
- 53 9. **MONTHLY OPERATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2021**
- 54 10. **MONTHLY OPERATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT – MARCH 2021**
- 55 11. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FIRST QUARTER 2021 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY**
- 56 12. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT ANNUAL COST RECOVERY REPORT**
- 57 13. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT THIRD QUARTER OVERTIME TRACKING REPORT**

58 President Van Doorn inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 6-13.
59 Regarding the Satisfaction Survey, there being was brief discussion regarding patient
60 preference to medical facility and why a patient may not be taken to the facility of their
61 choice. It was noted that the MSO was currently following-up with a patient regarding the
62 issue. There being no further comments, President Van Doorn asked for a motion to approve
63 the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Director Egkan, seconded by Vice President Kennedy
64 the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

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66 **ACTION ITEMS:**

67 There were no further Action Agenda Items for the April 27, 2021, Board Meeting.

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69 **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

70 There were no Discussion Agenda Items for the April 27, 2021, Board Meeting.

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72 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

73 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel James presented his report “What Are the
74 Mandatory Face-Covering Requirements?” Brief discussion ensued regarding the
75 requirements and how it affects firefighters specifically. This is informational only, no action
76 required.

77 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** There was no discussion. Informational only, no
78 action required.

79 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

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

82 ● **COMMENTS:**

83 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**

84 ● **STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO:** Chief Abbott noted the District had been
85 successful on their grant for extrication equipment, with the Captain Garing and the grant
86 team to be thanked. Chief Abbott noted that the sale of Station 3 had finalized. Chief Abbott

87 learned today that the MSR will be delayed as the Chief Analyst has retired, leaving the CEO
88 to lead the regional review. He noted the review could be delayed while LAFCO is busy with
89 the water districts who are trying to separate from the San Diego Water Authority. Chief
90 Abbott informed the Board that County EMS is now part of the County Fire District, having
91 been removed from the Health Department. He opined this change gives fire-based EMS a
92 better voice at the County. Informational only, no further action required.

93 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: D/C McREYNOLDS:** D/C McReynolds informed the
94 Board that the seven individuals who took the Captain's exam, passed. The new
95 Accounting/Payroll position was awarded Jen Koester. Her vacant position will be advertised
96 for replacement. The District will be recruiting for both Battalion and Division Chiefs. **F/M**
97 **Fieri:** F/M Fieri informed the Board that State inspections are wrapping up. The weed
98 abatement letters have gone out with June 1 being the beginning of enforcement. F/M Fieri
99 discussed the ongoing projects in the District. **B/C MacMillan:** B/C MacMillan thanked D/C
100 McReynolds for the Captain's academy, which allowed our staff to successful complete the
101 examination.

102 ● **BOARD: PRESIDENT VAN DOORN:** President van Doorn offered his condolences to Vice
103 President Kennedy on the loss of his Vista engineer who had recently passed from cancer.

104 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS:** No comments.

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

107 **CLOSED SESSION**

108 Chief Abbott noted that as he and the Management Group had not had an opportunity to
109 meet and confer, a Closed Session would not be required for this meeting.

111 **ADJOURNMENT**

112 A motion was made at 4:46 p.m. by Vice President Kennedy, seconded by Director Acosta
113 to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on May 3, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.; the motion carried
114 unanimously.

116 Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

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Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: May 25, 2021

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