June 25, 2024

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

LOCATION: 990 E. MISSION ROAD, FALLBROOK CA 92028

President Pike called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Acosta, Egkan, Munson, Pike, and Shaw

Absent: None

Staff Present: Chief McReynolds, General Counsel Steinke, DFC MacMillan, DC August, FM Fieri, F/M Juul, BC Krumwiede, BC Harrington, Board Clerk Canpinar, and members of the public.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

There were no changes to the June 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting agenda.

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Pike inquired if there were any public comments regarding items not on the agenda. There being no public comment, the public comment section was closed.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION AGENDA

2. **AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SYSTEM UPDATE:** DFC MacMillan provided an overview of the previous and current ambulance delivery system, noting updated staffing changes which included replacing firefighter/paramedics and reserve firefighters with single-role emergency medical technicians and paramedics, and the addition of a fourth Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance (M110) to Fire Station #1.

ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS:

3. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 28, 2024.**

4. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MAY 2024.**

5. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES:**

A. Community Risk Reduction, Fire Investigation Unit: Investigation.

6. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY OPERATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT.**

President Pike inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 3-6. There being no discussion, President Pike asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Director Acosta seconded by Vice President Shaw, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING (DEIB) PLAN AND BOARD PRIDE MONTH PROCLAMATION:** Upon request, President Pike invited Paul Garza of the North County LGBTQ Resource Center to step to the podium. Mr. Garza expressed gratitude to NCFPD and its Directors for their consideration of the Pride Month Proclamation. Chief McReynolds introduced the draft DEIB plan and Pride Month Proclamation. A request by Director Munson was made to bifurcate item #7, as it could be considered two separate items. Board discussion ensued. On a motion by Vice President Shaw seconded by Director Munson, the request to separate the DEIB Plan and Pride Month Proclamation utilizing two separate substitute motions passed by the following vote: Acosta, aye; Egkan, nay; Munson, aye; Shaw, aye; Pike, aye. Discussion continued regarding the draft DEIB Plan. Director Munson requested an extension to the working document, as this was the first time the Board had seen it, and he would like to participate in its development. Chief McReynolds advised the Board the document had been in draft form for approximately two years. Board discussion ensued. On a motion by President Pike seconded by Director Egkan, the motion to adopt the presented draft DEIB Plan passed by a super majority vote: Acosta, aye; Egkan, aye; Munson, abstain; Shaw, aye; Pike, aye. Chief McReynolds then presented the Board Pride Month Proclamation. President Pike acknowledged this Proclamation as a formal acknowledgement of NCFPD's ongoing and continued support of the LGBTQ community. On a motion by Director Acosta seconded by Vice President Shaw, the motion to adopt the Board Pride Month Proclamation passed unanimously.

8. **RESOLUTION 2024-08: ACKNOWLEDGING THE INSPECTION OF CERTAIN OCCUPANCIES AS REQUIRED BY §13146.2 AND §13146.3 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE:** Chief McReynolds presented Resolution 2024-08 to the Board. FM Fieri informed the Board this is an annual reporting of community inspections; all inspections for the current year have been completed and reported. On a motion by

Director Acosta seconded by Director Egkan, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-08 passed unanimously.

9. **REVIEW AND APPROVE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FY 24/25 AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2024, AT 5:05 P.M. TO APPROVE THE FINAL BUDGET**: Chief McReynolds presented the preliminary budget for review and consideration, noting revenue and/or expenses may change in coming months. To date, the District has experienced a 5.6% increase in property tax revenue over budgeted FY 23/24, with ambulance fees coming in higher than anticipated in FY 23/24. F/M Juul noted the preliminary budget was created with an anticipated 5% increase in salary and benefits with an increase in health care costs. Board discussion ensued. On a motion by Director Egkan seconded by Director Acosta, the motion to approve the preliminary budget and set the hearing for the final budget on September 24, 2024, at 5:05 p.m., passed unanimously.

10. **RESOLUTION 2024:07: ESTABLISHING THE LIMIT OF APPROPRIATIONS OF PROCEEDS OF TAX SUBJECT TO LIMITATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE XIII-B OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**: Chief McReynolds presented the required action to the Board, noting it is necessary for the District to approve this Resolution annually. As is routinely the case, the District is under the maximum amount allowed. FM Juul reported the appropriation limit for this Resolution is $27,392,179.00. On a motion by Director Acosta seconded by Vice President Shaw, the motion to approved Resolution 2024-07 passed unanimously.

11. **RESOLUTION 2024:06: REQUESTING A TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY TREASURER TO NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**: Chief McReynolds requested consideration of Resolution 2024-06, as it is an annual action that is required to obtain advances on tax monies due the District from the County. The Resolution permits the District to be advanced a maximum of 85% ($17,399,500.00) of the anticipated taxes due in a given year, which the District uses until taxes are collected and released. Board discussion ensued. On a motion by Director Acosta seconded by Director Egkan, the motion to approve Resolution 2024-06 passed unanimously.

12. **FALLBROOK REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT (FRHD) GRANT AGREEMENT REVISION**: Chief McReynolds presented the revised grant agreement. The contract assists NCFPD with a 50% cost sharing of new and refurbished ambulances, outlining a proposed flat grant award of $200,000.00 per fiscal year. Ambulances fully outfitted with equipment cost approximately $390,000.00 - $400,000.00. The cost

sharing softens fiscal impacts to the NCFPD ambulance delivery system. On a motion by Director Acosta seconded by Director Egkan, the motion to approve the revised FRHD Grant Agreement passed unanimously.

13. **VOTE: CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) SOUTHERN NETWORK, SEAT A, BOARD POSITION**: Chief McReynolds presented the ballot to the Board, as there is a vacant seat for the Southern Network Board of Directors at the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), Seat A. The three candidates on the ballot are: Jo Mackenzie (incumbent), Jason Dafform, and Rodd Leja. Board discussion ensued. On a motion by Director Munson seconded by Director Egkan, the motion to authorize the Board Clerk to submit an electronic ballot casting a vote for Jo Mackenzie passed unanimously.

14. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE LIQUID ASSETS SECURITIES SYSTEM**: Chief McReynolds requested the Board consider reallocating funds that are currently in the County of San Diego/Capital Reserve and County of San Diego/General Fund – RNBW accounts to the District's California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (CLASS). The District has $425,160.00 in the County of San Diego/Capital Reserve and $2,288,278.00 in the County of San Diego/General Fund – RNBW accounts. These accounts are earning 1% interest. Transferring these monies to CLASS, which is currently yielding near 5.41% interest, will maximize the investment return for the District. On a motion by Director Acosta seconded by President Pike, the motion to authorize Staff to reallocate funds into CLASS passed unanimously.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: General Counsel Steinke reviewed the included report: The Environmental Protection Agency's "PFAS Strategic Roadmap" and the proposed and adopted 2024 Federal PFAS Regulations.

- **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Information only; no action required.
- **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM**: There was no recognition for this meeting.
- **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES**:
- **KEITH MCREYNOLDS, FIRE CHIEF**: Chief McReynolds informed the Board of the following items:
    - The California Supreme Court struck down Initiative 1935: The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act.

- NCFPD posts on social media platform 'X' (formally known as Twitter), is now visible to the public through the District's website.
- A young women's empowerment summit will be held in conjunction with several neighboring fire agencies August 9 to August 11. Registration opens on July 1 on the City of Vista's website.
- Brush 114 returned back from Sites fire yesterday.

- **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: BOARD CLERK CANPINAR:** Board Clerk Canpinar updated the District's website to include a Customer Service Survey. **DC AUGUST**: DC August provided an update on current facility projects. IT Specialist Swanger is currently transitioning the phone system from the current vendor, Mitel, to Ring Central. There will be social media campaign advertising Genasys Protect, a technology that will send out precise location-based alerts during an emergency evacuations. **BC HARRINGTON:** BC Harrington reported on a field day for the Ham Radio Club, noting the communications team will continue to collaborate with them in the future. **FM FIERI:** FM Fieri provided an update on community risk reduction concerns, noting there was increase in plan reviews compared to last month. The Fire Safe Council was awarded $14,000.00 in grants to help with roadside clearing. **F/M JUUL:** FM Juul reported an application was submitted for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to reimburse the District for Fire Station 3 expenses. The final budget as previously discussed will be brought back to the Board in September. **DFC MACMILLAN**: DFC MacMillan provided operations updates, including updates on several major incidents, and the upcoming Battalion Chief simulations to prepare for fire season.
- **BOARD:** President Pike: President Pike thanked BC Harrington for reviewing Genasys Protect at the recent Fallbrook Planning Group meeting, and thanked the Board for their unanimous support of the Pride Month Proclamation.
- **BARGAINING GROUPS:** There was no comment from the Bargaining Groups.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no additional public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:39 p.m. President Pike inquired whether there was a motion to adjourn to closed session. There being no objection, President Pike read the items to be discussed in closed session and

open session was closed. A short break ensued after the reading of the closed session items. At 6:49 p.m. the Board entered closed session to hear:

CS-1. ANNOUNCEMENT – PRESIDENT PIKE:

CS-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (GOVERNMENT CODE §54957): FIRE CHIEF

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8) PROPERTY: 315 E. IVY STREET, FALLBROOK, CA & VACANT LAND, IVY STREET, FALLBROOK, CA 92028

CS-4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – PRESIDENT PIKE

- **REOPENING OPEN SESSION:**

On a motion by Director Munson seconded by Director Acosta, which passed unanimously, the Board returned to open session at 7:23 p.m. and the following items were reported out to the public:

CS-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (GOVERNMENT CODE §54957): FIRE CHIEF

There was no reportable action.

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There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:24 p.m. by Director Munson seconded by Director Acosta to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on July 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., which motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mavis Canpinar

Board Clerk

Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: 7/23/24