

1 **May 28, 2024**

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

4 **LOCATION: 990 E. MISSION ROAD, FALLBROOK CA 92028**

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

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

7 **ROLL CALL:**

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

9 **Absent:** None

10 **Staff Present:** Chief McReynolds, General Counsel Steinke, DFC MacMillan, DC August, FM Fieri,
11 F/M Juul, BC DeCamp, BC Harrington, IT Specialist Swanger, Board Clerk Canpinar, and members of
12 the public and association.

13 **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

14 There were no changes to the May 28, 2024, Regular Board Meeting agenda.

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16 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

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

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20 **DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION AGENDA**

21 2. **TECHNOLOGY IN THE FIRE SERVICE:** BC DeCamp provided an overview of the various
22 technologies used by the District to enhance operational efficiency and ensure safety. Programs
23 included: Alert California Cameras, Fire Integrated Real-time Intelligence System (FIRIS), Regional
24 Public Safety Geodatabase (RPSG), Situation Awareness & Collaboration Tool (SCOUT), Tablet
25 Command, Social Media, and Alert San Diego.

26 **ACTION AGENDA**

27 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

28 3. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 30, 2024.**

29 4. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR APRIL 2024.**

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

31 A. Administration, Rules & Regulations, Personnel Rules: Smoking and Tobacco Use.

32 B. Administration, Business Management, Purchases & Sales: Credit Card Policy.

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

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

38 **ACTION ITEMS:**

39 **7. RESOLUTION 2024-04: GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE AUTHORITY:** Chief McReynolds
40 requested the word 'federal' be removed from the record on the corresponding staff report. Resolution
41 2024-04 was presented to the Board, which grants authority to the Fire Chief to apply for and accept
42 grant funding. Chief McReynolds noted the Board would be advised when grants are being pursued
43 and will also be advised if the District is awarded grant funding. On a motion by Director Acosta
44 seconded by Director Egkan, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-04 granting the Fire Chief authority
45 to apply for and accept grant funding passed unanimously.

46 **8. RESOLUTION 2024-05: REIMBURSEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION 3:** Chief McReynolds
47 presented Resolution 2024-05, explaining it is a requirement by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as
48 it declares a public agency's official intent to reimburse the general fund for project expenses paid by
49 the agency prior to the availability of the proceeds from the debt issue. The guaranteed maximum
50 price has yet to be determined on the Station 3 project, however, once it is determined, it will be
51 brought back to the Board at a future meeting. On a motion by Director Acosta seconded by Vice
52 President Shaw, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-05 which will provide cost reimbursements
53 associated with construction of a permanent Station 3 passed unanimously.

54 **9. BOARD RECOGNITION POLICY:** The current Employee Recognition policy has been in place since
55 2011, allowing the Board to recognize employees who have been acknowledged in non-confidential
56 forms such as email and/or letters from the public. The Board would then review all submissions on a
57 quarterly basis, acknowledging deserving members with an award, costing the District approximately
58 \$1500-\$1500 per year. Chief McReynolds requested the Board discuss the current policy and instruct

59 Staff on whether modifications to the policy are desired. Board discussion ensued. On a motion by
60 Director Acosta seconded by Vice President Shaw, the motion for Staff to create an official District
61 form that could be accessed via intranet (SharePoint) and on the District website by any employee or
62 member of the public, then submitted to the Board Clerk for incorporation into the Board packet,
63 passed unanimously. The motion also approved revising the current policy after a trial basis, which
64 would then be brought back to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

65 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

66 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** General Counsel Steinke reviewed the included report: Initiative
67 1935: "The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act." This initiative limits the ability
68 of voters and state and local governments to raise revenue for government services; the initiative will
69 be eligible for the November 5, 2024, California General Election Ballot. The initiative would also
70 require local governments to account for the minimum amount necessary to reimburse the
71 government for the cost of providing a service or product, and to find other sources of funds to pay
72 for it.

73 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** There was no written communication for this meeting.

74 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:** There was no recognition for this meeting.

75 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**

76 ● **KEITH McREYNOLDS, FIRE CHIEF:** Chief McReynolds informed the Board of the following
77 items:

- 78 ○ The spring officers' meetings was held this month and was well attended.
- 79 ○ The District received two grants: \$12,000 from the San Diego Regional Fire
80 Foundation and \$13,500 from Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), which will be
81 utilized for fire radio equipment and training.
- 82 ○ Fire School on Camp Pendleton has been canceled as the vegetation fuel moisture is
83 too high to burn.
- 84 ○ Burn permits will be suspended on June 1.
- 85 ○ Visa, Oceanside, and North County Fire are collaborating on a Fire Service Woman's
86 Empowerment Camp in August.

- Vehicle updates: The new ambulance will be stationed out of Fire Station 1 with the next ambulance arriving in December. The new type 1 engine is scheduled to arrive by the end of the year, and the UTV on order is scheduled to be delivered in the next few months.

- **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: DC AUGUST:** DC August provided an update on current facility projects at Stations 1-5 and reported that IT Specialist Swanger completed transitioning Station 5 to optic internet and off the microwave system. DC August is also currently researching fire department apps and will report developments back to the Board at a future meeting. **BC HARRINGTON:** BC Harrington provided updates on the reprogramming of VHF radio equipment to new frequencies, indicating this will be completed by the end of June. In two weeks, the first ambulance will receive hearing protection. **FM FIERI:** FM Fieri provided an update on community risk reduction concerns and reported a monthly total of 27 plan reviews. **F/M JUUL:** FM Juul indicated the preliminary budget will be brought to the Board in June, and the FY 23/24 audit is currently underway. **DFC MACMILLAN:** DFC MacMillan provided operations updates, including staffing changes.

- **BOARD: President Pike:** President Pike reported back on the recent California Special Districts Association Southern Chapter meeting, where there was unanimous support for the Valley Center tax proposal. President Pike also provided Fire Safe Council updates and notified the Board there will be a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) presentation in June.

- **BARGAINING GROUPS:** There was no comment from the Bargaining Groups.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no additional public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:57 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 6:15 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

116 **CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE**

117 **§54956.9(d)): ONE CASE**

118 **CS-4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – PRESIDENT PIKE:**

119 **● REOPENING OPEN SESSION:**

120 On a motion by Director Acosta seconded by Vice President Shaw which passed unanimously, the
121 Board returned to open session at 7:06 p.m. and the following items were reported out to the public:

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

123 There was no reportable action.

124 **CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE**

125 **§54956.9(d)): ONE CASE**

126 There was no reportable action.

127 **ADJOURNMENT**

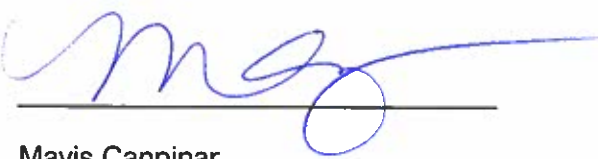
128 A motion was made at 7:07 p.m. by Director Acosta seconded by Director Egkan to adjourn the
129 meeting and reconvene on June 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., which motion carried unanimously.

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131 Respectfully submitted,

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134 Mavis Canpinar

135 Board Clerk

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137 Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on:

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6/25/24