

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
**PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
July 11, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Penn Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Grundel at 6:30 P.M. at Station 43. Chairman Grundel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT

Directors: Kurt Grundel, Randy Casto, Bob Webster, and Hank Weston

Absent: Roberto Garcia

Others: Chief Vander Plaats, firefighter and auxiliary members

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Auxiliary Member Anna Marie Pecoraro informed the board that the Penn Valley Community Association group is against a proposal that the owner of The Shell Station took to the Planning Commission. The owner would like to stay open longer hours; in the PVCA's opinion this would cause more loitering, crime, garbage and havoc since it's in a residential area. The Planning Commission has this on their agenda July 27, 2006.

CONSENT CALENDAR

R. Casto motioned to approve the consent calendar. H. Weston seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Chief Vander Plaats reported:

- That there have been issues brought up regarding Sierra College and the proposed training center. It is going slowly and they had to switch contractors. A meeting will be held 7/19 at Grass Valley Station #2 for discussion.
- S-SVEMS has contacted us regarding contract negotiations, which will be held sometime in August. They will contract separately with Sierra Nevada Ambulance since they're a private agency and we are public.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

K. Grundel reported:

- There will be no meeting in July.

LAFCO

H. Weston reported:

- The nominations have been received for Special District Representative. D. Hughes requested a brief resume from K. Grundel so she could mail out to the Special Districts.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Kristy Alward reported:

- She is the new President.
- The next breakfast is July 16, 2006.

FACILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

R. Casto said there is nothing to report and this item can be taken off the agenda for now.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Discussion was held regarding the mitigation report Chief Vander Plaats is working on to present to the Board of Supervisors. H. Weston suggested that wording ....*cost efficiency operations have been thoroughly reviewed and there is no extra money; the District is running on bare bones as far as mitigation fees are concerned...* or something to that effect. The board concurs on his staffing proposal presented in the board packet.

UPDATE OF FINAL BUDGET DRAFT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/07

Chief Vander Plaats is updating the budget draft as more exact costs and revenues are realized. The board instructed staff to look into putting the \$112,500 received from Wildwood Ridge into a CD, or some type of money market account that would earn more interest than at the County. This will be brought back to the August board meeting for a decision.

RESOLUTION 2006-11 DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF UP TO 3% CPI FOR THE FIRE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FEE

Chief Vander Plaats reminded the board that when the Engineer's study was done, the figures they came up with were \$87.00 per residence. The board thought that would be too much to ask of the voters so the lower amount of \$57.00 was used. If we don't put a CPI on the fire assessment fee we would fall far behind in our revenues versus expenses. The 3% would only cost \$1.72 more annually for each single dwelling. H. Weston motioned to adopt Resolution 2006-11. B. Webster seconded. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: R. Casto, K. Grundel, H. Weston B. Webster NOES: None ABSENT: R. Garcia ABSTAIN: None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

H. Weston mentioned:

1. The sewer increase passed in Zone 6 on connected EDU's.
2. Indian Springs Vineyard has been sold and the developer is going to put in 65 new homes in and around the vineyard.

CLOSED SESSION

AT 7:35 the board went into closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Labor Negotiations.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

At 9:50 pm the board came out of closed session and K. Grundel announced:

1. Employee Debbie Hughes accepted the District's offer for 06/07 of an increase in hourly wages of a COLA of 3.5% plus \$2.0 per hour. Debbie also accepted the change in the method vacation time and holiday time is tracked. These two categories will be combined into a Personal Leave Credit. Maximum Personal Leave Credit allowed will be 240 hours; after 240 hours are accrued the employee will not accrue additional hours.
2. Barbara Faletti rejected the District's offer for 06/07.
3. The career personnel and the District are still negotiating.
4. Chief Vander Plaats received his employee performance evaluation in the Closed Session. In open session, Board Member Weston made a motion, seconded by Board Member Webster to offer Chief Vander Plaats a COLA of 3.5% effective with the pay period including July 1, 2006. Chief Vander Plaats is also subject to the change in the method of tracking vacation and holiday leave as described above. All Ayes. Chief Vander Plaats accepted the offer.

ADJOURNMENT The board adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes  
Secretary to the Board