

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
**PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 4, 2007

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. Hank Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT

Directors: Larry Bailey, Bob Webster; Kurt Grundel and Randy Casto

Absent: Bill Neville (excused)

Others: Chief Vander Plaats, Battalion Chief Wagner and public

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

B. Webster motioned to approve the consent calendar as presented. L. Bailey seconded. Motion unanimously carried. (R. Casto abstained due to being absent at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.)

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Chief Vander Plaats reported:

- The Nevada County Fire Safe Council held 2 public meetings for public awareness, but attendance at both was 1 or 2 people only.
- LAFCo is looking into the sphere of influence for Nevada City. They're questioning Nevada City's ability to serve all the areas shown. Line boundaries need to be re-drawn, because of parcel splits.

CHIEF'S REPORT

In addition to report in packet Chief Vander Plaats stated:

- The District applied for the Safer Grant for 3 people.
- The new ambulance is here.
- The storage unit is here. Many of the items from the upstairs engine bay will be put in there and then the stairs will be dismantled.

SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (S-SVEMS)  
EXCLUSIVE OPERATING AREA AGREEMENT (EOA)

Legal Counsel Jim Curtis attended our meeting as well as Vickie Pinetti from S-SVEMS. S-SVEMS is in the process of, or completed negotiations for contracts with 5 other ambulance companies that are under their jurisdiction. The subject of an EOA between S-SVEMS and the District has been under discussion since early 2006. The basic premise of

the agreement is that, in exchange for meeting an identifiable level of service the District is guaranteed exclusivity, meaning no other provider is allowed to provide emergency 911 service in that area. Vickie Pinetti said medical protocols are already established which are bound by State Laws. Many changes were made in the contract to accommodate the District, due to being a public agency and rural, especially response times. S-SVEMS's goal is to keep us operating. Legal Counsel and Keith Grand from our Risk Management Company have been reviewing the EOA and they both have a problem with the wording regarding liability indemnification. The contract states that the District is indemnified but S-SVEMS is not. J. Curtis said it is customary in agreements to cross indemnify. V. Pinetti stated their risk managers said they aren't providing the service so it's not necessary. The board requested that both liability insurance risk managers talk together to iron this out, before the EOA is signed. This was tabled to the October board meeting.

#### CITIZEN'S REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

L. Bailey reviewed the impressive credentials of the five committee members. They gave a non-biased, objective opinion of the District's financial procedures and performance. They found the District operates with fiscal restraint and efficiency. They feel however, that the District needs a well thought out strategic plan, and would like to see an ad-hoc committee formed immediately. Their findings and recommendations are in their report. Chairman Grundel presented the committee with certificates of appreciation. The board expressed appreciation for all of their time, effort, hard work and long hours put into this.

#### CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Chief Vander Plaats reported that Auditor-Controller, Marcia Salter, has requested that the District immediately withdraw the certificates of deposit at Citizens Bank and deposit the funds into the County Treasury. This request is per Treasurer, Christina Dabis, who states Special Districts are not authorized to make or hold investments independent of the County Treasury. The District has sought Legal Counsel's opinion and Nevada County has sought County Counsel's opinion. J. Curtis and Rob Shulman (Nevada County Counsel) disagree on the interpretation of Health and Safety Code 13854. After more discussion, R. Casto motioned to allow Legal Counsel to further negotiate to resolve. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

#### PENN VALLEY COMMUNITY RODEO ASSOCIATION LEASE AGREEMENT

The rodeo committee is looking to finalize a 5-year lease. Bob Winters wanted to go on record as saying the ovens don't work in the cookhouse and weren't working when they took over the maintenance of the grounds. The lease is working out well. The following changes will be incorporated and the agreement will be ready for signature at the October board meeting. 1. Any repairs necessitated by the District's use will be made at the District's expense. 2. Exclude gas usage billing in exchange for PVFFA's breakfast usage. (It was noted the PVCRA has not been billed for any gas.) 3. The District will charge PVCRA \$30.00 per month for water usage.

#### PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/08

After discussion L. Bailey motioned to approve the budget for fiscal year 2007/08 as presented. B. Webster seconded. (Operating 745: \$1,518,000, Building and Equipment 767: \$341,200, Impact 753: \$495,000.) Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2007-12 TEN-YEAR CAPITAL OUTLAY PLAN

It was discussed to change relocation for Station 44, and structure for Station 44 to land acquisition and future fire station, respectively. R. Casto motioned to approve Resolution 2007-12 with the changes noted. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION OF PURCHASE OF ICE MACHINE FOR STATION 44

Chief Wagner recommended the District purchase an ice machine for Station 44 personnel. The old donated one in the engine bay stopped working, and the one in the kitchen refrigerator is not adequate for processing enough ice. B. Webster motioned to approve up to \$1,200 for an ice machine. R. Casto seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR BIDS FOR:

1. Resurface/Restrip Asphalt at Station 43.
2. Paint and Caulk Station 45.

Recommendation is to reseal and restripe the asphalt so that further damage is not done and the life of the parking lot can be extended. Chief Wagner contacted 5 companies and received 3 quotes back. Quality First Asphalt: \$5,500, Franza Enterprises: \$4,935, S. Miller Paving: \$3,445. R. Casto motioned to get references, and direct staff to do proper research and use the most competitive bid. L. Bailey seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Recommendation is to award a bid to wash, seal, prime and paint the exterior of Station 45 before winter. Station 45 was built 13 years ago and it has never been repainted. Chief Wagner contacted 4 companies and received 3 quotes back: Molitor Painting: \$6,975, MTM Painting: \$6,975, New Look Painting: \$5,500. After discussion, L. Bailey motioned to have Battalion Chief Wagner research if patchwork could be done at an appreciable savings, and if not to go with the low bid for full service. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Director Bailey - L. Bailey reported that Lake Wildwood Association rescinded their motion to put up the gate at Station 44. There was no discussion as it was part of their consent calendar. Discussion ensued regarding the school bus stops at the Station and how dangerous it is. This will be looked into.
2. Director Neville – Absent
3. Director Webster - Nothing to report at this time.
4. Vice-Chair Casto – Nothing to report at this time.
5. Chair Grundel – Nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT The board adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes  
Secretary to the Board

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