

SVFPD MINUTES March 14, 2024



Summarized MINUTES from a regular Board of Commissioners meeting of Scott Valley Fire Protection District, Greenview, California. Chair Larry Alexander opened the meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024. Present were Commissioners Kevin Hullquist and Jennifer Frick. Commissioners Kathy Williams and Gregory Lindholm had excused absences. Administrative Officer Nancy Salucci, Chief Paul Buchter, and Assistant Chief Steve Poling were also present.

Public Report Period: No public in attendance.

BOARD REPORTS

Larry Alexander, Chair (Fire Safe Council Liaison)

Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2024 meeting Hullquist/2nd Frick, all three ayes. Passed.

Hiring resiliency rep for public feasibility study Topic postponed until next meeting.

Continuing/new business If Northern California Resource Center is successful in a recent grant application, the Scott Valley Fire Safe Council will be reactivated. Chair Alexander mentioned budgets in general and specifically that the US Forest Service's budget is tight this year.

Kathy Williams (Personnel, Sunshine Committee, Dalmatians Liaison) Excused absence.

Dalmatians report

Continuing/new business

Kevin Hullquist

Short- and long-range Board plans. No discussion was held.

Continuing/new business: Nothing new to report.

Greg Lindholm (Training Center/Building Oversight) Excused absence

Assembly Bill AB570 2023-24 update

Continuing/New business

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Kevin Hullquist

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Investing District funds with California Class Bob Shull, Senior Director of California Class Investment Services for Public Trust, will attend our April 11, 2024 meeting and will bring information packets for everyone.

Grant research up-date

- Commissioner Frick continued her search for marketing grants, feasibility studies, and assistance in financing a ballot measure for emergency medical and fire services.
- The City of Yreka is considering putting a 1% sales tax on the November ballot that could help alleviate staffing and facility issues at Yreka Fire Department. If passed, this could potentially raise \$2.7 million for the Department.
- Commissioner Frick intends to meet with County Clerk Laura Bynum to talk about the process and expense for initiating a ballot measure for SVFPD and she will also confirm the number of taxable parcels in our District.
- Firefighter Rosalinda Frick or a member of the Lion's Club could be asked to draft a letter to the Scott Valley community for donations. This would be similar to our successful fund-raising efforts for Rescue 1540
- Possible public relations/fund-raising events could include pancake breakfast, Fill the Boots, and/or an inter-agency pre- fire season forum with presentations and a BBQ like the REC has hosted in previous years.

New business Nothing new to report

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Administrative Officer Nancy Salucci

Approval and payment of bills March 14, 2024 Motion to approve Hullquist/2nd Frick, three ayes, passed.

Transfer requests and revenue deposits: ACH Transfers: IRS Q1 \$1494.26; EDD Q1 \$185.25.

Paul Buchter	1194.40	Salary
Steve Poling	1194.40	Salary
Nancy Salucci	3466.66	Salary
Nancy Salucci	925.75	Mileage, printer, chairs, office supplies
Siskiyou Tel	97.96	Utility
Pacific Power	313.36	Pacific Power
USBank	240.86	Fuel, supplies
FJ Hardware	21.44	Supplies
Town of FJ for FJ Fire Dept	200.00	January donation
Mean Gene's Gas	1025.11	Three months, kerosene
Redline Engraving	167.00	Firefighter perennial plaque
Zoll Medical Corp.	3038.24	Medical supplies

Motion to approve the bills Hullquist/2nd Frick. All ayes, passed.

SDRMA's Estimate for Liability & Equipment Insurance 2024-2025 The estimate is between \$32,145 to \$32,551.

Continuing/new business Nothing to report

Operations Data 2023

	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan24	Feb	March	April	May
Full Strength (goal)	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25		
Active firefighters on roster	19	20	20	20	22	22	24	21	21	21		
Inactive firefighters	0	1	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	1		
Firefighters removed from roster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		
New applications received	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1		
Applications pending	1	2	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	2		
Drills before March were 2 nd &4 th Tuesdays Switched to weekly drills in March.												
Attended Wednesday drill March 6	7	6	7	3	6	5	8	16	8	11		
Attended Wednesday drill March 13th	14		8	6	9	6	6	9	8	8		
Station Staffing: Greenview								9				
French Creek								2				
Callahan								1				
Moffett Creek								8				

Febuary incident dispatches

Vegetation Fires	Vehicle Accident	Structure fires	Other fires	Medicals	Haz Mats	Public Assists	Others	Total
0	2	2	4	12	0	4	1	25

January responses to incidents: 9. Number of personnel responses: 14

Operations Reports: Chief Paul Buchter

Alliance (formerly "Consolidation") meeting: The Alliance meeting was held February 19th.

- A combined wildland fire refresher course and field day was held.
- Ops report-wildland refresher course will be held in April.
- Future combined drills will be up Kidder Creek, focusing on Multi-casualty Incidents (MCIs) and evacuations.
- The FEMA grant for SCBA's was submitted.
- We will apply for a hose grant next year to replace all structural hose and get large-diameter hose for hydrants.

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- **Agricultural wells:** The Chief will meet with Scott Murphy to discuss drafting access to his pond on Eastside Road near Horn Lane. This is to be developed as an emergency water supply and hopefully made available to fire departments. Chief Buchter was told there are no Cal Fire grants available for this, but perhaps FEMA may have some funding. The Lindholm and the Hullquist properties might also be available for emergency water supply development projects.
- **Operational Agreements:** Each of the three local fire departments have independent “functional control” of their departments. Three agreements will eventually be presented to our Board and City Councils. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) have been developed--broad, overarching procedures that all three departments will utilize, but have enough leeway for each Department to develop specialized tactics. This will be presented soon.
- **Paying FJ Chief Hess as Instructor** The Board agreed to pay Chief Hess as an independent contractor \$2000 for twelve months (March 2024-March 2025 (with W-9 tax form). This will be reviewed annually.
- **Training Center** Completed plans have been received and sent to Al Branson dba Scott Valley Construction, General Contractor #678602, P.O. Box 841, Etna CA 96027 who will give us a bid for the slab. Chief Buchter will confirm Bronson has a current contractor’s license and insurance. We have the permit.
- **Traffic incident** All three Valley departments plus Mercy Air, CHP, Yreka FD, South Yreka FD, and four ambulances responded to a Scott Valley MCI vehicle accident with six injured people. Chief said our MCI Drills in the past were very helpful.

Chief Buchter is going to get a **California State Burn Boss** certification so he can conduct burns on private property. He is investigating potential conflicts of interest and liability concerns.

Chair Alexander stated that if he or any of his employees were asked to work on burn projects, neither he nor NCRC would participate if money were to change hands.

Assistant Chief Poling

Equipment: Now that the weather is clearing, Asst. Chief Poling will begin working on the equipment. Tender 1530 is repaired and in service.

Motion to Adjourn Frick/2nd Hullquist. All ayes, passed.

Date _____

Chair

Administrative Officer