



**RANCHO SANTA FE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES – December 18, 2015**

These minutes reflect the order in which items appeared on the meeting agenda and do not necessarily reflect the order in which items were actually considered.

President Ashcraft called to order the special meeting of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 2:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Battalion Chief Bret Davidson led the assembly in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

1. Roll Call

Directors Present: Ashcraft, Hillgren, Malin, Tanner

Directors Absent: Stine

Staff Present: Tony Michel, Fire Chief; Fred Cox, Deputy Chief; Bret Davidson, Battalion Chief; and Karlana Rannals, Board Clerk.

2. Public Comment

No one requested to speak to the Board.

3. Old Business

a. LAFCO Application – Update

Chief Michel reported that at the Board of Supervisors meeting held December 16, 2015, they unanimously approved the property tax exchange required to proceed with the LAFCO application. He summarized the negotiations with the County of San Diego for a property tax exchange and the negotiated financial considerations necessary to provide emergency response services beginning December 31, 2015.

He informed the Board that many members from the Elfin Forest Community attended the meeting to show their support to the Supervisors for the reorganization. Several of the community members spoke encouraging the Board to vote in favor of the negotiated terms. At the conclusion of the public comment, the Supervisors were complimentary to Chief Frank Twohy for his dedication and commitment to the community and the fire service.

He also reported that he contacted Michael Ott on the outcome of the Board of Supervisors meeting and he intends to expedite the reorganization to the LAFCO Commission. The target is the March 2016 meeting. He responded to questions from the Board.

4. New Business

a. Agreement with Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District for Fire Protection and Emergency Services for Harmony Village

Chief Michel reported that the contract for discussion is necessary to be able to provide services effective December 31, 2015. He distributed a “red line” version of the agreement. He discussed the document provided by the County noting that the contract language is their standard language; however, he recommends striking the fire prevention language. He does not wish to enforce two codes (County and Fire District) on an interim basis. Legal counsel for the District has reviewed the agreement and supports the document distributed.

He also reported that he learned on the previous day that a supplemental “no cost” lease to occupy the building is necessary. He requested the Board of Directors authorize the Fire Chief to execute the supplement document and place on the January 2016 agenda for ratification.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR HILGREN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MALIN CARRIED 5 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN to approve the following actions:

- 1) Approve the contract *entitled* Agreement with Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District for Fire Protection and Emergency Services for Harmony Village, and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the contract
- 2) Authorize the Fire Chief to execute a building lease for the temporary fire station, upon review by legal counsel and submit the executed document for ratification at the January 2016 meeting.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.

Karlana Rannals
Secretary

James H Ashcraft
President