

**SAN RAMON VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Minutes – July 28, 2010**

MISSION STATEMENT

In the spirit of our tradition, we strive for excellence, respectfully serving all with pride, honor and compassion.

Location: 1500 Bollinger Canyon Road
Administrative Building-Boardroom
San Ramon, CA 94583

Board Members Present: President Lindsay, Directors Dickson, Price, and Stamey.

Board Members absent: Director Linari

Staff Present: Chief Price, Assistant Chief Collins, Assistant Chief Hart, Deputy Fire Marshal Stevens, Finance Supervisor Sasser, Technology Systems Manager Call, District Counsel Ross, Battalion Chief Barton, Battalion Chief Viera, Union President Keel, and District Clerk Brooks.

1. Call to Order

Board President Lindsay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Lindsay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Determination of Quorum and Confirmation of Agenda

There was a quorum and no changes to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Calendar

Director Dickson approval of Consent Calendar items 5.1-5.13 (1-3), Director Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Special Announcements/Presentations/General Business

6.1 Proclamation in Recognition of Patriot's Day – September 11, 2010.

Board President Lindsay read some of what was included in the proclamation for Patriot's Day to those present and asked that the District Clerk add the full text of this proclamation into the record. This proclamation will be posted at the administrative offices on September 11, 2010.

6.2 Badge Pinning Ceremony for Engineer Eric Sabye

Chief Price provided Engineer Sabye's background to those present. Engineer Sabye's mom pinned his badge on and then introduced the rest of his family and thanked the Board and his family for their support.

6.3 Badge Pinning Ceremony for Captain Eric Stiner

Chief Price provided Captain Stiner's background to those present. Captain Stiner's wife pinned his badge on and then introduced the rest of his family and thanked the Board and his family for their support.

6.4 Presentation of Life-Saving Awards

Chief Price invited EMS Coordinator Swartzell up to the podium to provide the background of this incident. EMS Coordinator Swartzell provided the incident background then called up Mr. & Mrs. Rogers and Ginger Weaver. Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Weaver performed CPR on Mr. Rogers until the crews arrived to treat him. Mr. Rogers then spoke stating how grateful he was to his wife, neighbor and the crews for helping save his life. Chief Price then presented Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Weaver with District Life Saving medals. EMS Coordinator Swartzell also provided certificates from the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation to Mr. & Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Weaver. The Board applauded the crew and life saving recipients.

6.5 Presentation of Medal of Valor Awards and Bravery Medals

Chief Price provided the background of this house fire, and called up the crews that were to be recognized for saving one of the occupants of the house at this meeting tonight, praising them for their heroic work, and presenting each of them with medals. The Board and those present applauded.

Dr. Littman who was rescued on this call spoke to the crews, thanking them for saving his life, stating how grateful he and his family were.

7. Old Business

7.1 Open Public Hearing as set forth in the annual hazard abatement notices mailed between June 9 and July 13, 2010 stipulating July 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. as the date, time and place as provided for the purpose of receiving public comment to show cause why exterior hazard abatement orders should not be enforced.

No one came forward.

7.2 Discussion regarding Consulting Services Agreement for FY 2010-2011 with California Advocates, Inc.

Chief Price provided the background of this item which was originally brought up at the June, 2010 Board meeting to explore ways to save money working with California

Advocates. Chief Price suggested amending the contract to cover all our public pension legislation and the rest of advocacy work would be on a fee-for-service basis. Therefore, the contract would be reduced from \$5,500 a month to \$2,000 per month resulting in a \$42,000 savings per year. Other organizations we have memberships in can be a backup resource for us also. Motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Stamey to amend the contract with California Advocates, Inc., for \$2,000 per month, instead of \$5,500 per month. Motion carried.

7.3 Discussion regarding pre-payment discount on three Type 1 Fire Truck Chassis.

Assistant Chief Hart discussed this item with the Board stating that it was first brought up at the June, 2010 Board meeting regarding the prepayment discount for the chassis and at that time, the Board decided not to approve the discount. Assistant Chief Hart stated that the company has since upped the discount by \$1,000.00 per chassis if pre-paid. The Board and staff discussed the risks. Assistant Chief Hart stated that no prepayment would get the job done quicker. District Counsel Ross discussed bankruptcy issues with other fire apparatus companies, stating that the chassis is a critical point for the apparatus. Chief Price stated that the chassis are currently in Oakdale. The direction of the Board was to continue with the policy from what was stated at the June Board meeting, that a prepayment would not be considered by the District. Assistant Chief Hart stated that no payment has been made as yet and that payment would be made when we receive equipment.

8. New Business

8.1 Discussion and possible adoption of Amendment to Goal 3 of District's Standards of Cover (SOC) document.

Assistant Chief Collins stated that a minor change to the Standards of Cover document is being requested at this meeting. The goal for the rural area should be adjusted, and we would then be in compliance with accreditation requirements and stated that this goal is still very achievable. Motion by Director Dickson, seconded by Director Stamey to direct Fire Chief Price to make this adjustment in the SOC prior to the August accreditation meeting. Motion carried.

Chief Price stated that we still need to make a 4th recommendation for rural (wilderness) along with terminology regarding medical responses in the SOC, and this item would be brought back before the Board.

8.2 Review and Discussion of Preliminary Training Center Design.

Assistant Chief Hart presented and discussed the conceptual designs for the Training Center. Board President Lindsay stated that this is very exciting and has been a long awaited project.

8.3 Discussion of IAFC/US Safety Engineering Award for Excellence.

Chief Price provided the background of this item, stating that the District is one of seven nominated for this award which will be announced at the FRI Conference in Chicago this August.

9. **Correspondence**

No comment.

10. **Monthly Activity Reports**

10.1 Operations - Assistant Chief Collins

Assistant Chief Collins stated that this report will get better each month and thanked Technology Systems Manager Call for all his hard work on this report. Director Stamey stated how helpful the graphs are and Board President Lindsay said the visuals are great also.

10.2 Support Services - Assistant Chief Hart

Assistant Chief Hart stated that work is progressing at Station 36, concrete in the front is almost done. Regarding Station 32, Assistant Chief Hart stated that the CEQA consultant he has been working with has gone out of business and is working on getting a new consultant and that he is also working with Contra Costa County Supervisor Piepho's office.

10.3 Fire Prevention – Deputy Fire Marshal Stevens

Deputy Fire Marshal Stevens stated that the 4th of July holiday in the District went well and discussed that progress is being made on exterior hazard abatement in the District. Deputy Fire Marshal Stevens also briefly discussed the three recent fire incidents.

10.4 Administrative Services – Finance Supervisor Sasser

Finance Supervisor Sasser stated that the Finance Department is preparing for the upcoming audit.

10.5 Fire Chief – Fire Chief Price

Chief Price stated that this past month he sat in on the interviews for Danville Police Chief; and also discussed the release of the i-phone app which is performing well, stating that we have gotten good reviews so far on it.

11. **Good of the Order**

Director Stamey discussed the recent Finance Sub-Committee meeting regarding the Fee Study that he and Director Dickson were involved in with the Fire Prevention Division and Matrix Consulting Group. This item will come back to the full board some time early next year.

12. Closed Session

12.1 Conference with District Counsel – Potential Litigation

Possible exposure to litigation (one matter)

[Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b)(2) and 54954.5(c)]. Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation need not be disclosed. [Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(b) (3)(a)]

12.2 Personnel Matter: Discuss terms and conditions of Information Services Technician part-time position [Pursuant to Government Code § 54954.5]


13. Return to Open Session

Regular session ended:	8:40 p.m.
Closed session began:	8:50 p.m.
Closed session ended:	9:12 p.m.
Regular session reconvened:	9:13 p.m.

14. Adjournment

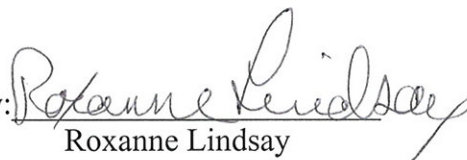
The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m., to the next regular Board meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 22, 2010**. (The regular August Board meeting has been cancelled).

Prepared by:



Susan F. Brooks
District Clerk

Approved by:



Roxanne Lindsay
Board President