

1 **August 16, 2011**

2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**
3 **THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

4 Vice President Munson called the meeting to order at 17:00.

5 **THE INVOCATION GIVEN BY CHAPLAIN HELMAN.**

6 **ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

7 **ROLL CALL:**

8 **Present:** Directors Harris, Hooper, Munson and Schaden.

9 **Absent:** Director Thuner.

10 **Staff Present:** Fire Chief/CEO Metcalf, Attorney James and Board Secretary Stephen-
11 Porter. In the audience were: Deputy Chief Torchia, Battalion Chief Abbott, D/C Lane, F/S
12 Timmers and members of the public and Association.

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14 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

15 1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Vice President Munson addressed the audience and inquired
16 whether there were any public comments regarding items not on the Agenda. Chief
17 Metcalf presented several new Reserves and a promotion for introduction to the Board.
18 He introduced and swore-in Reserve Firefighters Todd Holmes and Samuel Russell. In
19 addition, Chief Metcalf introduced newly promoted David Helman, who was recently
20 promoted to the position of Engineer. At the conclusion of the swearing-in, all employees
21 were welcomed by the Board. There were no further public comments.

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23 **ACTION AGENDA**

24 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

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26 2. **APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JULY 2011**
27 3. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2011**
28 4. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES**
29 5. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT MAINTENANCE DIVISION REPORT FOR FY 2010/11**

30 Vice President Munson inquired whether there were any questions on Items 2-5. There
31 being no discussion, Vice President Munson asked for a motion to approve the consent
32 agenda. On a motion by Director Harris to approve Items 2-5, which was seconded by
33 Director Schaden, the motion passed unanimously.

34 ACTION ITEMS:

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36 6. **HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN AT 5:15 — FOR ADOPTION OF UPDATED FIRE PREVENTION**
37 **FEES AND ORDINANCE 2011-02 (5:15 P.M.) — D/C MOREL:** Vice President Munson opened
38 the public hearing for comment. There being none, the public hearing time was closed.
39 D/C Morel reviewed the updates to the Fee Schedule, noting that the only addition was to
40 recover costs for the initial annual inspection for Burn Permits. Discussion ensued
41 regarding the differences between residential, agricultural, county codes and issuance by
42 CalFire. On a motion by Director Hooper, which was seconded by Director Schaden, the
43 motion to update the Fire Prevention Fee Ordinance and Schedule was unanimously
44 approved. It will be implemented after required legal notices.

45 7. **PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN AT 5:25 P.M. — FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A**
46 **MULTI-YEAR FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT PLAN FOR THE FIRE MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM AND**
47 **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION No. 2011-08 – D/C MOREL:** D/C Morel informed the Board this is
48 an annual resolution required to allow the District to continue to participate in the County's
49 Fee Mitigation Program. On a motion by Director Harris, which was seconded by Director
50 Hooper, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution as presented.

51 **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

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53 8. There was no Discussion Items for the August 16, 2011 Board Meeting.

54 STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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56 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel James presented his report "Court Strikes
57 Down Special Assessment for Fire Services." Brief discussion ensued. This is
58 informational only, no action required.

- 59 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None.
- 60 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:** None.
- 61 ● **NEWS ARTICLES:** Brief discussion ensued regarding the California budget,
62 pension reform and public employee compensation. Informational only, no action required.
- 63 ● **COMMENTS:**
- 64 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**
- 65 ● **UPDATE ON STATION CONSTRUCTION:** Chief Torchia informed the Board of the status
66 of Station 5 building project. He noted that the approval from the County is proceeding
67 with only two items outstanding, a grading plan and traffic information. He expects to
68 begin an RFQ process for the contractor in the coming month, if the County approves the
69 plans. Informational only, no further action required.
- 70 ● **BILL METCALF, FIRE CHIEF/CEO:** Chief Metcalf discussed the pending legislation
71 regarding the Rural Fire Prevention Fee with the Board. He noted the District had sent the
72 letter requested by the Board and worked with the media to disseminate the District's
73 position. Chief Metcalf also discussed the consolidation discussion with Vista, Oceanside
74 and Carlsbad. He informed the Board there is not much financial savings and Carlsbad is
75 not interested in going forward. However, the three remaining entities are interested in
76 looking at the next stage of the consultant report to determine if there is value in moving
77 forward. On another note, Chief Metcalf informed the Board he had been contacted by the
78 Administrative Manager of Valley Center to consider consolidation with Valley Center and
79 Deer Springs. It was suggested to form a Board Committee, to discuss the possibility of
80 consolidation. If the Board is interested, Chief Metcalf would bring a proposal to the Board
81 for approval. It was the consensus of the Board to explore this possibility. Informational
82 only, no further action required.
- 83 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS: D/C MOREL:** D/C Morel noted the District is hosting a memorial
84 hike and event to benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Fund. The District is working to
85 publize the event widely. Details of the event were shared. D/C Morel lauded the Fire
86 Safe Council and Fred Luevano for their work on the Heller's Bend area, removing
87 invasive and flammable weeds. The group cleaned up dead oaks, encouraging native

88 growth. Along with the Land Conservancy, they are using this site to educate school
89 children about weed abatement. Informational only, no further action required.

90 ● **BOARD: DIRECTOR HOOPER:** Director Hooper informed the Board he would be
91 absent from the September meeting. He informed the Board the North Comm negotiations
92 are reaching finalization. **DIRECTOR HARRIS:** Director Harris inquired regarding the 9/11
93 event and encouraged Board members to attend.

94 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS:** No comments.

95 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT: FRED LUEVANO:** Fred Luevano inquired whether there would be
96 any lawsuits from the public on the SRA fees. Chief Metcalf noted there has been interest,
97 but there is no party standing until the fees are actually imposed.

98 99 **CLOSED SESSION**

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101 There were no Closed Session items for the August 16, 2011 Board meeting.

102 103 **ADJOURNMENT**

104 A motion was made at 5:50 p.m. by Director Harris and seconded by Director Schaden to
105 adjourn the meeting and reconvene on September 27, 2011, at 17:00. The motion carried
106 unanimously.

107 Respectfully submitted,

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110 Loren Stephen-Porter

111 Board Secretary

112 Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: September 27, 2011