

1 **March 22, 2022**

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

4 President Egan called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

5 **A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.**

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

7 **ROLL CALL:**

8 **Present:** Directors Acosta, Egkan, Kennedy, Munson and van Doorn.

9 **Absent:** None.

10 **Staff Present:** Fire Chief/CEO McReynolds, Attorney James and Board Secretary Stephen-
11 Porter. In the audience were: D/C MacMillan, B/C DeCamp, FiM Juul and members of the
12 public and Association.

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14 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

15 1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Egan addressed the audience and inquired whether
16 there were any public comments regarding items not on the Agenda. Chief McReynolds
17 brought forward an emergency matter that occurred after the posting of the agenda,
18 regarding the repairs at Station 2. He noted that if the matter was not attended to at this
19 time, it would delay of the repairs more than already anticipated; these repairs are due to the
20 vehicle accident at the Station. On a motion by Director van Doorn, which was seconded by
21 Director Kennedy the matter was determined to arise after the publishing of the agenda. On
22 a motion by Director van Doorn, which was seconded by Director Kennedy, it was noted that
23 matter was an emergency which needed to be handled at this time to prevent further delays
24 in the critical repairs and the matter was placed on the agenda. Further discussion ensued
25 regarding the type of repairs and the amounts of the repairs to be approved. Cost recovery
26 will be sought from the driver's insurance. On motion by Director van Doorn, seconded by
27 Director Kennedy, the Board approved the repairs and associated expenditures to secure
28 the purchase of the emergency generator and to authorize work to begin for the installation

29 of the emergency generator and fence repairs. There being further no comments, the Public
30 Comment Section was closed.

31 32 **ACTION AGENDA**

33 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

- 34 2. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2022**
- 35 3. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022**
- 36 4. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES**
- 37 5. **MONTHLY OPERATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2022**

38 President Egkan inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 2-5. There
39 was a request to remove 5e and 5f for further review and bring back to the Board at another
40 meeting. President Egkan asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the
41 removal of Items 5e and 5f as noted. On a motion by Director van Doorn and seconded by
42 Vice President Acosta, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as modified passed
43 unanimously.

44 45 **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 46 6. **REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-07 ALLOWING THE DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN**
47 **THE COUNTY FIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR FY 2022/2023 — FM FIERI AND CHIEF McREYNOLDS:**

48 Chief McReynolds presented the Resolution to the Board for approval, noting this is a required action
49 for the District to participate in the Fire Mitigation Program. Later in the year, Staff will be bringing
50 the Fire Mitigation Plan to the Board for approval. On a motion by Director Munson and seconded
51 by Director van Doorn, the motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 passed unanimously.

- 52 7. **REVIEW AND APPROVE COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL PAID SICK LEAVE OBLIGATIONS — CHIEF**
53 **McREYNOLDS:** Chief McReynolds presented the request to create two supplemental paid
54 sick leave banks and to allocate \$326,868 from the compensated absences line item in order
55 to be in compliance with SB114. The leave will be for COVID-related absences between
56 January 1 to September 30, 2022. On a motion by Director van Doorn and seconded by

57 Director Kennedy, the motion to create two supplemental paid sick leave banks and to
58 allocate \$326,868 from the compensated absences line item passed unanimously.

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60 8. **REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2022-08 OPPOSING CA INITIATIVE**

61 **21-0042A1 — CHIEF McREYNOLDS:** Chief McReynolds presented Resolution 2022-08 to the
62 Board noting that CSDA has recommended opposition to CA Initiative 21-0042A1 as it has
63 provisions that would retroactively void *all* state and local taxes or fees adopted after
64 January 1, 2022, if they did not align with the provisions of the initiative. It may also affect
65 indexed fees that adjust over time for inflation or other factors. Effectively, it would allow
66 voters throughout California to invalidate the prior actions of local voters, undermining local
67 control and voter-approved decisions about investments needed in their communities. Chief
68 McReynolds noted it may put 20 billion dollars at jeopardy. The Resolution will be sent to
69 CSDA. Brief discussion ensued on the impact for future measures for the District. On a
70 motion by Director Kennedy and seconded by Director van Doorn, the motion to approve
71 Resolution 2022-08 as presented passed unanimously.

72 9. **REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUEST TO STAFF BLS AMBULANCE IN NORTH ZONE — CHIEF**

73 **McREYNOLDS:** Chief McReynolds presented the request to deploy a BLS ambulance staffed
74 with two Single-Role Emergency Medical Technicians to the North Zone to assist with
75 ambulance service surge capacity. He noted the need had arisen due to the heavy draw
76 down of Vista ambulances in response to other agencies requests, such that Vista is
77 considering retracting participation in the ambulance delivery system boundary drop. After
78 the agencies involved discussed the issue, this was determined to be a solution that would
79 assist Vista and prevent their removal from the boundary drop. Discussion ensued regarding
80 what other agencies were doing with it being noted although they are taking steps, we are
81 the only one that could fill this need at this time. With BLS ambulances being considered in
82 the Zone, this is a step toward realizing that transition. On a motion by Director Munson and
83 seconded by Director Kennedy, the motion to approve deployment of BLS ambulance to the
84 North Zone for a 30-day trial passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

10. There were no Discussion Agenda Items for the March 22, 2022, Board Meeting.

STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel James presented his report “In With The New.” Brief discussion ensued. This is informational only, no action required.

- **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Brief discussion ensued regarding the items. Informational only, no action required.

- **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

- **NEWS ARTICLES:** Brief discussion ensued regarding articles. This is informational only, no action required.

- **COMMENTS:**

- **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**

- **KEITH McREYNOLDS, FIRE CHIEF/CEO:** Chief McReynolds reporting on his activities to solicit funding, including the Resolution and letter sent to Senator Jones. He noted that Assemblywoman Waldron had followed-up with a letter to the Governor regarding our needs. Chief McReynolds informed the Board he would be attending a Cal Chief conference; D/C MacMillan will be running the District in his absence. Discussion ensued about the property the County is looking to build the Safety Center on. Chief McReynolds noted the property had been purchased by the County and he had indications it was moving forward; he will know more in the near future. Discussion ensued regarding grant opportunity with Chief McReynolds noting there seems to be no grants for brick-and-mortar building. Chief McReynolds informed the Board the District had received a letter from the County regarding Pala’s purchase of 97 acres on the opposite of the freeway. Chief McReynolds is looking to set up a meeting with Pala to discuss support services. Informational only.

- **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: D/C MACMILLAN:** D/C MacMillan noted the District will have a Captain’s test on April 5th with 6 candidates testing. On March 28th they will be having the second officers meeting of the year.

- **BOARD: DIRECTOR VAN DOORN:** Director van Doorn brought forth a recommendation

115 for a camera system called the “Owl,” which they use at LAFCO meetings.

116 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS: PRESIDENT LEWIS:** President Lewis noted that the Association
117 uses the Owl for their meetings. He applauded the Board for the cooperation in the Zone
118 with the BLS ambulance staging; it shows the District is progressive and fosters our good
119 relations in the Zone.

120 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

122 **CLOSED SESSION**

123 ● **OPENING CLOSED SESSION:**

124 At 5:25 p.m., President Egkan inquired whether there was a motion to adjourn to Closed
125 Session. There being no objection, President Egkan read the items to be discussed in
126 Closed Session and the Open Session was closed. A short break ensued after the reading
127 of the Closed Session Items. At 5:35 p.m., and the Board entered Closed Session to hear:

128 CS-1. **ANNOUNCEMENT — PRESIDENT EGKAN:** An announcement regarding the items to be discussed
129 in Closed Session will be made prior to the commencement of Closed Session.

130 CS-2. **EMPLOYMENT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957(b) – CHIEF MCREYNOLDS:**
131 **EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/BOARD SECRETARY**

132 CS-3. **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION — PRESIDENT EGKAN**

133 ● **REOPENING OPEN SESSION:**

134 On a motion by Director van Doorn and seconded by Vice President Acosta, which passed
135 unanimously, the Board returned Open Session at 5:59 p.m. the following items were
136 reported out to the public:

137 CS-2. **EMPLOYMENT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE – GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957(b) – CHIEF MCREYNOLDS:**
138 **EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/BOARD SECRETARY:** No reportable action.

140 **ADJOURNMENT**

141 A motion was made by Director van Doorn, seconded by Vice President Acosta at 6:03 p.m.
142 to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on April 26, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., which motion carried
143 unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Loren A. Stephen-Porter

Loren Stephen-Porter
Board Secretary

Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: April 26, 2022

