



EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 2:30 p.m.

DS/ED Fire Station #49, Downstairs Classroom, 501 Main Street, Diamond Springs, CA 95619

ITEM
Pledge of Allegiance
1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comments - Public comments will be received on each agenda item as it is called. The public may address matters not on the agenda at this time. Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Board reserves the right to waive said rules by a majority vote.
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2016
5. Treasurer’s Report (Hardy)
6. Fire Advisory Board
7. Old Business
8. New Business 8.1 Elect Calendar Year 2017 Fire Chiefs Association Officers (Kaslin) <i>Nominees: Chief Clive Savacool, Chair or Vice Chair</i> <i>Chief Mike Webb, Chair or Vice Chair</i> <i>Chief Mike Hardy, Treasurer</i>
9. Department Reports
10. Section Reports 10.1 Training Officers 10.2 Fire Prevention Officers 10.3 Operations 10.4 CSA 3 Update
11. Standing Committee Reports 11.1 EMS Agency 11.2 OES, State and Local 11.3 Fire Safe Council 11.4 LAFCO 11.5 Red Cross
12. Good and Welfare
13. Adjournment
14. Executive Session (Standing Item)

Next meeting: 9:30 on Wednesday, January 25, 2017

All Fire Chiefs Association meetings are recorded. The agenda packet may be reviewed at the JPA office located at 480 Locust Road, Diamond Springs, CA 95619

CCFD Appeal to the El Dorado County Fire Chiefs

At our last CCFD sub-committee meeting with BOS Veerkamp, the CAO addressed the committee with the idea of disbanding the CCFD. The argument was that the rural fire districts did not feel adequately represented by the original committee. In all fairness I have heard this as well, and take some responsibility for this outcome, as I did not at the beginning of each year explain to all the new incoming fire board members from each fire district what the purpose of the CCFD is, and what it has accomplished over the last 3 ½ years. In this subcommittee we have addressed this concern by including all rural fire chiefs in the discussions. The question is though, does the CCFD still have a mission and a place that is worth supporting and participating in. Let me state that the mission has always been to support fire based ambulance services and a mutual aid system that includes sustainable funding for the rural fire districts. It was also established with the idea that a unified front of elected fire officials and fire chiefs carried more weight with the BOS than just the chiefs alone. Together the CCFD obtained a signed agreement by all the fire districts to work together towards solutions specifically in dealing with the underfunding of the rural fire districts. This was supported by the BOS with the intention of looking at consolidating fire districts. During the last two years Garden Valley and Georgetown put together a proposal for merging at a cost of 1.3 million of which an AB-8 renegotiation was to be the funding mechanism. EDH and Rescue also put a proposal together which requested approximately 1 million in AB-8 renegotiation funding. Both were denied as too costly. When both districts asked the BOS to give us a number that they would support, we were both told that they could not give us this answer. In our current subcommittee we have discussed this situation and the CAO has stated that these proposals are too costly for EDC. So this leaves us in a situation where

we need to explore new ideas. Here are my thoughts based on our conversations in subcommittee.

Plan A -

We establish a new aid to fire agreement based on the now 6 fire districts that are in need: Rescue, Pioneer, Fallen Leaf, Mosquito, Georgetown, and Garden Valley. I am proposing that this be a fixed rate of 1% of the expendable EDC budget which this year amounts to 1.5 million to be split up 6 ways or \$250,000 each annually. I am further proposing that these monies be restricted with oversight by the county in the following ways:

- 1) Establish replacement funding from these monies to include:**
 - a) A type 3 apparatus fund to be replaced every 10 years in an annual line item which sets aside \$30,000 annually. This will mean that at the end of 10 years there will be \$300,000 for the purchase of a new type 3 apparatus.**
 - b) A water tender fund to be replaced every 15 years in an annual line item which sets aside \$20,000 annually. This will mean that at the end of 15 years there will be \$300,000 for the purchase of a new water tender.**
 - c) A chief's vehicle/utility vehicle fund to be replaced every 10 years in an annual line item which sets aside 7,500 annually. This will mean that at the end of 10 years there will be \$75,000 for the purchase of a new chief's vehicle and/or a new utility vehicle.**
 - d) A safety gear fund to be replaced every 10 years in an annual line item which sets aside \$15,000 annually. This will mean that at the end of 10 years there will be \$150,000 for the purchase of new SCBA's and turnouts/safety gear.**
 - e) A facility repair fund to be replaced every 10 years in an annual line item which sets aside \$7,500 annually. This**

will mean that at the end of 10 years there will be \$75,000 for the purchase/repair of the district facilities, such as: roofs, concrete, siding, solar, etc.

- f) An apparatus repair fund to be set aside annually in a line item which sets aside \$10,000 annually. This will be used each year to repair all apparatus as needed.

These total line item funds add up to \$90,000 leaving each fire district 160,000 to use at their discretion for the following items only:

- 1) Personnel
- 2) Apparatus purchase
- 3) Safety gear purchase
- 4) Facility/land repair, purchase or construction

This gives the county oversight that the original aid to fire agreement did not have, and also allows each district to fund the programs they feel are important to serve their communities. I also propose that this program be pushed by the CCFD as a whole (elected officials and fire chiefs) to be placed on the new upcoming budget in 2017 with the caveat that if plan C is achieved it will replace and augment this plan.

Plan B –

This proposal was discussed at the last sub-committee meeting with the county attorney to attend our next meeting to discuss what this agreement might look like. A loan document will be drawn up for the rural districts for the county to loan the districts the requested patch monies. These loans are to be collected at the time Plan C is realized with an agreed upon payment plan. There is no contingency as of this writing as to what will happen if plan C is not realized.

Plan C –

This proposal is to place either/both an additional tax on hotel fees that will be strictly dedicated to fire, or (and my preference) a quarter cent sales tax increase that will be dedicated to fire. The sales tax is estimated to be \$3 Million annually. (The plan for the ambulance which is being looked at by another committee is to increase the existing \$25.00 assessment with a built in annual increaser attached. This though is a separate issue by a separate committee.) If plan C would succeed I am proposing that we keep the oversights mention in plan A. I am also recommending that this committee look at giving the districts who are interested in merging with another district first priority of the additional \$1.5 million in monies to make the merger more attractive to the annexation agencies.

So my question to the chiefs is this – Are you interested in keeping the CCFD intact in its current form – in which all districts and elected officials are represented, or in some diminished form, or disbanded completely.

My personal request would be that all fire districts be included in these discussions along with interested elected officials, and that a workshop of all of us be established to work on these plans or any additional ideas/plans that may come up. I am also looking for a letter to the CAO stating that this fire chief's organization supports the CCFD and what it has accomplished and your desire to work as a united front with both elected officials and fire chiefs towards solutions for our rural fire districts and our fire based ambulance system. I would remind this committee that we have ex fire board member Frentzen from Cameron Park, and newly elected ex fire board member Hidahl – also my co-chair of the CCFD, on this new BOS board. I feel that we will have no better opportunity than now to ask to reestablish the aid to fire agreement, and to also move forward

with our requests for additional funding for our ambulances and our rural fire districts. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to discussing these ideas at the next fire chief's meeting.

Fraternally,

**Mark HM Spaugh
Director Garden Valley Fire District
Chair of the CCFD**



EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

PLACE: Diamond Springs Fire
501 Main Street
Diamond Springs, CA 95619

DATE: Wednesday, October 26, 2016
TIME: 09:30 a.m.

PRESENT

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Tim Alameda, LV Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Dep. Chief Tom Keating, RES Fire |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistant Chief Bob Bement, GRV Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Jay Kurth, USFS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Div. Chief Tim Cordero, ECF Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Jeff Meston, SLT Fire |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bat. Chief Bob Counts, CP Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Jeff Michael, LV Fire |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bat. Chief Ken Earle, DSP Fire | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Bryan Ransdell, DSP Fire |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dep. Chief Brian Estes, CAL FIRE ECC AEU | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Dave Roberts, EDH Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Gary Gerren, FLL Fire | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Clive Savacool, GRV Fire |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Mike Hardy, ECF Fire | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Greg Schwab, GEO Fire |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Eddie Dwyer, MOS Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Mike Schwartz, NTF Fire / MEK Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Div. Chief ECC Mac Heller, USFS | <input type="checkbox"/> Div. Chief Steve Simons, NTF Fire / MEK Fire |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Gary Humphrey, Cal OES | <input type="checkbox"/> Dep. Chief Nickie Washington, USFS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Grant Ingram, PIO Fire | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Div. Chief Mike Webb, CAL FIRE CP Fire, Vice Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unit Chief Kaslin, CAL FIRE ECC AEU, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bat. Chief Dave Wood, CAL FIRE ECC AEU |

Pledge of Allegiance – Conducted

1. Call to Order 9:30 a.m.

Introduction of Guests:

- Mark Spaugh, Garden Valley Fire District Board of Directors
- Deputy Todd Crawford, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office
- Assistant Chief Corey Zander, Cal OES
- Assistant Chief Theresa Riesenhuber, USFS

Others in Attendance:

- Rich Todd, EMSA
- Division Chief Brian Eagan, CAL FIRE

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Chief Roberts motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Chief Schwab seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from the September 28, 2016 Meeting

Chief Hardy motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Chief Roberts seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Chief Hardy provided a Treasurer's Report for the reporting period of September 17 – October 17, 2016. A copy of the report will be filed with the minutes.

6. Fire Advisory Board

Chief Roberts stated that the committee has not met since the last meeting.

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) recently met in Tahoe and approved \$800,000 for general fund expenditures. Each district will need to submit their requests through the CAO's office and provide justification for the request along with how their current reserve funds are allocated.

Mr. Spaugh updated the committee on his meeting with the county regarding funding for rural fire departments and requested that rural Fire Chiefs work to develop a reasonable, sustainable model to present to the BOS.

Chief Roberts stated that the county is considering a potential payment plan option where districts would be allowed to repay the loan received from the general fund out of their portion of sales tax money.

7. Old Business

7.1 El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association (FCA) Website

Chief Savacool distributed a website hosting pricing proposal for consideration for the new FCA website.

Chief Schwab motioned to approve that the FCA not exceed \$700.00 in 2017 for website hosting costs. Chief Roberts seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

7.2. Countywide Fire Station "Open House" on Saturday, June 24, 2017

Chief Schwab distributed a form for each district to complete and submit in order to coordinate the open house in June.

8. New Business

8.1 Adoption of Structure Fire and Ringing Alarm "Quick Looks"

Chief Schwab distributed a quick look checklist for structure fires and ringing alarms for review.

Chief Roberts motioned to approve the Structure Fire and Ringing Alarm "Quick Looks" check list as presented. Battalion Chief Counts seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

8.2 Adoption of Revised Traffic Collisions (TC) Response Matrix

Chief Schwab reviewed the changes that were made to the Traffic Collisions Response Matrix.

Chief Roberts motioned to approve the Traffic Collisions (TC) Response Matrix as presented. Chief Savacool seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

8.3 Nominate Calendar Year 2017 Fire Chiefs Association Officers

The following nominations were presented:
Division Chief Webb for Chair or Vice Chair
Chief Savacool for Chair or Vice Chair
Chief Ingram for Chair (nomination declined)
Chief Hardy for Treasurer

8.4 Discuss Cancellation / Rescheduling of November and December FCA Meetings

Chief Hardy motioned to approve the cancellation of the November 30 and December 28 FCA meetings and to schedule a meeting on December 7 at 2:30 p.m. immediately following

the joint Finance Committee and JPA Special Board Budget meeting. Director Schwab seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

9. Department Reports

CAL FIRE ECC AEU: Peak season staffing will end on November 7. As the movement into the transitional fire season begins, there will be a focus on fire prevention/suppression with maximized efforts to complete ground work. Recently participated in the Capital Air Show and Cops and Rodders events. There was good coordination on the Emerald Fire.

CAL FIRE Cameron Park: The Board adopted the 2016 Fire Code. November marks the 20-year anniversary of the cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE and Cameron Park Community Services District. A CSD Workshop will take place on November 2.

City of South Lake Tahoe: Nothing to report.

Diamond Springs / El Dorado Fire: Minimum staffing model is in effect. The academy will end on Saturday.

El Dorado County Fire: The Board adopted the 2016 California Fire Code. All 3 Type 1 engines are staffed in the field. The Type 1 tactical water tender is in service. 11 new FF/EMTs have been hired.

El Dorado Hills: Nothing to report.

Forest Service: Helicopter 516 has been released. Hotshots are in Colorado. Temporary employees will be laid off on Saturday and then the transition to 1 engine per district will occur. Pile burning is scheduled.

Garden Valley: The Battalion Chief's Academy will take place the week of December 5. Assistance with the Greenwood Fire was appreciated. Information on Code 3 traffic rules is needed to ensure that the district is compliant.

Georgetown Fire: Lists for FF/Paramedic and extra help have been established. Recruiting is underway for an Apprentice. The Divide Academy will take place in January.

Lake Valley Fire: Badge ceremony took place recently. Grants are being pursued. Emerald Fire consumed a lot of resources. A Boundary Drop agreement was signed with North Lake Tahoe / Meeks Bay. The National Forest Foundation is cleaning up the area where the Emerald Fire occurred. Trying to bring a fire culture and provide staff recognition within the district. A meeting will take place soon between the union and the Board.

Mosquito Fire: Command staff and volunteer reorganization is underway. Looking to develop an ALS service and a full time 24/7 staff.

North Lake Tahoe / Meeks Bay: Nothing to report.

Pioneer Fire: The Board adopted the 2016 California Fire Code. Policies are being created for the district. A new engine is now in service. Currently there are 2 Captain positions open.

Rescue Fire: Nothing to report.

10. Section Reports

10.1 Training Officers (TO)

- A "bridge" class to go from Strike Team Leader to Task Force Leader will take place October 28 at 8:00 a.m. at Station 85.
- In conjunction with Training Officers and Marshall Medical Center, there will be an active shooter MCI/Surge Capacity Exercise conducted in November.
- The merging of two academies is being discussed.

10.2 Fire Prevention Officers (FPO)

- The California Fire Code adoption process is proceeding well.
- Meetings will now be held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
- Representation is needed at the FPO meetings.
- Large projects have brought up issues that need to be managed effectively.

10.3 Operations

- Two strike team deployments.

- Strike team leaders need to complete their reports.
- Updated the West Slope Operations Area Water Tender matrix.
- A move and cover work group for engines has been established.
- Reminder that there is still a 52-week mutual aid program.

10.4 CSA 3 Update

- Working to maintain the fire based EMS system.
- Discussions are underway regarding Barton Hospital's IFT issues.
- Cal Tahoe JPA is now an employer.

11. Standing Committee Reports

11.1 EMS Agency

Nothing to report.

11.2 OES, State & Local

- OES Engine 64 will be transferred from UC Davis to the Roseville Fire Department.
- Type 1 engines are grouped well.
- The Operational Area Coordinators meeting will take place on November 30.
- A joint Amador / El Dorado County PRC meeting will take place next week.
- Specs are being reviewed for a replacement of the water tender that was destroyed in Ventura County.
- Several SAR incidents have occurred recently.
- The first Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting occurred on October 25 at which time a plan was distributed for review. The next meeting will take place December 7.

11.3 Fire Safe Council

Projects being completed:

- PG&E completed 18 senior assistance requests, clearing defensible space around homes in various west slope communities. PG&E contributed \$6,000 to this program. The program is operated in cooperation with El Dorado County Friends of Seniors and will continue with other funding sources.
- PG&E funded fuels reduction in Lakehills Estates.
- PG&E funded fuel reduction projects in Grizzly Flats.

Projects in process:

- CAL FIRE SRA funded County CWPP coming into the final stretch. Review and coordination will start in November
- Pollock Pines Weber Creek fuel reduction, a 100 acre CAL FIRE SRA funded project, is progressing nicely.
- USFS funded chipping program is in progress. Recently a second contractor (Justice) was selected and will focus on the Divide.

Approved projects in the initiation stages:

- CAL FIRE funded Logtown east side fuel reduction. A joint funded project with CAL FIRE and USFS. Initiating CEQA and homeowner right of entry.
- CAL FIRE funded Sly Park fuel reduction - initiating CEQA.
- CAL FIRE funded Coloma Lotus roadside clearance. Picking up speed with County DOT and CCC cooperation. Work to begin in November.
- CAL FIRE funded Royal Equestrian Estates fuel reduction, right of entry problems with major landowner.
- CCC roadside clearance in Sierra Springs work to start soon.

Grants pending approval:

- Six fuel reduction projects submitted totaling \$705,000.

- Five hazard tree projects submitted totaling \$998,000.

11.4 LAFCO

Nothing to report.

11.5 Red Cross

Nothing to report.

12. Good and Welfare

- Chief Hardy and Chief Keating will confirm the venue and date for the FCA holiday party and notify members accordingly.
- Hazmat Incident Commander class will take place February 22 – 23 at Station 85.
- Pig Bowl will take place on January 28.
- The National Fire Academy offers several beneficial programs.

13. Adjournment

Chief Roberts motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Chief Dwyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.