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CALIFORNIA FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING AUTHORITY AT SACRAMENTO GOVERNING COUNCIL

July 6, 2021, at 1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair, Fire Chief Brian Marshall called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken, all present except for Meg Wilson, legal counsel: Fire Chief Brian Marshall, Deputy Chief Niko King, Fire Chief Todd Harms. Staff: Executive Director Assistant Chief Joe Gear, Council Clerk Lana Nielsen, and an audience of 7 with 1 person attending via phone conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Harms is happy the 4th of July is over.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Action Summaries:
June 8, 2021

Council Action: Harms/King: Move to approve consent agenda
(AYES: King, Harms)
Motion Passed

At the Council's discretion posted agenda items can be discussed out of order. Due to Chief Harms having to leave the Council Meeting at 2:00 PM for another meeting, council at this time will be addressing the Action Item: Outside Legal Counsel.

ACTION ITEMS

1. OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL, CFRTA DISSOLUTION (Gear)

Chief Gear sought outside legal counsel to assist with the dissolution of the JPA. Joining us today is Osman Mufti and DeeAnne Gillick from Sloan, Sakai, Yeung and Wong, LLP. It is my recommendation that they be retained to represent the JPA.

Chief Harms asked the attorneys to give some background information on their history working with JPA's (Law firm and staff profiles attached)

Discussion was had regarding handling of the dissolution during closed sessions, it was stated that the dissolution process would have to be discussed in open session as there is no mechanism that can be used to go into closed session for a dissolution. There may be isolated issues or topics such as personnel or contract disputes that would be a closed session item.

Council Action: Harms/King: Motion to move forward with outside legal counsel representation for the JPA

(AYES: Harms, King, Marshall)
Motion Passed

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (Gear)

Chief Gear worked with Sacramento County Sheriff's Homeless Outreach team to resolve the issue of a camp being set up in the adjacent parking lot at the Gold Canal property.

Chief Gear was advised by JPA General Council, Meg Wilson to contact the attorney who previously worked with the agency on a personnel issue to assist him in finding an attorney who specialized in JPA dissolutions. This attorney will also work with JPA employees to represent any needs or issues they may have during the dissolution process.

On June 29, 2021 the JPA received a hand delivered notice of withdraw from Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District.

Council Action: Harms/King: Move to accept and file Executive Director Report

(AYES: Harms, King, Marshall)
Motion Passed

CFRTA Status (Gear)

With the dissolution of the CFRTA appearing certain, I feel we need to pause, examine, and consider the other non-member public safety entities contracted with CFRTA for training. These agencies rely heavily on the CFRTA.

More importantly, we need to examine and consider the impact of these decisions on the dedicated fulltime employees of the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority. Just as the government entities who comprise the CFRTA are looking at their budgets in these decisions, I feel there has been no thought given to the impact of these decisions on the dedicated employees of the CFRTA.

With no assurance of any employment and stability in less than 12 months from now, one would be completely naïve to suspect that these employees will not be seeking new positions well before the end of the current fiscal year. If these employees leave, it will be difficult to replace them with personnel knowing their tenure will only be temporary and brief.

Question/Comments:

Nicole Paskey has asked that a backup plan for staffing of the JPA be discussed as current JPA staff are actively looking for employment. A request was made to Governing Council to put in place timelines, and a plan for US&R teams and training, for staff to follow.

It was asked, what is the status update for the JPA from the Board members at this time?

Chief Marshall stated that these are the first steps in this process, status update at this time is that Sacramento Metropolitan District has given notice to withdraw from the JPA. At this time there are no other updates that have taken place.

Nicole Paskey stated she spoke to the CSTI superintendent, and he has not been made aware of any changes to training, will the Governing Council or Director Ghilarducci be putting something in writing to notify CSTI of this possible transition? There hasn't been any discussion around this transition but has been noted in writing that this was an option to fulfill the training needs that the JPA will no longer be providing.

Chief Marshall stated working with outside legal counsel must be done to make sure we are taking steps in the proper legal manner, according to the JPA Agreement. We may not even get to dissolution by June 30th but hopefully a plan will be in place to move forward after working with outside counsel. The first step was to hire outside counsel, which we've now done, and we can move forward from there.

Chief Harms stated we are at the first step of this process and working towards creating a plan. It is understandable if an opportunity comes up for JPA staff and they need to take it. We must follow the contract to properly dissolve the JPA in a legal manner.

FUTURE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING DATES (Gear)

Chief Gear was directed to set up a council meeting for August 2021 and then the following meeting will be held as scheduled September 16, 2021.

Council Action: Harms/King: Move to accept and file Future Governing Council Meeting dates

(AYES: King, Marshall, absent Chief Harms (left at 2:10 PM)
Motion Passed

GOVERNING COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM

NEXT MEETING(S) - Location: California Fire & Rescue Training Authority
3121 Gold Canal Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
Thursday, August 19, 2021 – 4:00 PM
Thursday, September 16, 2021 – 4:00 PM

Posted on July 2, 2021, by:

