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GOVERNING COUNCIL – ACTION SUMMARY CALIFORNIA FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING AUTHORITY AT SACRAMENTO MEETING February 6, 2009 – 9:00AM

**Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District - Board Chambers
2101 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA 95825**

CALL TO ORDER

Fire Chief Kim Zagaris called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Also present: Delegate Matt Kelly and Delegate Leo Baustian. Staff: Executive Director Joe Gear, Council Clerk Sherri Martucci, General Counsel Joseph Chavez and an audience of fifteen.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None received.

CORRESPONDANCE

1. **Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District – Reappointed Council Delegate Director Matt Kelly and appointed Alternate Delegate Director Grant Goold**
 - **Council Action
RECEIVED AND FILED**

2. **Office of Emergency Services – Fire and Rescue Branch –Appointed Alternate Delegate Deputy Chief Bob Wyman**
 - **Council Action
RECEIVED AND FILED**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Action Summary: November 12, 2008
 2. Job Descriptions
 - a. Academy Director
 - b. Academy Drill Master
 - c. Clinical Director
 3. Schedule of Authorized Positions and Compensation Methods
 4. Fiscal Document/County of Sacramento ~ Updated District Signature List
- **Council Action**
Kelly/Baustian: to approve Consent Agenda
VOTE: (Baustian, Kelly, Zagaris)

FINANCE REPORT – Martucci

1. Mid Year Status of 2008/2009 Final Budget
 2. 2008/2009 Revenues/Expenditures Mid Year Report
 3. 2008/2009 OES Funds Status Report
- **Council Action**
RECEIVED AND FILED

ACTION ITEM(S)

1. CFRTA Legal Counsel
(Chair)

Council Action
Baustian/Kelly: to appoint Mr. Joe Chavez as Legal Counsel
UNANIMOUS VOTE: (Baustian, Kelly, Zagaris)
2. Northern California Regional Public Safety Training Authority
Delegate Appointment(s)
(Chair)

1st SEAT-A:
 - Deputy Chief Leo Baustian
Sacramento Fire Department
Representative (Seat-A) to the NCRPSTA Board of Directors

- Assistant Chief Joe Gear
California EMA (formerly CA-OES) Fire & Rescue Branch
1st Alternate Representative (Seat-A) to the NCRPSTA Board of Directors
- Mr. Larry Davis
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
2nd Alternate Representative (Seat-A) to the NCRPSTA Board of Directors

2nd SEAT-B:

- Deputy Chief Geoff Miller
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Representative (Seat B) to the NCRPSTA Board of Directors
- Mr. Larry Davis
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
1st Alternate Representative (Seat-B) to the NCRPSTA Board of Directors
- Assistant Chief Joe Gear
California EMA (formerly CA-OES) Fire & Rescue Branch
2nd Alternate Representative (Seat-B) to the NCRPSTA Board of Directors

Council Action

Kelly/Baustian: to appoint first seat and second seat delegates and primary and secondary alternate delegates to the Northern California Regional Public Safety Training Authority

UNANIMOUS VOTE: (Baustian, Kelly, Zagaris)

PRESENTATION ITEM(S)

1. McClellan Training Site (Gear)

Representatives from the Air Force Real Property Agency, Steve Mayer and M.W. "Buddy" Walser, provided an overview of the McClellan Training Site and addressed what environmental risks exist at the "brickyard" property.

Chief Zagaris expressed his concern about not making any progress on the site. He also expressed concern about the capping and the impact it will have on training. The sponsoring agency Chiefs are very concerned about the long term liability and any potential workers' compensation issues.

Counsel Chavez asked the Chair and AFRPA representatives, how they would respond to the JPA's consultation with Mr. Potter, a retired nuclear physicist, in which he indicated to Chief Gear that it is a superfund site with

admitted contamination below the site and adjacent to the site and it was his conclusion that this site, most likely, will never be suitable for fire service training. This information was received by the Council through its Executive Director.

Air Force confirmed it is a superfund site. There is contamination beneath the site and adjacent to the site. The Air Force has conducted sampling and surface measurements and has calculated the risk and dose of the radiation at the site. The Air Force can provide this information and tell the JPA where it falls within the EPA's risk management suitability. The JPA would need to determine if that falls within its risk range that the Council is willing to accept.

Chief Zagaris suggested Chief Gear follow up with Mr. Potter from Cal EMA. The Council would like to have the best information possible, which may involve more than one opinion.

Chief Baustian asked what training is safe to do out there - given the current situation. Can it be US&R type training where there is not going to be any water flowing, such as heavy objects or shoring? Chief Zagaris indicated that the Council has taken action to keep everyone off the site. The AF indicated the things the JPA was doing before; the JPA is still safe doing, with water flowing restrictions.

The Air Force representatives expressed an interest in meeting with the JPA staff on a continuing basis moving forward. The Air Force also expressed a willingness in re-negotiating the lease to address the water flow restrictions.

Chief Baustian asked Barbara Brenner from Sacramento Fire Department Risk Management if she felt safe having employees doing US&R training at the site. Barbara indicated from the information she has seen, yes, but also felt the other sponsoring agencies needed to be comfortable with it as well.

Council Chavez advised the Chair that the Administrative Order issued by Chief Gear on November 12, 2008 still remains in effect. He further advised the Council that they need to make a decision as to the future of the site, based solely on the information it receives from the AF or whether this Council decides to commit the resources necessary to do its own independent verification of the information presented today. Counsel Chavez clarified that this is a presentation item and this Council should not make any official action at this point.

Received presentation

10:45 AM (5 minute break taken)

**2. 2008 Training Course Report
(Gear)**

Chief Gear stated the three year plan was attached and that the Urban Search and Rescue Training Working Group will be meeting in April to develop the US&R training schedule.

Received presentation

**3. Progress Report on Development of Mather Training Facility
(Davis)**

Mr. Davis, over the last several months, has been meeting with state and local public safety leaders on the development of a command training center at the Mather site. Metro Fire has completed an economic impact analysis of all five identified sites in the state to develop information necessary to pursue the economic stimulus money. On January 23rd this idea was presented to the Metro Chamber of Commerce, where they have identified this as an important project to them on the Cap to Cap trip. A \$30 million appropriation request is due to Lundgren's office on Feb. 13th and Matsui's office on Feb. 23rd. Mr. Davis requested a resolution from the Council at the next meeting.

Received presentation

**4. California Fire and Rescue Training Authority Joint Powers Agreement
– Process to Amend Agreement to include California Emergency
Management Agency, Cal Fire, Los Angeles County Fire Department,
and Los Angeles City Fire Department
(Davis)**

Mr. Davis indicated we are now at the point to expand the JPA and add the additional agencies. With the creation of Cal EMA there is also a need for an addendum. Everyone is agreeable in concept and now is the time to further those discussions on the language to be in the agreement and the governing structure needed to become truly a statewide agency. Mr. Davis indicated that staff is looking at drafting a completely new document. This item was for discussion purposes only.

Received presentation

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (Gear)

Chief Gear reported that the Urban Search & Rescue Mobilization Exercise occurred for CA TF 3 and CA TF4 with participation from the regional task forces. Next mobilization exercise is with Riverside (CA TF 6) and San Diego (CA TF 8.)

Chief Gear would like to recognize Jodi Votava who has recently completed two years of employment with the JPA.

Chief Gear indicated that the template for the Rescue Trailers had been finalized.

DELEGATE REPORTS

Northern California Regional Public Safety Training JPA (Baustian)

Chief Baustian indicated at the last Board meeting that the proposal for an additional seat for the Fire and Rescue JPA was tabled at the request of Chief Braziel (SPD). Chief Braziel requested that the agency principles meet prior to taking any action on this issue and to address the funding shortages from last fiscal year that the Fire and Rescue JPA's Council had not approved.

Counsel Chavez provided Council clarification on approval of the budget. He cited the following sections of the Joint Powers Agreement related to the budget: Section 11, page 4; Section 14, page 6, part a and part b. It was this Council's decision not to approve the Sergeant Major contribution and other items in the budget.

Council Chavez indicated the legal effect of Chief Baustian's vote was that he did not have the authority to make that vote because this Council had not yet met to approve the budget. His vote was null and void.

Next Meeting(s):

February 19, 2009 ~ 9AM

2409 Dean Street, McClellan Park

GOVERNING COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director Kelly asked if this was the most information the JPA has received from the Air Force? Chief Gear responded that is was definitely more than we had received in August. The plan is to meet tentatively next Tuesday with the Air Force to discuss the training site further. Mr. Davis also indicated that the timelines Air Force have provided continue to be move further out than as initially presented.

Chief Zagaris thanked the staff for all of the work done lately. It was nice to see Sherri in San Mateo (US&R MobEX.) He also had a chance to attend the Academy Graduation and staff is doing a great job overall in a number of areas.

CLOSED SESSION ~ None Scheduled

None.

NEXT MEETING~

2009 Meeting Schedule
April 1, 2009 10AM
June 3, 2009 10AM
September 2, 2009 10AM
November 4, 2009 10AM

ADJOURNMENT

- **Council Action**
Zagaris to adjourn the meeting at 12:00PM.

Fire Chief, Kim Zagaris
Chairperson