

Mosquito Fire Protection District

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday Oct 11, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. Mosquito Fire Station 75 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville, Ca 95667

MINUTES

Item	Presenter
1. Call to Order, Roll Call & Quorum announced. 7:02 PM Present Directors; Buhnerkempe, Morris, Hern and Mikel. We have Quorum.	R. Hern
2. Pledge of Allegiance.	R. Hern
3. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve by Director Mikel, second by Director Morris. Ayes: Directors Hern, Buhnerkempe, Morris and Mikel. Noes: 0 Abstain:0	R. Hern
 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes 4.1 Regular Board of Directors Meeting September 13, 2018. Motion to approve by Director Mikel, second by Director Morris. Ayes: Directors Hern, Buhnerkempe, Morris and Mikel. Noes: 0 Abstain:0 4.2 Consolidation workshop September 13, 2018. Motion to approve by Director Mikel with amendment to verbiage; Calfire Chief Lindgren added in heading, the word 'NO' was added to the beginning of Chief Lindgren's response on page 4 and items inadvertently omitted from Directors' Comments by Director Buhnerkempe added. Second by Director Morris. Ayes: Directors Hern, Buhnerkempe, Morris and Mikel. Noes: 0 Abstain:0 4.3 Special Meeting with PARC September 27, 2018. Motion to approve by Director Morris with amendments; add omitted verbiage to Directors' comments by Director Buhnerkempe; 	R. Hern
 Prescribed Burns Workshop Oct 2nd Tree Mortality – Seniors – Income restrictions have been loosened Target shooting in the Forest has been banned Camp Ground Fee's on Federal Land is going up as they outsource their 	
campgrounds • Sandy Ridge Signs – that show a map of the area with a 'You are Here' indicator thus avoiding some of the arguments against Evacuation Signs and move verbiage by President Hern concerning Director Mikel's approval to seek advice from District's Counsel from Director's Comments to Item to item 5.4. Second by Director Mikel. Ayes: Directors Hern, Buhnerkempe, Morris and Mikel. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0	

5. Public comment Public May address the board on any District related item not included in this agenda. Please limit your comments to no more than 3 minutes in duration. No comments.	R. Hern
6. Fiscal Items	
6.1 Approval of Treasurer's Report October 5, 2018. Comment by Director Hern that with only 25% of the FY gone, Vehicle maintenance and Building/Grounds were already over 100% spent. Staff Response: Appears some items were miss-categorized. They will investigate. Motion to approve by Director Mikel, second by Director Buhnerkempe. Ayes: Directors Hern, Buhnerkempe, Morris and Mikel. Noes: 0 Abstain:0.	K. Morris
6.2 Approval of Expenditures; Expenses Oct 4th, 2018. <i>Motion to approve by Director Mikel, second by Director Buhnerkempe. Ayes: Directors Hern, Buhnerkempe, Morris and Mikel. Noes: 0 Abstain:0.</i>	
6.3 Approval of Expenditures; Expenses Oct 5 th , 2018. <i>Motion to approve by Director Mikel, second by Director Buhnerkempe. Ayes: Directors Hern, Buhnerkempe, Morris and Mikel. Noes: 0 Abstain:0.</i>	
7. Informational items: Correspondence and Communication	
7.1 Chief's Report – See Minutes Attachment #1	
7.2 Correspondence & Communication. We received a letter from the Treasure/Tax collector with a list of properties up for Auction. None were located in our district and the board has no interest in this matter.	
8. Action items:	
8.1 Continuation of tabled item from September 27, 2018, Special Meeting; Accept or reject Resolution 18-05. Proposal of ballot measure to create a special tax.	K. Morris
Public comment: Table the item until new Board is seated in December. Response. Item has been a work in progress for over a year with numerous meetings and workshops. Additionally, there's a time deadline with the Elections Department. There's no compelling reason to delay action.	
Motion to approve by Director Morris with amendment to the ballot measure verbiage to read; The question submitted to the voters shall read substantially as follows:	
To maintain and enhance rapid local emergency services and fire protection in the Mosquito Fire Protection District, and enhance staffing so firefighters are available to respond to emergencies, shall a special property tax of \$266 per year per parcel, raising approximately \$245,784 annually, be imposed by the District, with an annual	

adjustment equal to the increase in the CPI-West Region, to remain until ended by voters, with all funds staying in our community be adopted?

And change to the verbiage of item 11 to read; The proceeds of the special tax shall only be applied to the specific purpose. , second by Director Buhnerkempe. Ayes: Directors Hern, Buhnerkempe, Morris and Mikel. Noes: 0 Abstain:0.

8.2 Accept or reject the Grant for "Station Vehicles Exhaust System" and the contribution amount. *Motion to approve by Director Mikel, second by Director Morris . Ayes: Directors Hern, Buhnerkempe, Morris and Mikel. Noes: 0 Abstain:0.*

B. Mikel

8.3 Accept or reject donation of Ford Expedition Vehicle per Policy 2-10. *Motion to approve by Director Buhnerkempe, second by Director Morris. Ayes: Directors Hern, Buhnerkempe, Morris and Mikel. Noes: 0 Abstain:0.*

B. Mikel

8.4 Continuation of tabled MFPD 5 Year Framework. This is an informational Item only. Director Buhnerkempe has submitted the main framework.

See Minutes Attachment #2

B. Buhnerkempe

9. Director's Comments. Director Buhnerkempe; The area of clearing around Power lines went from 18 inches to 4 Feet, with a voluntary program of 15 feet either side of pole, Ground to Sky.

R. Hern

But that information is already old. Per PGE the new Clearance area is 12 feet from the wire, down and sideways, then all the way skyward, **and it is not voluntary.** If in their mind that clearing limbs from a tree 12 feet below the wire to the sky is overly harmful to the tree, then they will just mark it for removal. This will result in about 28 feet of clearance from 12 feet below power lines all the way skyward.

There is some push back saying this will cause new wind tunnels that will cause fire to spread faster. There is also talk that this may cause sliding in some areas. PGE has claimed that since this is not a "PROJECT" they do not have to comply with environmental impact reports, and in some areas like Santa Cruz they are doing the work before the environmentalist can get it on the court calendars. One case I read had some trees marked on Saturday different ones marked on Monday, and cutters coming by on Wednesday & Thursday changing the marks and cutting before anyone can object.

Just want everyone to be aware.

I have a flier left by PG&E if you want to see what they are talking about.

And if you want to see what people are saying, you can Google PGE 12 foot clearance, but set time limits to 2 months.

Director Hern: The Grand jury report on consolidation has been published. It was in the Mountain Democrat. I encourage you to read it. There conclusions was that consolidation is probably the answer to our funding issues. Also, the Grand Jury investigated the MFPD a few years back. The Board's response included some follow-up work required by the Board. That work has been completed and the follow-up report submitted. The Grand Jury accepted the follow-up report so this matter is now concluded.

Director Mikel; together with Director Morris and Chief Dwyer attended a GVFD consolidation committee meeting and found it to be an open, upfront and good conversation. We reviewed the Board changes, special assessment, and staffing plans. They are planning a public workshop and will schedule it at a later date. The new MFPD board will have to undertake the continuation of this consolidation plan. Director Mikel will prepare a report, an outline of the districts' position on consolidation with details, so that the new board will be fully aware of all that was discussed over the past 2 years.

10. Adjourn. 8:36 PM Motion to adjourn by Director Buhnerkempe, second by Director Morris.