

# **Mosquito Fire Protection District**

# **Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday Dec 13, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. Mosquito Fire Station 75 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville, Ca 95667

# **MINUTES**

Item	Presenter
1. Call to Order. 7:03 pm.	B. Mikel
2. Oath of office W. Buhnerkempe. Director Buhnerkempe was sworn in for his new term.	President
3. Roll Call & Quorum announced. Present Directors Barbara Mikel, Charles Schnell, William Buhnerkempe. Director Warner not present. Quorum announced.	President
4. Pledge of Allegiance.	President
<b>5. Approval of Agenda</b> . Motion to approve by Director Schnell, second by Director Mikel. Ayes: Directors Buhnerkempe, Mikel and Schnell. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0	President
<b>6. Public Comment</b> 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. None.	
7. Approval of Meeting Minutes 7.1 Regular Board of Directors Meeting, Nov 8, 2018. Motion to approve by Director Buhnerkempe, second by Director Mikel. Ayes: Directors Buhnerkempe and Mikel. Noes: 0 Abstain: 1	President
8. Officers and Committee Assignments. New Board President is Director Mikel, new Board Vice-President is Director Buhnerkempe. Director Warner has been nominated for Board Treasurer. Committee assignments tabled until next meeting.	President
9. Fiscal Items 9.1 Approval of Treasurer's Report December 10, 2018. Motion to table this item till next meeting by Director Mikel, second by Director Schnell. Ayes:Directors Buhnerkempe, Mikel and Schnell. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0	Treasurer
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## I. The Department:

As we prepare to close out 2018, our personnel are working diligently on the completion of projects and assignments.

This last year, much has been done, experienced and learned. Our Members have taken part in historical events and have done so with great skill and ability. They have experienced great adversity and witnessed hardship. With each event and personal impact, they displayed great professionalism and human empathy and compassion. This month the Fire District has transitioned to new governance and oversight with the swearing in of the new Board of Directors on December 7, 2018.

As we say goodbye to those who guided this department through rough times, I want to express my gratitude and thanks for all the support you've shown me. I will endeavor to continue to earn that support.

In January I will be holding budget meetings with our personnel to begin the process of fiscal year 2019/20 budget. This is to build a more defined budget in preparation for next year's budget workshop. It is my goal to present to the Board a budget based on historical expenses and needs to accomplish our mission, with fiscal responsibility for long term apparatus, station maintenance and District Operations.

#### II. Personnel:

This last month, our Firefighters rendered aid to a longtime citizen of the community. It is with great sadness we must state the incident had a negative outcome. A member of the community who was on-scene and aided our personnel and who also wrote a letter of recognition for the professional and aggressive actions taken on behalf of the patient.

## III. Information.

1. Though CALFIRE has lifted the ban on debris burning, please remember the grasslands around us are still volatile and can ignite relatively easily. Please monitor all debris burning, if you are burning on a slope, even the slightest slope cut an underslung trench below the fire to catch rollout. If you have any questions about burning or how to conduct a burn, call the Fire Station. You can schedule a pre-burn evaluation with the on-duty Company Officer.

Please remember to avoid the fine, call before you burn. Camino Burn Info Phone Number (530) 621-5897 Air Resources Board Phone Number (530) 621-7501

- 2. There are many changes coming at the end of this year for other County Fire Agencies. El Dorado County Fire District Chief Mike Hardy is retiring at the end of this month. Chief Greg Schwab from Georgetown has accepted a position in Colorado, his resignation will take effect December 21. Chief Thomas Keating of Rescue/El Dorado Hills Fire is retiring March of 2019. El Dorado Hills Fire just recently hired a new Fire Chief.
- 3. The Fire District received thirty BK radio's and battery clam shells from CALFIRE, 10 of these radios have been marked with a green florescent paint and programmed and

assigned to the support group. The programming has a all the required channels for Support Group Operations without having to build groups.

### IV. The Station

Our Firefighters are looking to seal, prime and paint the front and west side of the Fire Station before much wetter weather sets in. As we can we will look to complete the siding project as weather allows. The biggest focus was completion of the repairs the west side of the station.

## V. Equipment.

- o E 275 No reported problems.
- o WT 75 No issues.
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- SQ 75 Continues to be employed for use on medical aid calls by non-operator personnel.
- o C7500 without issues and should be in service by the end of January.

# VI. Calls for Service:

November was a busy month for the MFPD with 19 requests for service.

Medical: 5 BLS 4 ALS \*\*\*

All request for Medical assistance were at the level requiring Advanced Life Support capabilities. Due to current staffing limitations, District Paramedics were not available on all the calls for medical assistance.

Public Assist:1Agency Assist0Traffic Collision3

Fire/Smoke Check/ 2 Vegetation responses out of District, 1 smoke check

Debris Burns 0
Fire Alarms 0
Request for M/A Overhead
Command Staffing 0

State Mutual Aid 1 Line EMT Dispatched to the Camp Fire

Electrical Hazards 1

Support Group

Call Outs 3

The Support Group was essential to operations as Helispot Coordinators and Traffic Control fire on Rock Creek Road.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Medical calls where Fire District Paramedics were available to respond.



#### **RESOLUTION NO. 18-6**

#### HONORING RALPH HERN FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO

#### THE MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Whereas, Ralph Hern has served the Mosquito Fire Protection District with the highest distinction in a variety of service capacities for thirty-nine years and

Whereas, Mr. Hern was a director on the Mosquito Fire Protection District Board from 1997 to 2010, 2014 and 2016 to 2018, and served as President multiple years, and

Whereas, Mosquito Fire Protection District honors and is grateful to Ralph Hern for his tireless commitment to leading and managing the Support Group, and his outstanding service and unfailing good humor in doing so, and

Whereas, throughout his career Mr. Hern has worked tirelessly to promote the value of the Mosquito Fire Protection District, and

Whereas, Mr. Hern volunteered his service to numerous other community organizations and activities during these years, including the rebuilding of the Finnon Lake Dam project, and

Whereas, Mosquito Fire Protection District recognizes the powerful example of community engagement through his work to support all staff and strike team members during the Chili Bar Fire and King Fire, and

Whereas, Mr. Hern's sense of humor, kindness, energy, and graciousness has enriched those fortunate enough to know and work with him, and

Whereas, as a result of his distinguished extensive public service, the Mosquito Fire Protection District finds it appropriate to recognize Ralph Hern by presenting him this plaque as a token of appreciation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY AND FOR THE MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, that the Board of Directors is pleased to recognize and honor Ralph Hern, for his contributions and distinguished service to the Mosquito Fire Protection District and the Mosquito Fire Protection District community members.

Adopted: December 13, 2018

President: Barbara Mil