



North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District

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NSCFPD Special Board Meeting Action Summary

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

Sea Ranch North Fire Station (39250 Highway One, The Sea Ranch, CA, 95497)

Pursuant to California Assembly Bill 361, which suspends certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act this meeting was also attended by teleconference.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 1:17 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Directors Campbell, Colson, Gardener, Nybakken, Tittle; Chief Plakos, Assistant Chief Breier. Guests included Captain Plakos; Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, assistant Elise Weiland; Fort Ross Chief Shane; Jennifer Merchant (TSRA), Susie Gilley (TSRA), Dave Crawl (Coast Life Support), Steve Smith (NSC Volunteer Firefighters)
- III. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:** none
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** none
- V. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. Discussion with Supervisor Hopkins on the status of NSCFPD and the challenges of fire departments in our region.
 - a. Report on current state of NSCFPD was presented by Chief Plakos, with summary document distributed. When Chief Plakos expressed concern over the possible move to 3-0 staffing in CAL FIRE contracts, specifically Schedule A like ours, Supervisor Hopkins offered to reach out to State Senator McGuire to facilitate communication about the inadvertent implications for rural fire districts like ours. We briefly reviewed the implications of losing the ERAF suit, and once the litigation is completed, we should then contact Supervisor Hopkins' office to discuss alternate financial assistance.
 - b. Report on current state of Fort Ross VFC was presented by Chief Shane who says there are sufficient volunteers, and in general the call volume is low, but their tax base is low and doesn't support their minimal operations. Their contract with North Bay Fire lasts another year and a half, but it is not clear what happens after that. They have achieved good results with vegetation management with local volunteers doing the work, but need more funding.
 - c. Various subjects were discussed with Supervisor Hopkins:
 - * She is working on getting satellite offices on the coast to facilitate providing county services
 - * The fire sales tax measure (G 2.0) will not be on the ballot in June 2022, and

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probably not in November 2022.

* Supervisor Hopkins proposed hiring a facilitator to work with NSCFPD, Timber Cove, Fort Ross and possibly Northern Sonoma County FPD on a plan, with a proposed budget, for improving fire service across all the areas.

* Supervisor Hopkins' office can help with providing information about grant proposals for vegetation management that are accessible to smaller organizations

* Supervisor Hopkins asked if we have a good relationship with the Office of Emergency Services. Chief Plakos reported that we do, and mentioned that we would like to work with them to perform evacuation drills in the Sea Ranch and Annapolis areas.

* Jennifer Merchant brought up concern about the availability of law enforcement, since our local deputy is only available 5 days out of 7.

* The passage of Bill 1383 in California, requiring compost collection service, was discussed, and several Sea Ranch people informed Supervisor Hopkins that Recology at the Sea Ranch has informed customers that it will not provide this service.

* Chief Shane discussed a lightning strike tracking technology used by Fort Ross, and Supervisor Hopkins said that they will fund another year of the subscription as long as they share the information with other nearby fire departments.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING:** Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2022 9:30 a.m.