

CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

MINUTES
September 14, 2011

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Espinosa, Gray, DeMonaco, Evinger, and Marquez.
Board Members Absent: None.

OPEN SESSION

President Espinosa called the Open Session to order.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

President Espinosa read the Closed Session item and adjourned to Closed Session.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Meet with Board appointed negotiators regarding negotiations between the San Bernardino Public Employees Association Non-Safety Unit and the Chino Valley Independent Fire District.

President Espinosa reconvened the meeting to Open Session.

President Espinosa reported that there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

INVOCATION

Rob DePartee, Fire District Chaplain.

FLAG SALUTE

President Espinosa

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Clerk of the Board Heney announced that an amended weed abatement list had been submitted.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

K-9 Service Recognition – Andy

President Espinosa read Andy's biography.

Fire Chief Summers presented a plaque to Russell Tao and Andy in recognition of Andy's retirement.

Fire Chief Summers stated that a plaque documenting Andy as the first K9 to represent the District will be placed on a photo display in the Board Room.

Fire Chief Summers introduced California Task Force 5 Canine Search Team.

California Task Force 5 presented Russell Tao and Andy with a plaque.

K-9 Introduction – Major

President Espinosa introduced Major and read biography.

Fire Chief Summers presented a badge to Major

Employee Recognition

Fire Chief Summers presented a recognition plaque to Joe DeSoto recognizing him for his work in creating the District's new logo. Joe DeSoto worked his talent to incorporate suggestions that accurately reflect the service the Fire District provides to the citizens of the Chino Valley. Fire Chief Summers presented a second plaque, which will be a historical plaque, and will be displayed at the Fire District Administration.

Promotions

Engineer Joe DeSoto

President Espinosa read Joe DeSoto's biography.

Fire Chief Summers present him with his Engineer's badge.

Engineer Matt Heckmann

President Espinosa read Matt Heckmann's biography.

Fire Chief Summers presented him with his Engineer's badge.

Engineer Arnold Klement

President Espinosa read Arnold Klement's biography.

Fire Chief Summers presented with his Engineer's badge.

Engineer Casey May

President Espinosa read Casey May's biography.

Fire Chief Summers presented him with his Engineer's badge.

Engineer Brian Wafford

President Espinosa read Brian Wafford's biography.

Fire Chief Summers presented him with his Engineer's badge.

Captain Rich Cramton

President Espinosa read Rich Cramton's biography.

Fire Chief Summers presented him with his Captain's badge.

Captain Pete Morales

President Espinosa read Pete Morales' biography.

Fire Chief Summers presented him with his Captain's badge.

Captain Pete Roebuck

President Espinosa read Pete Roebuck's biography.

Fire Chief Summers presented him with his Captain's badge.

9-11 Remembrance Presentation from Calvary Chapel Chino Hills

President Espinosa introduced Pastor Steve Hurlbet from Calvary Chapel Chino Hills. Pastor Hurlbet presented a picture to the Fire District in commemoration of the September 11, 2001 tragedy at the World Trade Center.

Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

President Espinosa read the proclamation.

Donation of Smoke Alarms

Deputy Fire Marshal Barnes provided an overview of FM Global and introduced Patrick Simcock, from FM Global.

Patrick Simcock presented a check for \$3000 to the Fire District for the purchase of Smoke Alarms.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. ADOPTION OF THE 2011/2012 FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2011-09. Purpose is to present the 2011/2012 Final Budget, which includes recommended changes from the 2011/2012 Preliminary Budget, to the Board of Directors for consideration and adoption, and to provide for public input.

President Espinosa opened the Public Hearing.

Finance Manager Heide provided an overview of the Final Budget.

President Espinosa requested any Public comment.

There was no Public comment.

President Espinosa closed the Public Hearing.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the 2011/2012 Final Budget, which includes the changes to the Preliminary Budget, by reviewing, approving and adopting Resolution No. 2011-09.

Moved by Director DeMonaco, seconded by Director Evinger, carried by a 5-0 voice vote, that the Board of Directors approve the 2011/2012 Final Budget, which includes the changes to the Preliminary Budget, by approving and adopting Resolution 2011-09.

**AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: Espinosa, Gray, DeMonaco, Evinger, and Marquez.
NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None.
ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None.**

LIASON REPORTS TO FIRE DISTRICT

Art Bennett, Chino Hills Vice Mayor, stated that he thought the 9/11 ceremony was a wonderful event.

Charlie Blank, Chairman for the Fire Safe Council, introduced Eric Johnson and George Ullrich, members of the Fire Safe Council. They provided a PowerPoint on the Chino Hills Wild Fire Protection Plan.

Director Marquez commended the Fire Safe Council for their good work.

Charlie Blank provided an overview of the Brush Removal Program. He reported that a dumpster will be placed in the Carbon Canyon on September 24, 2011, and a dumpster will be placed in the Canyon again in October and in the Spring for the removal of brush.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Espinosa asked if anyone would like to pull an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

1. Minutes

August 3, 2011 – Special Board Meeting.
August 10, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting.

2. Monthly District Report

Month of July 2011.

3. Monthly Financial Report

Month of August 2011.

4. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Month of July 2011.

5. Warrants

Expenses as audited, are within budget for warrants #30161 through #30362.

6. BOARD MEETINGS/TRAVEL – AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE, MEETING OR TRAINING. Purpose is to authorize attendance in accordance with Board Policy 1100.

San Bernardino County Water Conference
Ontario, CA
August 26, 2011

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Consent Calendar items #1 through #6 as presented.

Moved by Director Marquez, seconded by Director DeMonaco, carried by a 5-0 voice vote, that the Board of Directors approve Consent Calendar items #1 through #6 as presented.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: Espinosa, Gray, DeMonaco, Evinger, Marquez

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Evinger reported that she attended a Fire Safe Council meeting, a Chino Hills Council meeting, and a School Board meeting. She stated that she gave a flyer of the Fire Safe Council's Brush Removal Program to the Chino Champion for publishing. She thanked Charlie Blank, Jim Powderly, Eric Johnson, and George Ullrich for all of their hard work with the Fire Safe Council and the Wild Fire Protection Plan. She reported that Brea Fire Chief, Chief Knabe attended the Fire Safe Council meeting.

Director DeMonaco reported that he attended a Finance Committee meeting, two Chino Hills Council meetings, and a CSDA Education and Membership Committee meeting.

Director Marquez reported that he attended a CSDA Legislative Committee meeting, a CSDA Fiscal Committee meeting, a San Bernardino Water Conference, and a Fire Safe Council meeting. He also thanked Jim Powderly, George Ullrich, Eric Johnson, and Charlie Blank for all of their work on the Fire Safe Council.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

7. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-10 PROPERTIES DECLARED FOR WEED ABATEMENT. Purpose is for the Board of Directors to review, approve and adopt Resolution No. 2011-10 identifying properties declared for weed abatement within the Fire District.

Deputy Fire Marshal Danielle Barnes reported that the Weed Abatement Unit has conducted inspections of the Fire District for properties where a fire hazard or potential fire hazard exists from weeds. This includes predominately tumbleweeds and also areas of weed regrowth.

Deputy Fire Marshal Barnes reported that Resolution No. 2011-10 lists the properties and owners who are declared for weed abatement. She also reported that the Fire District will mail notices to all property owners on this list indicating that the weeds need to be abated.

Deputy Fire Marshal Barnes reported that a Public Hearing will be held at the regular Board of Directors meeting on October 19, 2011, for property owners wishing to address the Board on this matter. She also reported that a reinspection of these properties will be conducted prior to the Public Hearing to determine which properties have been abated and which will need abating. The Fire District will begin utilizing private contractors for weed abatement commencing on October 20, 2011.

President Espinosa requested any public comments on this agenda item.

There was no public comment.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Directors review, approve and adopt Resolution No. 2011-10 regarding the declaring and noticing of property owners for weed abatement.

Moved by Director Evinger, seconded by Director Marquez, carried by a 5-0 voice vote, that the Board of Directors approve and adopt Resolution No. 2011-10 regarding the declaring and noticing of property owners for weed abatement.

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: Espinosa, Gray, DeMonaco, Evinger, and Marquez
NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: None

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

The Leadership Development Team met in August and updates from each working group were given. A new working group was formed to assess and update the form currently used to evaluate employee performance.

The Fire District crews participated in the annual National Night Out event hosted by the Chino Police Department and Chino Hills Police Department on August 2, 2011. The Truck Company and five engine crews delivered safety messages throughout the Chino Valley.

The Fire District hosted a 10-year memorial tribute to remember and honor those that lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The event was held on September 11, 2011 at Fire Administration, and was very well attended.

The Fire District participated in the City of Chino's first community Day at the Fair. A Fire Prevention booth was staffed by Fire Prevention, and Explorers distributed fire and life safety information to nearly 1,000 children from the Chino Valley and other cities. The Fire District Honor Guard and Fire Engine 67 participated in the Chino Day at the Fair parade later that evening.

Fire Station 67 was staffed and placed into operation on September 12, 2011. The Grand Opening for Fire Station 67 was held on September 13, 2011.

The Fire District Administration sign has been moved to a more visible location directly above the front entrance of the building.

On September 1, 2011, Fire District came together for a final farewell to our fallen brother and friend, Deputy Chief Greg Turner. With heavy hearts, the Fire District staff did an outstanding job honoring "GT".

The Fire District will participate in the Chino Hills Day at the Fair September 23, 2011.

In honor of Fire Prevention Week, the Fire District is hosting its annual Open House event. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2011, at the District's new Fire Station 67 located on Riverside Drive in Chino. There will be Station tours, fire and life safety information, apparatus and equipment displays, free giveaways for children and an opportunity to sign up for a free smoke detector. The event will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A Special Board Meeting and Goals Workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

A Grand Opening celebration for Fire Station 61 and the Training Center is scheduled for November 5, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The completion date for Station 61 and the Training Center will be the end of September.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Evinger reported that the Fire Safe Council will be changing the signs in Carbon Canyon on September 15, 2011, that read "Report Dangerous Behavior". She also reported that she attended the Fire Rescue International Conference and that the classes were very informative. She attended Deputy Chief Turner's Memorial, the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Fire District Administration and at Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, and the Grand Opening for Station 67. She commended staff on an excellent job on all three events. She conveyed her condolences to the Turner family.

Director DeMonaco reported that he also attended the Grand Opening for Station 67, Deputy Chief Turner's Memorial and the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Fire District Administration and stated that he was very proud of the Fire District. He also conveyed his condolences to the Turner family.

Director Marquez reported that he attended the District's 9/11 Memorial Ceremony and the Grand Opening of Station 67. He reported that Southern California Edison is opening an air hangar at Chino Airport, and has extended an invitation to the Board Members for a tour of the facility. He thanked District staff for the replacement of the Administration building sign. He also conveyed his condolences to the Turner family.

Vice President Gray commented that the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony, the Memorial for Deputy Chief Turner and the Grand Opening of Station 67 was very well done. He thanked Chaplain Rob DePartee and Rich and Tricia Higgins for their help and support to the Turner family.

President Espinosa commented that he attended the Memorial for Deputy Chief Turner, the Grand Opening for Station 67, and the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at the Fire District. He also commented that all three events were very well done.

ADJOURNMENT

President Espinosa announced that the Regular Board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. has been cancelled due to lack of quorum.

President Espinosa adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. in memory of Deputy Chief Greg Turner and all those that lost their lives on September 11, 2011, to a Special Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the District Headquarters Office located at 14011 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, CA.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER 2011.



Sandra Heney, Clerk of the Board



Ed Gray, Vice President