

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, SIERRA FOREST FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

JUNE 27, 2006

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel
Joe Reinhardt, Interim Fire Chief

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

06-27SF AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the agenda for the regular meeting of June 27, 2006 be approved.

06-28SF APPOINTMENT – INTERIM FIRE CHIEF – JOE REINHARDT

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Battalion Chief Joe Reinhardt be appointed as the Interim Fire Chief of the Sierra Fire Protection District effective July 1, 2006.

**06-29SF FISCAL YEAR 2006/07 ANNUAL OPERATING PLANS –
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS – FEDERAL, STATE AND
LOCAL FIREFIGHTING AGENCIES**

In response to Chairman Larkin, Joe Reinhardt, Interim Fire Chief, stated these agreements provided the District with mutual aid assistance for the first 24 hours at no cost, which would be reciprocated with the cooperators. He said the District had relied heavily on mutual aid from all agencies within the area during the last few days, and it was working. He said the reason these agreements had not been before the Board previously was that they had been handled by the State, and they were standard agreements that were used nationally.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Chief Reinhardt stated the name of the District was the Sierra Fire Protection District. Commissioner Galloway said the name on some documents was the Sierra Fire District, and he requested the record indicate the name was the Sierra Fire Protection District. Chief Reinhardt indicated those corrections would be made on the originals before they were signed.

Upon recommendation of Chief Reinhardt, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the fiscal year 2006/07 Annual Operating Plans between the Sierra Fire Protection District and the Nevada Division of Forestry and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest-Carson Ranger District be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same. It was further ordered that the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreements between the Sierra Fire Protection District and the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office; USDA Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District; the Carson City Fire Department; the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit; Storey County Fire Department; and the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same.

**06-30SF INTERLOCAL CONTRACT – CITY OF RENO EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT –
PROVISION OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

Joe Reinhardt, Interim Fire Chief, stated this contract was the same as the one between the Nevada Division of Forestry and the City of Reno Emergency Communications Center, which was being amended to the District.

Commissioner Humke said Dispatch commented on how things were going at virtually every Citizen Advisory Board meeting. He asked if Chief Reinhardt had a comment on how he thought things were going. Chief Reinhardt felt things were going very well based on the traffic he heard yesterday. He said mistakes would be made with any operation during an emergency, but Dispatch's accuracy yesterday was top notch.

Commissioner Humke asked if he had a comment on a non-emergency situation because a constituent had asked about the location of fire hydrants and got a runaround. Chief Reinhardt replied typically that type of call would come through the Fire Prevention Bureau or through the stations. Commissioner Humke said the Board would have to stay on top of this issue because it reoccurs. Chief Reinhardt agreed.

Upon recommendation of Chief Reinhardt, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Interlocal Contract between the Sierra Fire Protection District and the City of Reno Emergency Communications and Technology Department for the provision of emergency communications services be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same.

06-31SF **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – WASHOE COUNTY, CITIES OF RENO AND SPARKS, TRUCKEE MEADOWS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER OPERATION**

Upon recommendation of Joe Reinhardt, Interim Fire Chief, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Interlocal Agreement between the Sierra Fire Protection District, Washoe County, the Cities of Reno and Sparks, and the Truckee Meadows Community College for participation in the operation of the Regional Public Safety Training Center be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same.

06-32SF **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT – MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES – DR. JOHN WATSON**

Chairman Larkin requested Joe Reinhardt, Interim Fire Chief, make a full presentation to the Board on how the paramedic program and the interface with this service works. Chief Reinhardt replied he would make sure it got on an agenda.

Upon recommendation of Chief Reinhardt, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Independent Contractor Agreement for Medical Director Services between the Sierra Fire Protection District and Dr. John Watson in the amount of \$36,000 for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same.

06-33SF **ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANT ACCEPTANCE OF WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 1999**

Upon recommendation of Joe Reinhardt, Interim Fire Chief, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Additional Participant Acceptance of the Washoe County Regional Communication System Interlocal Agreement dated October 1999 be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same.

06-34SF **RESOLUTION – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – MUTUAL AID AND AUTOMATIC AID – CITY OF RENO/TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Commissioner Galloway commented on the excellent job done by the seasonal people that are brought in to do some of the preventative work. He suggested considering giving the career employees from the City of Reno a chance to volunteer to get into that to keep themselves sharp and to improve readiness. Joe Reinhardt, Interim Fire Chief, indicated that would be of great service to the public. He said fuels management in the last few weeks had proved its worth because homes had been saved.

Upon recommendation of Chief Reinhardt, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that following resolution be adopted and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-34SF
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL AID
AND AUTOMATIC AID BETWEEN
SIERRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
AND
THE CITY OF RENO AND TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, any two or more political subdivisions of the State of Nevada may enter into cooperative agreements for the performance of any governmental function pursuant to NRS 277.045; and

WHEREAS, NRS 277.045 provides that every such agreement must be by formal resolution or ordinance of the governing body of each political subdivision included and must be spread at large upon the minutes, or attached in full thereto as an exhibit, of each governing body; and

WHEREAS, the parties to the Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid and Automatic Aid between Sierra Fire Protection District and the City of Reno/Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and desire to adopt and approve such agreement as required by NRS 277.045. A copy of the agreement was placed on file with the Clerk; and

WHEREAS, all parties to the Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid and Automatic Aid between Sierra Fire Protection District and the City of Reno/Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District are political subdivisions of the State of Nevada; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the terms and conditions of Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid and Automatic Aid between Sierra Fire Protection District and the City of Reno/Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District are hereby adopted and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid and Automatic Aid between Sierra Fire Protection District and the City of Reno/Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District be spread at large upon the minutes or attached in full thereto as an exhibit, and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Sierra Fire Protection District.

It was further ordered that Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement for the same.

COMMISSIONERS'/STAFF'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Galloway commented that the vehicles had already been painted and on how enthusiastic District personnel were about the change. Joe Reinhardt, Interim Fire Chief, replied the District was going to be as aggressive about getting things done regarding their operation as they were with fighting fires.

Chairman Larkin asked if the District was ready for the fire season. Chief Reinhardt replied yes, and he discussed the untypical late June weather and its impact on fuel conditions. Chairman Larkin thanked all of the firefighters for everything being done. Chief Reinhardt agreed they were doing a great job, and they were doing it safely.

Commissioner Weber requested the agenda include page numbers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Schmidt thanked the speaker for acknowledging mistakes were made in any emergency. He said mistakes were made in the Andrew Lane fire, which had not been addressed or corrected. He also addressed the possible consequences of future mistakes, especially if lives were lost. He mentioned the television program on June 28th that would address the Board's failings, and he read some of his wildfire tips. Juanita Cox invited the Commissioners, the District Attorney's Office, fire personnel, and all citizens to participate in the television show "Liberty and Justice for All" on June 28th at 8:00 p.m on Channel 16. She said the topic would be the "Fire Still Burns."

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Sierra Forest Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County Clerk
and Ex Officio Clerk, Sierra Forest
Fire Protection District

*Minutes Prepared by
Jan Frazzetta, Deputy County Clerk*