

NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 30, 2023 AT 1:00 PM

1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by Director Fred Peterson at 1:02 PM
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Directors Paul Bernier, Rob Stewart, Larry Heiges and Scott Newman were present. Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville attended remotely. Anneke Turbeville was present.
- d. Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made and seconded (Heiges/Stewart) to approve the agenda. All ayes.
- 2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Community member Laura Equitz expressed concerns about the state fire severity maps. She is worried that she will lose her home insurance. Community member Bryce Jones wants a community meeting to inform the public about the fire severity maps, since there is a lot of confusion in the community.
- 3. **KIESER ADVISORY SERVICES:** A discussion was held about the status of the strategic plan and the contract presented by consultant Walter Kieser. A closed session will be held on April 4th at 10:00 AM to discuss the contract.
- **4. STRATEGIC STUDY SESSION #3:** Walter Kieser was not present. This item will be addressed at a later date.
- 5. FIRE SALES TAX MEASURE: The Board decided they were uncomfortable with contributing fees to the Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association for polling for a measure that they don't know anything about. A motion was made and seconded (Heiges/Newman) to approve the presented draft letter to FSWG, with the additional wording "This said, we would be pleased to contribute towards the costs of advancing the initiatives in 1-4 above." All ayes.
- **6. GOOD OF THE ORDER:** The Board will meet for drinks with Paul Bernier to celebrate his service to the District.
- 7. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: A motion was made and seconded (Newman/Heiges) to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 PM. All ayes.

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