

**REDWOOD VALLEY-CALPELLA FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
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**# 1 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tuso at 6:30 p.m.

**# 2 ROLL CALL**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Talso, –  
Boyd, Rugg by Zoom

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Strangio, Tuso

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Dale, Captain Robinson; Captain Rojas, Volunteer Firefighter Mello, District Counsel Chandler, and Karyn Abshire, Clerk

**#3 PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

None

**#4 MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting were approved as written

**#5 BUDGET REVIEW**

a. Budget Report. As of 12/31/20, \$ 718,655.89 has been expended and \$ 487,575.36 in revenue has been received. General Fund balance as of 12/31/20 is \$ 197,118.24. The Equipment Trust Fund Balance as of 11/30/20 is \$ 102,487.19.

**#6 CHIEFS REPORT**

a. Monthly Report.

Report given by Chief Dale verbally

Chief Dale reported that there were 596 calls for 2020. He is working on completion of the necessary paper work to submit for the ISO District rating. Will checking our the OTS grant to hope to get funds to replace the 20 year old JAWS with new upgraded system.

**#7 VOLUNTEERS REPORT**

a. Report given by Captain Robinson. A recent incident required involving a rope rescue/recovery used the training that the volunteers recently received in the use of ropes. They are transitioning to winter incidents and will also do a refresher on ropes.

b. Explorers – The Explorers are still in limbo due to the covid-19 restrictions, some of them are training with the Volunteers at the discretion of their parents.

**#8 Directors Report**

None

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**#9 GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Dale reported that the RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) equipment came in. It will be used to be used for recovery of fire fighters and fire victims

Chair Talso reported that Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians has received a \$200,000 grant from the EPA to be used for the tribe to better prepare themselves from natural disaster. They are to work with the authorities in their community.

**#10 OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Update on Siren – Discussion/Action**

Chief Dale reported they are awaiting the final report from CTC.

**b. Update on SCI Funding Measure Project – Discussion/Action**

Chief Dale reported the gathering of information is almost complete, should have it in about a week.

**c. Update Regarding District Fire Code and Notification of construction in District – District Counsel Chandler – Discussion/Action**

District Counsel Chandler will notify the County that the District is no longer pursuing amending the State Fire Code and will accept it as it is published. She will also submit a letter informing the County that the District expects to receive permits before issuance in order to determine if fire code regulations are being adhered to and that a tort claim will be submitted to recover all lost fees if the District does not receive notification.

**#11 NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Update on Siren Project – Discussion/Action**

Chief Dale reported that compiling of the data is being finished. The project will start with one siren on School Way and then additional sirens will be added as the funding is available.

**b. Update on SCI Funding Measure – Discussion/Action**

A meeting is schedule next week to begin gathering the necessary data to analyze the need and ascertain district residents acceptance of a special tax increase.

**#13 New Business**

**a. Committee Assignments – Discussion/Action**

Chair Talso appointed the following:

Budget Committee – Director Boyd, Director Talso

Policy & Procedures Committee – Director Rugg, Director Strangio

Strategic Committee – Director Rugg and Director Talso

**b. Resolution No. 2021-01 – Adopting the 2019 Edition of the California Fire Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 35, Part 9, 2019 Edition – Discussion/Action**

Motion made by Director Boyd to adopt Resolution 2021-01, Seconded by Director Rugg.

Vote on Roll Call: Ayes: Boyd, Rugg, Talso; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Strangio, Tuso. Motion passed.

**c. Proposed Increase to District Fee Schedule – Discussion/Action**

After discussion, motion made by Director Rugg to increase fees in Schedule A, increase hourly rates for personnel and remove “New” from section “d” and remove section “g” in Schedule B. Seconded by Director Boyd. Vote on Roll Call: Ayes: Boyd, Rugg, Talso; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Strangio, Tuso. Motion passed.

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d. Vote LAFCO Ballot for Special District Member, Regular Member Seat, Remainder of 4 Year Term Ending 12/31/22 and Regular Member Seat, Full 4 Year Term ending 12/31/24 – Discussion/Action  
Motion made by Director Boyd to vote for Michael Schaeffer to fill the Regular Member Seat, Remainder of 4 Year Term Ending 12/31/22 and Tony Orth to fill the Regular Member Seat, Full 4 Year Term Ending 12/31/24, Seconded by Director Rugg. Vote on Roll Call: Ayes: Boyd, Rugg, Talso; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Strangio, Tuso. Motion passed

**#12 CLOSED SESSION**

**a. Personnel Matters – Discussion/Action**

Adjourned to closed session at 7:59pm

Reconvened in open session at 8:18pm.

Chair Talso report that no action was taken in closed session

**#13 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

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Linda Talso, Chair

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Karyn Abshire, Clerk