



**SVFPD MINUTES Special Meeting – Personnel
September 21, 2023**

Summarized MINUTES from a regular Board of Directors meeting of Scott Valley Fire Protection District, Greenview, California. Chair Larry Alexander opened the meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2023. Present were Directors Kevin Hullquist, Kathy Williams, and Greg Lindholm, Administrative Officer Nancy Salucci, and Chief Paul Buchter.

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Board of Directors:

Larry Alexander, Chair
Kathleen Williams
Kevin Hullquist
Greg Lindholm

Public Report Period: None

Kathy Williams (Human Resources/ Personnel Liaison)

Continuing business from September 14, 2023 meeting re Personnel, Director Williams reopened the topic of Captain Frick being denied community service hours through SVFPD. Questions remained over SVFPD’s responsibility, liability, required supervision, and any potential obligation to provide service hours to community members. Director Williams stated we should do everything possible to accommodate Captain Frick. She will contact the Court Clerk to investigate if an employer can also be the provider and if this can be a one-time only accommodation, with no obligation to enroll other applicants. Chief Buchter will send a copy of the form to each Board member for review, with no further discussion. If there are no objections, Chief Buchter will complete and submit the form and act as primary supervisor.

Chief Buchter

- Raising stipend for firefighter attendance at drills and responses: Chief Buchter stated “we are in an emergency personnel situation and need to motivate our volunteer firefighters.” Paying larger stipends for responding to calls and attending drills is necessary. \$20 per dispatch was discussed.
- Director Hullquist stated “consolidation is up-front and center now.”
- Chief Buchter explained it’s time to put CSA6 back on the ballot seeking a property tax to reimburse fire departments for responding to medical calls. This was the same year CalFire added a parcel tax, so CSA6 failed. CSA-3 recently was a huge success in Southern California.
- Property insurance rates are raising and insurance companies are not taking-on new clients. “It’s a good time to start promoting. It may be possible for our department to reach a 6Y ISO rating. This will allow more people to acquire insurance and with lower rates. This may be an incentive
- A consolidation would include additional properties beyond current District boundaries, to include the entire Scott River watershed.
- A LAFCO review is in process, including increasing our sphere of influence outside our current boundary, i.e., Noyes Valley, Scott Bar, etc.
- We need to review our tax assessments to compare to confirm the parcel taxes we are receiving from the county are accurate. Chief Buchter will look into the calculation methods. Several local departments have investigated this and determined that they were underrepresented and underpaid by the County.
- In all other counties Police and Fire Departments have similar budgets. There is a big disparity in Siskiyou County.

Motion to Adjourn Hullquist/Williams. All ayes, passed. Date _____

Chair _____ Administrative Officer _____