

**Woodside Fire Protection District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Administration Building**  
**808 Portola Rd.**  
**Portola Valley, CA 94028**  
**August 4th, 2021**

The regular Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Director Miller.

**Directors Present:** Miller, Holthaus, Cain

**Directors Absent:**

**Staff:** Chief Lindner, Finance Manager Edwards, Interim B/C Lambrechts, B/C Slaughter, B/C Cuschieri, Fire Marshal Bullard, B/C Smith

**Other Attendees:** None

**Public Comment Non-Agendized Topics:**

**Consent Agenda:**

Items: Director Holthaus motioned to move items 1 and 6 to the consent agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Cain. Motion passed 3-0. (Items 2, 3, 4, and 5 were not available upon distribution of Board packets.

**Regular Agenda:**

**Item 7:** Resolution #300 Fixing the Employer Contribution under the Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act at an Equal Amount for Employees and Annuitants.

Chief Lindner advised the Board that items 7, 8, 9, and 10 were all related to the change in Cal Pers contributions for retirement and health care costs. These are the contribution changes listed in the MOU between WFPD and Local 2400 that are annual adjustments. Cal Pers requires that these adjustments be officially ratified by the governing body, even though they have already been approved in labor/management negotiations. The same items were approved and ratified by the Board last year. They have to be re-addressed each year of the labor/management contract. Motion was made by Director Holthaus to approve Resolution #300 as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Cain. Motion passed 3-0.

**Item 8:** Certification of Compliance with Government Code Section 7507

This was a part of the discussion in item 7 above as it also relates to the Cal Pers contributions. The Board unanimously approved as written.

**Item 9:** Certification of Compliance with Government Code Section 20516

This was a part of the discussion in item 7 above as it also relates to the Cal Pers contributions. The Board unanimously approved as written.

**Item 10:** Certification of Governing Body's Action

This was a part of the discussion in item 7 above as it also relates to the Cal Pers contributions. The Board unanimously approved as written.

**Fire Chief's Report:**

**Station 7** – Still on hold pending the completion of an agreement to relocate to the interim Station 7. No work can start until the current Station 7 is vacated.

**Station 8** – The Station 8 project received unanimous Planning Commission approval on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The project still has to go through the Portola Valley Town Council as the zoning amendment still needed to be addressed/resolved. The Planning Commission made a recommendation and will be forwarding that to the Town Council. Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8/11/21.

**COVID 19** – State of California reopened services on June 15<sup>th</sup>, but with the increasing numbers of Covid-19 cases in the state, as well as the country (secondary to Delta Variant), San Mateo changed their recommendations, and aligned with multiple Bay Area counties in ordering masks to once again be worn indoors. In a joint meeting with the County Health Officer, it was his opinion no further orders were on the horizon, but these restrictions needed to be put in place to attempt to slow down the numbers of Covid-19 positive patients. Emphasis is still placed on vaccinating all qualified individuals, as the overwhelming numbers of patients with severe signs/symptoms, and/or requiring hospitalization are coming from unvaccinated individuals. WFPD is continuing to monitor all employees, as well as any individuals on WFPD property.

**New Hire and Promotional Exams** – 4 individuals were offered positions with WFPD. They are currently having background investigations performed. They will enter a multi-jurisdictional fire academy, tentatively scheduled for the first week of September, 2021. Battalion Chiefs promotional exam is scheduled for 9/10/21 and the Fire Captain promotional exam is scheduled for 10/5/21. Promotions will occur after those tests as well as internal interviews are completed.

**Statewide Fire Report:** Chief Lindner gave an update on the fires burning across the state. WFPD personnel are currently assigned to the Dixie Fire, which has burned over 275,000 acres and is 35% contained. 67 structures have been destroyed or damaged. There are approximately 5,000 personnel assigned to the incident. Chief Lindner also advised the Board of a new fire burning in the Nevada/Placer Counties area, named the River Fire. Fire started today, and within just a few hours, has increased to over 2,000 acres. This incident is further developing.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Multiple written communications, letters of thanks, etc. were handed to the Board Members for them to read.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M. and entered closed session.

## **Closed Session:**

Chief Lindner advised the Board of personnel issues regarding time off on work-related and unrelated issues. No action was taken by the Board.

Chief Lindner updated the Board on the progress in the search for an interim fire station. Work has begun on preparing the site. All further communications will be in open session as agreements are either signed, or are in final draft. No further action was taken by the Board.

**Return from Closed Session:** The Board returned from closed session at 7:58 P.M.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting will be held August 30th, 2021 at 7:00 P.M at the WFPD Administration Building, 808 Portola Rd. Portola Valley, CA 94028. (Or virtual or a combination of both depending on Covid-19 related concerns).

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Cain – Board Secretary