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**MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 2, 2013  
(Adopted November 6, 2013)**

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**1. Opening Ceremonies**

The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 5:43 P.M. on October 2, 2013, at the Moraga Library Community Room, 1500 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga, California. President Wyro and Director Evans were absent. Director Weil called the meeting to order. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

Director Weil	Stephen Healy, Interim Fire Chief	Eddie Kreisberg, Labor Negotiator
Director Anderson	Gloriann Sasser, Admin Services Director	Grace Santos, Board Clerk
Director Famulener	Steve Meyers, District Counsel	

**2. Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**3. Closed Session**

At 5:44 P.M., the Board adjourned into Closed Session. At 6:00 P.M., Director Evans joined the meeting.

**4. Reconvene The Meeting**

Director Evans reconvened the regular business meeting of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors at 6:35 P.M. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

Director Evans	Stephen Healy, Interim Fire Chief	Jerry Lee, Battalion Chief
Director Weil	Gloriann Sasser, Admin Services Director	Darrell Lee, Division Chief
Director Anderson	Steve Meyers, District Counsel	Grace Santos, Board Clerk
Director Famulener	Kathy Leonard, Fire Marshal	Sean Perkins, Battalion Chief

**5. Report of Closed Session Action**

Director Evans reported that there was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

**6. Public Comment**

*Jonathan Goodwin* welcomed Director Famulener, encouraged the Board to form a governance committee and examine its relationships with District management, the firefighters, and the public.

**7. Adjournment**

At 6:45 P.M., the Board adjourned into the Special Meeting/Public Workshop.

**8. Special Meeting – Public Workshop**

**8.1 Possible Staffing Model Options Workshop**

Chief Healy presented to the Board and the public an overview of the possible staffing model options. The public shared their concerns and opinions, gave some ideas, and provided recommendations.

*Gordon Nathan*, resident of Moraga and President of the Rescue One Foundation, voiced his concern about the proposed staffing model options. *Betty Murphy* reminded the Board about the commitment that Moraga made on providing the citizens an excellent paramedic service. *Ruth Hesel* asked why all firefighters were not fully trained paramedics. *Richard Olsen* commented on the 17-2 Staffing Model and the District's current financial situation. *William Dick*, resident and relative of MOFD firefighter, commented on firefighter safety, the suggested staffing models and suggested that the District look for other sources of additional revenue.

After a brief discussion between the public, Board Members, and staff, Director Evans adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:54 P.M.

**9. Reconvene The Meeting**

Director Evans reconvened the regular business meeting of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors at 7:55 P.M.

**10. Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

**11. Regular Calendar**

**11.1 Possible Staffing Model Options**

The District hosted a public workshop at 6:45 P.M. on October 2, 2013 to discuss possible staffing model options.

The workshop was an information gathering session and no decisions were made. The Board announced that the next community workshop is scheduled for October 16, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. at the Orinda Community Center, Room 8, at 28 Orinda Way, Orinda.

**11.2 Public Hearing on Fire Code Adoption – Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 13-01 adopting the 2013 California Fire Code and the 2012 International Fire Code with Fire District Amendments; consideration of Findings of Fact pursuant to Section 18941.5 of the Health and Safety Code**

California adopts a new fire code every three years from the International Fire Code. The Fire Code, as Adopted by the State of California, is the minimum requirements for fire and life safety. A local Jurisdiction or District may adopt and add more restrictive requirements based on three conditions that would justify a more restrictive Code. The conditions are based on climatic, geological and geographical conditions that are unique to the local jurisdiction. Collectively, it is called a Findings of Fact and must be filed along with the proposed Ordinance with the State of California.

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District is unique with a climate of hot, dry and windy conditions, geographical and geological conditions that include an abundance of combustible vegetation, difficult access to structures with narrow steep roads and a water supply that, in certain areas, are substandard for effective firefighting. The District is also on the eastern side of where the Oakland fire storm of 1991 destroyed over 3000 homes.

Draft Ordinance 13-01 represents more restrictive fire codes in an effort to increase public safety, reduce property loss and minimize disruption to the community. The ordinance was based on several months' collaborative work between MOFD, the Contra Costa Building Department, Contra Costa Fire Department and San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. The goal was to have justifiable and reasonable code requirements that allowed for community growth, but ensured that the code requirements would provide for the highest level of public safety.

On a motion by Director Weil and seconded by Director Anderson, the Board closed the public hearing, waived the reading, released the ordinance for publication, and adopted the Findings of Fact after staff reviews the document and corrects any typographical errors. Said motion carried a unanimous (4-0) voice vote (Ayes: Evans, Weil, Anderson, Famulener; Absent: Wyro).

**11.3 Resolution 13-07 Authorizing Investment of Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District Monies in Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)**

The District uses the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) for the investment of District funds. One of the requirements of participation in LAIF is for the Board to confirm the authority of District officers to order the deposit or withdrawal of funds in LAIF. With recent staffing changes, it is necessary to adopt a resolution to authorize the appropriate District officers to conduct transactions with LAIF.

On a motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Weil, the Board adopted Resolution 13-07 Authorizing Investment of Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District Monies in Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). Said motion carried a unanimous (4-0) voice vote (Ayes: Evans, Weil, Anderson, Famulener; Absent: Wyro).

**12. Committee Reports**

**12.1 Finance Committee (Directors Anderson & Evans)**

Besides the Public Workshop on Staffing Model Options held earlier in the evening and the Finance Committee meeting on September 4, 2013, the committee has not met.

**12.2 Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

**12.2.1 Facility Ad Hoc Committee (President Wyro & Director Weil)**

The committee has not met and has nothing to report.

**12.2.2 Fire Chief Selection Ad Hoc Committee (*Directors Anderson & Famulener*)**

The committee has not met and has nothing to report.

**13. Announcements**

**13.1 Brief information only reports related to meetings attended by a Director at District expense**

(Government Code Section 53232.3(d))

There was nothing to report.

**13.2 Questions and informational comments from Board members and Staff**

Interim Fire Chief Healy thanked Chief Lee for the work he has done on the Caldecott Tunnel's communication system.

Fire Marshal Leonard reminded everyone to attend the MOFD Fall Open House and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 5, 2013, from 8am to 12pm, at Station 41.

The Board scheduled another public workshop to discuss the staffing model options on October 16, 2013.

**14. Adjournment**

At 8:25 P.M., Director Evans called for adjournment of the regular meeting.



Grace Santos  
Secretary to the Board