



Moraga-Orinda Fire District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2014

(Approved June 18, 2014)

1. Opening Ceremonies

The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 6:00 P.M. on June 4, 2014, at the Hacienda Mosaic Room, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, California. Director Evans called the meeting to order. President Wyro was absent. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

Director Anderson	Stephen Healy, Fire Chief
Director Evans	Gloriann Sasser, Admin. Services Director
Director Famulener	Grace Santos, Admin Secretary
Director Weil	

2. Public Comment

There was no comment.

3. Closed Session

At 6:01 P.M., the Board adjourned into Closed Session.

4. Reconvene The Meeting

Director Evans reconvened the business meeting of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors at 7:00 P.M. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

Director Anderson	Stephen Healy, Fire Chief
Director Evans	Gloriann Sasser, Admin. Services Director
Director Famulener	Kathy Leonard, Fire Marshal
Director Weil	Grace Santos, Admin Secretary

5. Report of Closed Session Action

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

6. Public Comment

There was no comment.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Director Weil and seconded by Director Anderson to receive and file the Board Minutes of May 20, 2014. Said motion carried a unanimous 4-0 roll-call vote (Ayes: Anderson, Evans, Famulener, Weil; Absent: Wyro).

7.1 Board Minutes of May 20, 2014

Action: Receive and File.

8. Regular Calendar

8.1 Resolution 14-08 Establishing the District's Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2014/15

Each year the Board of Directors is required to establish an appropriations limit for the District per California Government Code Section 7910. In accordance with the calculation formula established in the Government Code, the District's appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2014/15 is \$23,842,528

Staff recommended the Board adopt Resolution No. 2014-08 establishing the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2014/15 at \$23,842,528.

On a motion by Director Weil and seconded by Director Anderson, the Board adopted Resolution 14-08 Establishing the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2014/15 at \$23,842,528. Said motion carried a 4-0 roll-call vote (Ayes: Anderson, Evans, Famulener, Weil; Absent: Wyro).

8.2 LAFCO Vacancy

The District received correspondence from Lou Ann Texeira, LAFCO Chief Executive Officer, on May 27, 2014, which advised all independent special districts of a vacant special district regular seat on Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) created by the recent passing away of Dwight Meadows. They are seeking nominations to fill the unexpired term on LAFCO ending May 7, 2018.

The Commission typically meets monthly on the second Wednesday. Meetings start at 1:30 p.m. and are generally over before 5:00 p.m. Most meetings are held in the County Administration Building in Martinez. A packet of materials to review for each meeting is distributed to Commissioners approximately one week prior to the meeting.

The Commission consists of two city members, two county members, two special district members and one public member, and an alternate member in each category. Alternates generally attend Commission meetings, participate in the deliberations and vote when a regular member in their category is absent or excused from voting.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56332 and the Procedures for the Special District Selection Committee, Ms. Texeira announced the election and called for nominations for the vacancy to be submitted to the LAFCO office by June 27, 2014 in conjunction with an election scheduled for July 21, 2014.

Interested candidates for the expiring board seat must be board member/trustees of an independent district and must be nominated by special district board resolution. The nomination should include the name of the nominee and the district they serve. The nominating resolution must be submitted to LAFCO by the deadline of June 27, 2014. Each independent special district is entitled to nominate a maximum of one board member.

A publicly noticed meeting of the Independent Special District Selection Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the quarterly meeting of the Contra Costa Special Districts Association, to be held at the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Multipurpose Room, located at 5019 Imhoff Place in Martinez.

On a motion by Director Weil and seconded by Director Famulener, the Board nominated Director Steve Anderson to fill the LAFCO vacancy. They instructed staff to prepare the Resolution and present it at the next meeting on June 18, 2014. Said motion carried a 4-0 roll-call vote (Ayes: Anderson, Evans, Famulener, Weil; Absent: Wyro).

8.3 Resolution 14-07, Ordering Even - Year Board of Directors Election; Consolidation of Elections; and Specifications of the Election Order

The terms of office for three members of the Board of Directors in Divisions 1, 3 and 4 will conclude in December of 2014. The Moraga-Orinda Fire District will participate in the November 2014 General District Election, as a part of the Statewide General Election.

California Elections Code requires a general district election be held in each district to choose a successor for each elective officer whose term will expire on the first Friday in December. Other elections may be held in the district and is an advantage of the district to consolidate.

California Elections Code also authorizes the governing body of any local agency to adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by a candidate for a Special District election, including whether a charge shall be levied against each candidate submitting a candidate statement to be sent to the voters. In past elections, the candidates have paid for the cost of their candidate statement.

Resolution 14-07 gives notice of holding a General Election, as well as specific instructions as to how such an election shall be held and conducted. The resolution also defines the filing instructions, and fee information.

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board has the authority to regulate how many words will be allowed in the Candidate Statement and payment for the voluntary Candidate Statement. The word count in the past has been limited to 400 words (which is currently the maximum word limit allowed by Contra Costa County) with the candidate paying the full cost. This year, due to further streamlining efforts

by the Elections Division, the cost of printing has been reduced, and the Contra Costa County Elections Division is recommending a 250 word limit. 250 words is the standard used by most cities and mandated for State elections. The cost for 251 – 400 words would be double the cost of 250 words.

The Contra Costa County Elections Division is estimating printing cost for a 250 word candidate statement to be: Division 1 - \$112.50; Division 3 - \$125.00; Division 4 - \$125.00. The District set the word limit to 400 words and established the estimated cost for a candidate statement as \$400.

The County Registrar of Voters has determined the cost of the election to the District to be approximately \$1.25 per registered voter. Per the Contra Costa County Elections Division, Division 1 currently has 3,916 registered voters, Division 3, has 4,997 registered voters and Division 4 has 5,052 registered voters. \$18,000 has been budgeted for the costs of conducting the election.

On a motion by Director Weil and seconded by Director Famulener, the Board adopted Resolution 14-07 Resolution Ordering Even - Year Board of Directors Election; Consolidation of Elections; and Specifications of the Election Order as presented. Said motion carried a 4-0 roll-call vote (Ayes: Anderson, Evans, Famulener, Weil; Absent: Wyro).

9. Announcements

9.1 Brief information only reports related to meetings attended by a Director at District expense
(Government Code Section 53232.3(d))

Director Famulener announced that she finished her 6-week CERT training.

There was nothing to report.

9.2 Questions and informational comments from Board members and Staff

Directors Evans announced that he would not be attending the meeting on June 18, 2014. Director Anderson stated that he also would not be attending the meeting on June 18 but would be willing to call in if a quorum is needed.

10. Adjournment

At 7:15 P.M., Director Evans called for adjournment of the regular meeting.



Grace Santos
Secretary to the Board