
MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 28, 2007
(Approved December 17, 2007)

Opening Ceremonies

The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 6:00 p.m. November 28, 2007 at the Moraga Fire Administration Building, 1280 Moraga Way in Moraga, California. President Wyro called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

President Wyro	Chief Nowicki
Director Gottfried	Bill Avery
Director Sperling	Battalion Chief Collins
Director Weil	
Director Wilson	

At 6:01 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session.

Business Meeting

President Wyro reconvened the regular business meeting of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors at 7:00 p.m. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

President Wyro	Chief Nowicki
Director Gottfried	Battalion Chief Maxwell
Director Sperling	Battalion Chief Collins
Director Weil	Administrative Manager Casey
Director Wilson	Secretary Pokorny

Report of Closed Session Action

President Wyro stated that there was reportable action taken concerning Item 2.1, Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6) Agency Designated Representatives, concerning the Association of Federated Firefighters IAFF, Local 1230 in that the Board voted to accept Local 1230 negotiated contract with a 5-0 vote. Discussion of items 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 are to be continued after the regular session is adjourned.

Special Presentations

President Wyro opened the Special Presentation and adjourned the meeting to the Apparatus Bay for the introduction and promotions of Captain Steve Rogers, Captain Ken Consiglio, Captain Sean McGee, Captain Robert Heaston, and Support Service Assistant Clayton Hoover. There also was a Special Presentation of a check in the amount of \$180,000 from the Wilder Developers to the Moraga-Orinda Fire District to be used for a new ambulance

Consent Agenda

It was *M/S/C by unanimous vote, to approve the Consent Agenda except for Items 7.2, Monthly/Annual Incident Summary. Item 7.2, Monthly/Annual Incident Summary was pulled from the Consent Agenda because the report was not available.

East Bay Interoperability Plan

Fire Chief Keith Richter presented an overview of the East Bay Regional Communications System radio interoperability solution. There are several levels of interoperability in the Contra Costa County and Alameda County areas. Communications systems in both counties are fragmented and significant cost savings can be realized for local jurisdictions by being part of a regional system without sacrificing local autonomy. Grant funding from the Federal Government is available for "Regional Communication Systems." System costs minus grant funding would be allocated to each jurisdiction based on the number of radio each jurisdiction operates in the system. Ongoing system operations, subsequent upgrades, and replacement would be funded through a subscriber fee.

Both counties have adopted a JPA agreement. The JPA was formed with 32 agencies on Sept. 11, 2007. Eleven of the fourteen cities in Alameda County, seventeen of the nineteen cities in Contra Costa County and three Special Districts have adopted the JPA agreement. Each agency's governing Board will determine participation. To participate in the JPA, each agency is requested to send an approved letter of intent along with a good faith contribution of \$100 per radio. The first JPA Board of Directors meeting was on Oct. 24th. The JPA Board of Directors has 23 members made up of equal representation from both counties.

After the presentation, Chief Richter answered questions from the Board and the public. Questions concerned coverage in the area, timelines, and costs. MOFD Directors were concerned about not having enough information to make an informed decision. Chief Richter agreed that coverage in the hills of Moraga and Orinda could be problematic. The target date is three years out. There has been no exact timeline set yet but committees have been formed and are working to address governance, system design and implementation issues.

President Wyro thanked Chief Richter for presenting the overview of radio interoperability. He acknowledged that there are many issues that need to be addressed. Chief Nowicki will keep the Board informed as new information comes forth.

Correspondence

President Wyro acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the correspondence received.

Informational Comments from Board Members and Staff

Director Weil comments:

- Mentioned having a conflict attending the December 19th Board meeting and with Board agreement it was changed to December 17, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Chief Nowicki comments:

- At the last Worker Compensation Conference he attended, SB99 mitigation came to a stall. There are many challenges and litigations holding it up.
- He thanked Assistant State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover for her help getting the approval of the Fire Code Ordinance from the Town of Moraga.
- BC Collins has scheduled another apparatus time test to check the speed bump alteration that was made by the Town of Moraga at Camino Pablo.
- Strike Teams that were sent to Southern California have all returned. He thanked all the teams for their dedication.
- He thanked Sue Casey for her support and work on the Audit.

Return to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:00 p.m.

Report of Closed Session Action

Upon return from Closed Session at 9:50 p.m., President Wyro reported that there had been no reportable action taken on Item 2.2, Conference with Labor Negotiator, (Government Code Section 54957.6) Agency Designated Representatives: Fire Chief Pete Nowicki, Employee Organizations: Association of AFSCME, Local 2700; 2.3 Public Employee Performance Evaluation, (Government Code Section 54957); 2.4 Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957) Agency designated representatives: Fire Chief Pete Nowicki, Unrepresented employee: Reclassification of Support Services Assistant

Adjournment

At 9:55 p.m., President Wyro issued an Order of Adjournment to be held on December 3, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.