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**MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 30, 2007**  
(Amended and approved June 20, 2007)

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**Opening Ceremonies:**

The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 7:00 a.m. on May 30, 2007 at the Moraga Fire Administration Building, 1280 Moraga Way in Moraga, California. President Wyro called the Special Meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

President Wyro	Chief Nowicki	B/C Collins
Director Sperling	District Counsel	F/M Hoover
Directors Weil	Administrative Manager Casey	B/C Maxwell
Director Wilson	Secretary Pokorny	B/C Healy
Absent: Director Gottfried		

**Public Comments**

Jonathan Goodwin (Canyon) distributed a newsletter from Canyon regarding community events. He verbalized the importance of finalizing negotiations because of the degradation of personnel and services especially in the Canyon area. He also feels that the public should have more input into the budget design.

**Special Presentation**

Chief Nowicki explained how the determination study that was completed by Segal Company gives the District an idea of the obligation to CCCERA if it should decide to change to a different Retirement System. He then introduced John Monroe from the Segal Company and Rick Koehler from Contra Costa County Employees Retirement Association (CCCERA). Mr. Monroe explained the obligation to CCCERA if the District were to terminate its participation agreement with CCCERA on December 30, 2007. A question and answer session continued after the presentation.

**Overview of the Preliminary Operations/Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2007/2008.**

Chief Nowicki thanked Staff and all those involved in the long preliminary budget process. He thanked Pat Soler for her help before her retirement. He went on to report the things that will affect the 2007/08 budget. The pension obligation bonds, salaries and benefits will have a huge impact on operational monies. Staff has worked extremely hard to reduce program budgets. The 2007/2008 budget has been reformatted and rewritten. In addition, \$1,093,082 was transferred from the Operating Budget to the Capital Outlay Fund in 2002 and was never transferred back. He requested that the monies be transferred back into the Operating Fund. He asked for direction of the Board on the next steps.

**Public Comment**

Dick Olsen (1861 St. Andrews Dr., Moraga) "asked about the format of the revised Long Range Financial Plan and specifically whether that document would continue to include a Long-Term Capital Reserve Fund."

Ms. Betty Murphy (248 Ivy Drive, Orinda) feels that the District should be very clear with the public about where the monies are going.

After much deliberation and discussion by Board members, it was M/S/C\* by unanimous vote, to keep the \$1,093,082 in the Capital Outlay Fund.

Board members reviewed the Preliminary Budget page-by-page offering suggestions and additional changes. They agreed that they needed to look at the Long Range Plan and projected revenues before making any more decisions. President Wyro suggested that this meeting be adjourned until Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> when all the Directors could be present. He directed staff to make the suggested corrections and bring back the Preliminary Budget along with the Long Range Plan for further comments.

**Redirection of Funds from the 2006/2007 Budget.**

Chief Nowicki reported that in 2006/2007, the budget included one-half of the funding for the purchase of a Water Tender. That unit was not ordered and funding has been carried over to the 2007/2008 budget. Included in the 2007-2008 preliminary budget is a Type 3 Wildland Unit. He explained that in a fortunate sequence of events, the District has an opportunity to "tag" onto a group purchase.

\*Moved/Seconded/Carried

The Chief recommends that the funding originally allotted to the purchase of a Water Tender be redirected to allow the immediate “tagging” with the City of Folsom, onto an available Type 3 group purchase. True funding for a Type 3 has been included in the 2007-2008 preliminary budget, which would then be redirected for the purchase of a Water Tender.

It was M/S/C by unanimous vote to redirect funds from the 2006/2007 budget for a Water Tender for the purchase of a Type 3 Wildland Unit. The water Tender will be purchased in 2008/08 budget.

**Requested information review pertaining to possibility of additional staff position.**

President Wyro feels there still needs to be more information pertaining to the assistant to the Fire Marshal before any decision can be made. Director Weil thinks that it should be left in the preliminary budget for now and discussed at the next meeting. He also feels that the Board needs to study the Long Range Plan before deliberating on priorities.

**Adjournment**

At 10:45 p.m., President Wyro adjourned the Special Meeting agenda to continue discussion of the budget to June 11, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

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Christine Pokorny  
Secretary to the Board