



Moraga-Orinda Fire District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 2021
(APPROVED JUNE 16, 2021)

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The Board of Directors convened a teleconference Open Session at **3:00 p.m.** on **May 27, 2021**, via the Zoom application <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87201250049> webinar id: 87201250049 and by phone 669-900-6833. Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, teleconferencing restrictions of the Brown Act have been suspended. MOFD is closely following the latest Public Health Order from the Contra Costa Health Services issued on March 17, 2020. At this time, all formal public meetings will continue remotely.

President Jorgens called the meeting to order and requested an attendance roll call. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

President Jorgens	Director Donner	Gloriann Sasser, Admin. Services Director
Director Baitx (absent)	Director Jex	Marcia Holbrook, District Clerk
Director Danziger	Dave Winnacker, Fire Chief	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (audio 1:08)

President Jorgens opened Public Comment on the closed session items. There were no requests to address the Board. President Jorgens closed Public Comment.

At **3:04 p.m.**, the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator

(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Rep: Donna Williamson
Employee Organization: Employee Organization: Local 1230, International Association of Firefighters IAFF

3.2 Conference with Labor Negotiator

(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Rep: Jonathan Holtzman
Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees

3.3 Conference with Labor Negotiator

(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Rep: Donna Williamson
Employee Organization: Moraga-Orinda Fire Chief Officers' Association

3.4 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

(Government Code Section 54956.8)
Agency Negotiator: David Winnacker
Negotiating parties: Moraga School District
Under Negotiations: Consideration of and authorization to proceed with real estate negotiations by the Fire Chief regarding potential acquisition of the real properties concerning price and terms of payment.
Real Property: Moraga Way, Orinda CA 94563 (APN 270-302-006-1) and 1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga CA 94556 (257-210-013-5).

4. RECONVENE THE MEETING (audio 3:50)

4.1 Call the Meeting to Order

4.2 Roll Call

President Jorgens reconvened the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors' special business meeting at **5:01 p.m.** and requested an attendance roll call. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

President Jorgens	Director Jex	Amy Ackerman, District Council
Director Baitx (absent)	Dave Winnacker, Fire Chief	Marcia Holbrook, District Clerk
Director Danziger	Gloriann Sasser, Admin. Services Director	
Director Donner	Jeff Isaacs, Fire Marshal	

5. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION (audio 4:17)

President Jorgens stated that the Board took no reportable action on agenda items 3.1-3.4.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (audio 4:23)

President Jorgens opened Public Comment. There were no requests to address the Board. President Jorgens closed Public Comment.

7. SPECIAL AGENDA

7.1 Authorize the Fire Chief to Enter Into Agreements for Fuel Mitigation (audio 4:35)

Fire Chief Winnacker provided the report. The District received \$100K in fuel mitigation funding in February 2021. The funding is to be used for roadside fuel reduction and chipping in LRA-developed areas and

construction of a shaded fuel break in SRA near the community of Canyon. An additional contract with CalFire is in progress to accept \$200k in SRA funding. In order to spend the fuel reduction funds, MOFD relies on contractors to complete the fuel mitigation work in the field. MOFD posted two requests for proposals for fuel reduction services and biological monitoring. The District received four proposals for fuel reduction work and two proposals for biological monitoring. Staff recommended accepting all four proposals (Arbor Works, East Bay Tree Service, Expert Tree Service, and FireReady) for fuel reduction work and Sequoia as the lowest responsible bidder for biological monitoring.

Director Danziger requested the name of the second proposal received for the environmental services. Fire Marshal Isaacs answered Dudek. President Jorgens inquired if the MOFD philosophy is to select the lowest responsible bidder. Fire Chief Winnacker confirmed and noted in cases of grant-funded work that it depends on contractors' availability due to the short notice of the grants. MOFD will regularly have multiple contractors working on the same project. Director Jex asked if Sequoia worked on the North Orinda Shaded Fuel Break. Fire Chief Winnacker confirmed.

President Jorgens opened Public Comment. There were no requests to address the Board.

President Jorgens closed Public Comment. No further discussion by the Board.

Motion by Director Danziger and seconded by Director Donner to Authorize the Fire Chief to enter into agreements with Expert Tree Service, East Bay Tree Service, Inc., Fire Ready, and ArborWorks in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 each in order to create a list of which can be used to execute grant-funded fuel reduction work and Authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a two-year agreement with Sequoia Environmental for biological monitoring and planning. Said motion carried 4-0-1-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Donner, Jex, and Jorgens; Noes: None; Absent: Baitx; Abstain: None).

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:13 p.m., Director Jex motion and seconded by Director Danziger to adjourn the meeting. Said motion carried 4-0-1-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Donner, Jex, and Jorgens; Noes: None; Absent: Baitx; Abstain: None).



Marcia Holbrook,
District Secretary/District Clerk

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