

Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2018
(Approved January 17, 2018)

1. **Opening Ceremonies**

The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 5:30 P.M. on January 3, 2018 at the Sarge Littlehale Room, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda, California. President Barber called the meeting to order. Director Jex was absent. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

Director Anderson	Director Jorgens	Jonathan Holtzman, District Counsel
Director Barber	Dave Winnacker, Fire Chief	Grace Santos, District Clerk
Director Famulener	Gloriann Sasser, Admin Services Director	

2. **Public Comment**

There was no comment from the public.

3. **Closed Session**

At 5:30 P.M., the Board adjourned into Closed Session.

4. **Reconvene the Meeting**

President Barber reconvened the regular business meeting of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors at 6:15 P.M. Director Jex was absent. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

Director Anderson	Director Jorgens	Jonathan Holtzman, District Counsel
Director Barber	Dave Winnacker, Fire Chief	Grace Santos, District Clerk
Director Famulener	Gloriann Sasser, Admin Services Director	

5. **Report of Closed Session Action**

There was no reportable action taken in Closed Session on item 3.1 Conference with legal Counsel (Existing Litigation), 3.2 Conference with legal Counsel (Potential Litigation), and 3.3 Conference with Real Property Negotiators.

6. **Public Comment**

Richard Nelson, Orinda resident, read a prepared statement. Mr. Nelson asked the Board to make sure that Station 43 is built as quickly as possible and that the construction is well managed. He asked the Board to continue to improve its understanding of the unfunded pension and medical liabilities and expressed his hope that the District will develop policies and programs to enhance the wildfire risk management.

7. **Regular Agenda**

7.1 **Update to Construction Progress of MOFD Station #43**

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District is in the process of rebuilding Fire Station #43. Staff continues to work with Scott Ritter of Consolidated Construction Management and is in the process of completing a constructability review which is scheduled to be completed on 9 January, 2018. Concurrently, pre-qualification of bidders was opened on 28 December, 2017 and will close on 19 January, 2018. This schedule anticipates the Board being positioned to award the contract for Fire Station #43 at the regular meeting on 7 March, 2018.

8. **Announcements**

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

President Barber asked Chief Winnacker to have information and a preliminary report on what steps the District (alone or in association with other agencies) can take to improve water flow to those parts of the District where water flow to fire hydrants is inadequate. He asked for it to be completed by February 21, 2018. He suggested that Chief Winnacker meet with the City Manager of Orinda, and the Town Manager of Moraga if Moraga has any water flow issues.

President Barber asked ASD Sasser if it would be possible to have a report by the next meeting on the status of the implementation of the software from GovInvest, if they have all the data they need, and when the District can begin using the software for alternative projections.

Director Anderson stated that the issue with the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) has to be done jointly with both the Town and the City, and it has to be directed with the EBMUD representative. It will be difficult to try and do it on our own.

President Barber stated that it would be appropriate to have staff to staff communications, but if it does not lead anywhere, an MOFD Board member should meet with the elected representative from EBMUD of this area.

8.2 Communications Received

Chief Winnacker read a letter he received from homeowners in Santa Barbara. They wrote a letter thanking firefighters, led by Captain Jon Bensley and Engineer David Mazaika, for protecting their home during the fire. They wrote about the heroic effort and professionalism with which the crews carried themselves. They enclosed a \$2500 check for the Rescue One Foundation in recognition of the services provided and their gratitude to the District.

8.3 Future Agenda Items

Director Famulener asked to include an item to correct the 2018 Board Officers.

9. Adjournment

At 6:30 P.M., President Barber called for adjournment of the regular meeting.



Grace Santos
Secretary to the Board