

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, SIERRA FOREST FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

JULY 12, 2005

PRESENT:

Bonnie Weber, Chairman
Bob Larkin, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel
Tim Rochelle, Regional Forester

ABSENT:

David Humke, Commissioner

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

05-9SF AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke absent, Chairman Weber ordered that the agenda for the meeting of July 12, 2005 be approved.

05-10SF MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke absent, Chairman Weber ordered that the minutes of the April 12 and May 16, 2005 meetings be approved.

05-11SF REPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITY

Tim Rochelle, Regional Forester, reviewed the status of the Consolidation of Fire Services of Sierra Forest Fire Protection District as stated in the agenda memorandum dated July 5, 2005.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the City of Reno staff had a willingness to recommend the cost sharing involved in Alternative No. 7 to the Reno City Council. Chief Rochelle said there had been contract issues with the City of Reno, but now discussions would be held to negotiate a potential contract.

Mary Walker, Walker and Associates, said Alternative No. 7 included the cost sharing for Verdi. She said the formula developed was based on assessed value and call volume information between the two parties.

05-12SF REPORT ON DISTRICT ALTERATION OF BOUNDARIES

Tim Rochelle, Regional Forester, said Districts 35 and 38 had been impacted by Reno annexations of 7,000 acres in Cold Springs and additional land in Verdi. He said he would return to the Board on July 26, 2005 with the resolution to move forward with the recommended boundary adjustments. Chief Rochelle supplied a map, which showed information on City of Reno ordinances and dates, surrounding the District around the Peavine and Verdi area.

Commissioner Larkin requested a copy of the improved map before the July 26, 2005 meeting for review.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke absent, Chairman Weber ordered that the resolution excluding territory from the District be continued to July 26, 2005.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, spoke on key issues of fire prevention including access for residents, animal rescue procedures and policies, and the placement of fire crews.

Juanita Cox, Sparks resident, commented on the Andrew Lane Fire and stated there should have been better coordination between the professionals and the volunteers. She was concerned that cheatgrass was being used to reseed the burned areas since it was not an indigenous plant.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, commented the Bureau of Land Management used native grass seeds and noted there was a seed distribution point on East Lake Boulevard in Washoe Valley.

COMMISSIONERS'/STAFF'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Galloway requested, if any member of the public believed something improper was being done, that they either present evidence or cease making the allegations.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

BONNIE WEBER, Chairman
Sierra Forest Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County Clerk
and Ex Officio Clerk, Sierra Forest
Fire Protection District

*Minutes Prepared by
Stacy Gonzales, Deputy County Clerk*