



**MAMMOTH LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 5, 3150 MAIN STREET
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546**

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2009**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – *The meeting was called to order at 14:02. All commissioners were present: Tony Colasardo, Rick Terrell, Richard Good, Richard Blanco, and Jeff Boucher. Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District employees present: Fire Chief Brent Harper and Admin Aid Jody Holl. Mammoth Lakes Fire Department Association present: Johnny Goetz, Scott Walker, and Brian Jaegers.*
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – *The January 19, 2009 meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Commissioner Blanco and seconded by Commissioner Good. All in favor.*
- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** - *None*
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENT** - *None*
- 5) **CONSENT AGENDA** - *None*
- 6) **OLD BUSINESS** - *None*
- 7) **NEW BUSINESS** -
- 8) **BUDGET**
 - a) **Approval of Mid-year budget** – *copy of 2009 budget update and revisions are attached to the agenda packet. The mid-year budget anticipates a shortage of over \$244,000 in revenues. Commissioner Blanco motioned for approval; Commissioner Terrell seconded the motion, all in favor. The motion moved \$75,000 from this year's Contingency/Reserve funds and this year's \$100,000 contribution to Capital Projects. If additional funds are received from property tax, then these accounts will be reimbursed.*
 - b) **Request approval to purchase extra SCBA air bottles using Westin funding.** – *A copy of the request is attached to the agenda packet. Division Chief Bob Rooks would like to purchase 12 SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) cylinders with the total cost not to exceed \$15,000. The purchase was motioned for approval by Commissioner Blanco and seconded by Commissioner Boucher, all in favor.*
- 9) **REPORTS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION** - *None*

10) DISTRICT CHIEF COMMENTS

- a) Report on PERs audit and potential ramifications – *CalPERS performed an audit on us at the end of March. They did not agree with how we added our 9% contribution onto our gross income causing our gross income to be higher and thus making our personal retirement plan higher. MLFPD and the employees have been contributing to this plan based on the higher rate. We will challenge this ruling once it is official. This could cause our pensions to be less than what we have projected and affect those that have already retired under this plan. The Audit Services Department at CalPERS is reviewing our case and will let us know their decision. The PERs audit also revealed some potential problems between FLSA and PERs. The Chief is working with the Association and legal council to correct any deficiencies.*

- b) Update on grants
 - i) FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) – We are applying on behalf of MLFPD and the County for a hazardous material vehicle.

 - ii) SNC – *Our SNC (Sierra Nevada Conservancy) grant has been frozen by the State of California since last December. With a grant reimbursement due to us for \$30,246. SNC has stated that if we wish to continue work on the grant and it's possible for us to use operational dollars that we will be reimbursed once the freeze has been lifted. We will continue with our Fuels Reduction Project this summer. We have approximately \$20,000 left in grant money.*

 - iii) USFS Stimulus – *The Forest Service is working on a stimulus package for Fuels Reduction and that would assist property owners in creating a defensible space on their property.*

 - iv) Fire Safe Council – *We have applied for a separate grant that would provide approximately \$200,000 to homeowners for defensible space assistance.*

11) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - *None*

12) ASSOCIATION COMMENTS – *This item was moved to the beginning of the agenda. Johnny Goetz needed to leave by 15:00. Johnny handed out copies of the Association's by-laws and a list of the Association board members. (Copies attached to agenda packet.) The Association has been meeting with Chief Harper concerning PERs and FLSA and hope to start working on the MOU in the near future.*

13) LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS - *None*

14) ANNOUNCEMENTS – *Richard Blanco wanted to let the Board know about the annual F.D.A.C (Fire Districts Association of California) coming up on April 15th – 18th. It's a very*

informative conference with good speakers and he would like to encourage other Board members to attend.

15) ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES – *None*

16) ADJOURNEMENT/SET NEXT MEETING DATE – *The next meeting is set for Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 2:00 P.M. at Station 1. The meeting went to closed session at 15:10.*

17) CLOSES SESSION

a) Finish Chief’s evaluation

Approved:

Chairman Tony Colasardo

Date

Vice Chairman Rick Terrell

Date