



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

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 21, 2009**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – *The meeting was called to order at 14:06. Commissioners present were: Rick Terrell, Richard Blanco, and Jeff Boucher. Commissioners Colasardo and Good were absent. Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District present: Fire Chief Brent Harper and Admin Aid Jody Holl. Mammoth Lakes Fire Department Association present: Johnny Goetz, Ales Tomaier. The following MLFD Association members were present for the public comment period only and then left: Larry Myrold, Brett Reed, Scott Walker, Brent Salzman, Rick Markham, Tom Angevine, Dusty Renner, Bret Bihler, Ken Baker, E.L. Smoogen, Rob Witherill, and Randy Lydestrom.*
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *The June 9, 2009 meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Commissioner Blanco and seconded by Commissioner Boucher. All in favor*
- 3) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - *None*
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENT – *M.L.F.D. Association prepared a written statement, Association President Johnny Goetz spoke for the group: “We are here today to show our support for Division Chief Bob Rooks. We do not know the details nor want to know, however we would like due process to prevail.”*
- 5) CONSENT AGENDA - *(Allows the Board to approve any item that is routine and non-controversial) - None*
- 6) OLD BUSINESS
  - a) Update defensible space ordinance concerning fire resistant covers and citations – *Pages 9–12 in the agenda packet. Ordinance 08-03 was updated to include fire resistant tarps under section 1(a). Under section 2 the 1st and 2nd violations were changed to a “fine” replacing “infraction” making the violations a civil process instead of court jurisdiction. The amended changes to ordinance 08-03 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Blanco and seconded by Commissioner Boucher, all in favor.*
  - b) Consider and adopt Employee Paid Member Contribution (EPMC) Resolution as directed by PERs – *Pages 7 and 8 in the agenda packet. From our PERS audit in March of 2009 they found that we were paying and reporting EPMC for our employees, however we did not have a resolution in place to do so. By adopting this resolution we comply with the PERS audit requirements. This agreement must also be a part of the MOU between*

*MLFPD and the MLFD Association. Resolution 09-02: A resolution of the M.L.F.P.D. for paying and reporting the value of the E.P.M.C. was motioned for approval by Commissioner Boucher and seconded by Commissioner Blanco, all in favor.*

7) NEW BUSINESS - *None*

8) BUDGET

- a) *Update - Page 6 in the agenda packet. The State of California will be requesting \$250,000 of our budget to help with the deficit. We hope to receive \$100,000 in tax revenue from the sale of MMSA in 2006. We also anticipate approximately \$250,000 from E.R.A.F (Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds).*

9) REPORTS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION - *None*

10) DISTRICT CHIEF COMMENTS

- a) *California Mutual Aid system – When fire departments and agencies are called to help out on wildland fires in California, the State may not be able to pay for their services. With this knowledge departments will be more hesitant to assist in wildland fires.*
- b) *Update on calls and CIS – The week of July 6<sup>th</sup> we had 3 calls that were very stressful. Mono County arranged a “critical incident stress debriefing” held at Station 1 on July 15<sup>th</sup>, for anyone who wanted to talk about what happened and how to come to terms with it on a personal level.*
- c) *Apparatus Replacement – Currently we are still budgeted to replace Engine 35 (it is 20 years old) this fiscal year. The new 2010 engines have more EPA requirements on them and it is still possible to purchase a apparatus with a 2009 engine. If we receive less revenue than we have projected, a new apparatus could be put off for another year.*
- d) *Fuels Projects and Defensible Space Inspections – We have been working with the CDF crews creating a defensible space up at Panorama Dome. Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> we will begin to issue citations to property owners who have not complied with their Fire Safety Inspection Notice and have had more than a year to do so.*

11) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – *Commissioner Blanco emphasized that in any fire department the chain of command must be followed and you must respect to your Officers.*

12) LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS – *None*

13) MLFPD FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

- a) Update on status of MOU – *The framework for the MOU between MLFPD and MLFD Association was approved by the Association last night. They will get it to the Chief this week.*

14) ANNOUNCEMENTS – *The Canoe Races and Picnic are this weekend.*

15) ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES - *None*

16) ADJOURNEMENT/SET NEXT MEETING DATE – *The meeting was adjourned at 14:30. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 13:00*

Approved:

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Chairman Rick Terrell

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Date

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Vice Chairman Richard Blanco

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Date