



# NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING JULY 8, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

This meeting was held via teleconference, pursuant to the Governor of California's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020.

### 1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by President Paul Bernier at 7:00 PM
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Directors Fred Peterson, Paul Bernier and Tatsuo Okaya; Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville, and Administrative Manager Anneke Turbeville were present. Director Robert Stewart was able to join after Roll Call.
- d. Approval of the Agenda: **A motion was made and seconded (Okaya/Peterson) to approve the agenda. All ayes.**

### 2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: There was no public discussion.

### 3. PROPERTY TAX EXCHANGE AGREEMENT & RESOLUTION:

- a. Presentation, discussion and adoption of a revised Tax-Exchange Agreement between the County of Sonoma and the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District relating to annexation of territory: The County of Sonoma offered 1.2 million for the annexations. However, the County of Sonoma did not offer the property taxes of annexed areas to the District. If annexed, these areas would not be funded by property taxes, which could result in the need to subsidize with District funds from property taxes originating in other areas of the District. The 1.2 million offered in the agreement is not reliable income, since it is subject to yearly Board of Supervisor approval in the county's budget. The Board discussed and considered possible reasons why the County will not give the District the property taxes associated with annexed areas. The Board agreed that the County's proposed agreement does not meet the needs of this District. It was also agreed that the property owners of these areas need to join the District in opposition and demand that property taxes stay in the area they originate.
- b. Presentation, discussion and adoption of Resolution 21/22-0708-01 approving a tax exchange agreement for the annexation of area, currently within County CSA #40 Designated as IRP 61, 63 and IRP 64. **A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to approve Resolution 21/22-0708-01. Roll call vote: Peterson-aye; Okaya- aye; Bernier-aye; Stewart-aye; Newman-absent. Motion passed.**

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- Bob Taylor reported that labor groups are not supporting Measure G. The Board thanked Pat, Priscilla and Everett for attending. The Board wants more people to be aware that their money is not returning to its source. Pat Abercrombie announced that Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> is the Fitch Mountain Membership Meeting and Supervisor Gore is on the agenda to speak at this meeting. Bob Taylor brought up the possibility of annexing Fitch Mountain area.



5. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** A motion was made and seconded (Peterson/Stewart) to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. All ayes.

Minutes approved as written- Motion/Second: Fred Peterson/Scott Newman

Clerk of the Board: Anne Hurlburt Date: 8/19/21

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