

VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES of Meeting Held
Wednesday, January 12, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District was called to order virtually through an internet platform accessible to the public by the presiding President, Robert Fougner, at 6:00 P.M.

Directors Present: Mr. Robert Fougner, President
 Mr. James Elliott, Vice President
 Mr. Daniel Gomez, Director
 Mr. Read Miller, Director
 Mr. John Ploetz, Director

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Chief, Ned Vander Pol, Deputy Fire Chief, Craig Usher, Fire Inspector,
 Jeremy-Nichols, Board Clerk, Christie Ross, Legal Counsel, Fred Pfister,
 Esq., Board Treasurer, Jeff Golden

I. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. APPROVAL OF THIS MEETING'S AGENDA

On a motion made by Director Elliott and duly seconded by Director Ploetz, the Directors unanimously approved a Resolution authorizing remote meetings for the Fire District's business due to the recurring public health crisis and unavailability of facilities customarily used for District meetings.

On motion made by Director Fougner and duly seconded by Director Miller, the Directors unanimously approved the published agenda, as amended to reorder the sequence of matters for discussion.

III. OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD

The Board invited District Residents and others in attendance to address the Board on any matter of public concern related to the District's business.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion made by Director Fougner and duly seconded by Director Elliott, the Minutes for the regular monthly meeting held December 8, 2021, as amended, were approved by the Directors.

V. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. District Fire Inspector's Report. Fire Inspector, Jeremy Nichols provided results of activities in December 2021, and proposed activities for January 2022. Inspector Nichols will prepare a report on challenges implementing the program, the experience gained from the most recent season, and proposed improvements for the future.

- B. Fire Marshalls Report. Deputy Fire Chief Craig Usher discussed pending and approved projects for properties located within the District.
- C. Fire Department Performance Report. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol reported on performance by the City of Vista's Fire Department during November 2021.
- D. Fire Chief's Update. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol reported on matters of interest to the Department and the District.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- A. Accounts Payable. The Treasurer presented for approval the District's Accounts Payable for the month of December 2021. On motion made by Director Fougner, and duly seconded by Director Elliott, the Directors present approved the payments as listed in the amount of \$1,146,341.96 for the month of December, and ratified the payment previously made to Bistline Engineering after the Board's December meeting.
- B. Treasurer's Reports. The Treasurer reported on the following:
 - (i) the District's management report for the first six months of the current fiscal year was postponed to the February meeting;
 - (ii) progress on the June 30, 2021, audit;
 - (iii) the mitigation fee fund balances held by the District and City; and
 - (iv) the District's investment Portfolio Summary as of December 31, 2021.
- C. Legal Affairs. District Counsel reported on the status of pending matters.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Fuel Modification. The Subcommittee and staff reported on the status of the Anchor Point study.
- B. Panoramic Property. The Subcommittee on Panoramic reported on the status of their efforts to divest the District's surplus property and seek approval of a proposed resolution authorizing an appraisal, hiring a broker, and offering the property for sale. On a motion made by Director Fougner and duly seconded by Director Elliott, the Board unanimously approved a Resolution authorizing a listing agreement with a qualified broker, as amended to include authorization to hire an appraiser for an amount not to exceed \$2,500, and for the District President to execute customary documentation implementing the offer for sale.
- C. Response Times. The Subcommittee provided an update to their research on District response times. On a motion made by Director Gomez and duly seconded by Director Fougner, the Board unanimously approved hiring a consultant recommended by Chief Vander Pol, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500, for research comparing response times

between the District and the City to determine what efforts, if any, could be taken to reduce District response times.

- D. Redevelopment Of Fire Station No. 3. The Subcommittee reported on the status of joint funding for the redevelopment of Station No. 3.

VIII. SPECIAL MATTERS DESIGNATED FOR CONSIDERATION

CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9).

OPEN SESSION: The President summarized the discussion by stating the at-large system of voting has been subject to legal challenges across the State and the District is reviewing its legal options. No further action was taken. Further discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

IX. CONTINUING BUSINESS

- A. Emergency Access Roads. Director Ploetz provided an update on the status of the District's Emergency Access Roads.
- B. District Administrative Manager. Director Elliott reported on the status of the Subcommittee's efforts to recruit a District Administrative Manager.
- C. Seasonal Signage To Promote Wildfire Awareness. Director Gomez led a discussion on supplementing the City's signage promoting wildfire awareness. Chief Vander Pol will arrange for the Fire Inspector who is currently engaged in community outreach for the City to attend a future meeting to discuss Director Gomez's recommendations.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. DIRECTORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Directors were invited to make announcements and share written communications.

XII. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Director duly seconded by Director Gomez, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Copy of the Agenda and the Board Package of Meeting Materials Are Available On The District Web Site: www.vistafireprotectiondistrict.org or by contacting the Office of the Clerk of the Board 955 Vale Terrace Drive, Ste. A, Vista, CA 92084, 760-758-3815