

MINUTES

**FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019
CITY OF GROVER BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
154 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET
GROVER BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Nicolls called the Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Board meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Nicolls led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

FCFA Board: Chair Barbara Nicolls, Vice Chair Karen White and Board Member Keith Storton.

FCFA Staff Present: Fire Chief Stephen Lieberman, General Counsel David P. Hale and Clerk to the Board Tricia Meyers.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Action: Vice Chair White moved, Board Member Storton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the Five Cities Fire Authority's Agenda by a voice vote.

AYES: White, Storton, Bright

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of Approval of Minutes (MEYERS)

Action: Approved the minutes of the Board Meeting on April 19, 2019 with a voice vote.

AYES: Storton, White, Nicolls

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consideration of a Resolution Declaring Weeds and Vegetation on Certain Properties to be Seasonal and Recurring Public Nuisances and Providing for Weed Abatement Consistent with Health and Safety Code Sections 14875, Et Eeq.** Chief Lieberman presented the Board with a list of properties that were found in violation of the weed abatement health and safety code. Property owners will have an opportunity to protest their property being on the list at the Five Cities Fire Authority board meeting in June. Over 600 properties received an abatement letter this year. No public comment was received.

Action: Vice Chair White moved, and Board Member Storton seconded the motion to adopt a Resolution declaring weeds and vegetation on certain properties to be seasonal and recurring public nuisances and providing for weed abatement consistent with Health and Safety Code Sections 14875 Et Seq.

AYES: White, Storton, Nicolls
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. **Review of the Adopted Strategic Plan.** Chief Lieberman presented a staff report to review the strategic plan. He stated that the major components of the plan were to shore up needs and deficiencies, as well as fiscal independence and sustainability. The Chief also updated the Board on many components of the plan. Great progress has been made in communications and technology for the department. Increased funding for the training budget is still a priority. A few employees have been tasked with creating a health and fitness plan for staff. Dispatch migration to county fire has increased efficiencies. Five Cities Fire Authority first responders have increased the level of service to their communities by participating in expanded scope training. The outcome is a higher level of care to their patients, including administering Narcan and the use of glucometers. Fiscal sustainability continues to be a challenge in meeting the needs identified in the strategic plan. Chief Lieberman explained that a lot has been accomplished, but there are revenue issues. Future steps could be to move forward with a revenue measure or form a fire district. Another goal is to research and determine how Five Cities Fire Authority can be financially sustainable. Board discussion ensued. Vice Chair White explained that Oceano Community Services District(OCSD) will be letting their community decide what level of fire service they want next March. There will be a ballot measure with a proposed tax increase to cover fire service. She stated that OCSD can't make any additional decisions regarding the strategic plan until the outcome of the ballot measure. Board Member Storton agreed that it is difficult to make decisions during this transitional period. He stated that FCFA is moving forward in a positive direction and meeting objectives. No public comment received. The Board received and filed the report regarding the accomplishments and future goals of the strategic plan.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

None.

GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:

None.

FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:

- a. Additional staffing will be added for the Strawberry Festival in Arroyo Grande.
- b. Chief Lieberman is working to obtain grant funding through the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This will help to avoid wildfire risk by removing fuel load.
- c. Truck 5 is still out of service.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Chair Nicolls thanked the Board, member communities and staff for all of their efforts on moving the fire authority forward.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Member Bright adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Grover Beach Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

/s/ Barbara Nicolls, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at the Special Board Meeting on 06/14/19)