

CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AD-HOC COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL LAFCO MEETING

June 8, 2009

County Administration Building, Room 101
Martinez, CA

1. Chair Helen Allen called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
2. Present were Fire Committee members Helen Allen, Chair, and David Piepho, Vice Chair. Alternate Committee members Don Tatzin and Gayle Uilkema were present. Absent was Committee member Martin McNair.

Present were Executive Officer Lou Ann Texeira, Legal Counsel Silvano Marchesi, and Commission Clerk Kate Sibley.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion of Piepho, second by Uilkema, the agenda was adopted.

The chair welcomed visitors and asked the Executive Officer to make some opening comments, which focused on the table of governance structure and SOI options provided for East County fire protection districts.

The Chair asked Hugh Henderson, Interim Fire Chief of ECCFPD, to provide an overview of his district, which was formed in 2002, and the challenges it faces, which are primarily fiscal. Personnel turnover, service and mutual aid calls were discussed.

Committee members discussed the critical situation of ECCFPD, recognizing the time sensitivity, and that there are no easy solutions. Consolidation will not necessarily solve the financial crisis.

Also speaking on the ECCFPD challenges were Donna Landeros, City Manager of Brentwood; Bryan Montgomery, City Manager of Oakley; Jim Parrott, Fire Chief for the City of Pinole; Steve Smith, resident of Brentwood; Robert Ruddick, ECCFPD firefighter; Vince Wells, President of Local 1230; and Mary N. Piepho, County Supervisor, District 3.

Chief Keith Richter provided an overview of CCCFPD's operations in East County.

Following discussion, the committee reached consensus on the following items:

- Supported establishing a zero SOI for ECCFPD (Motion by Piepho, second by Uilkema, unanimous);
- Recommended expanding ConFire's SOI to include eastern boundary areas in cities of Antioch and Pittsburg already served by ConFire (Motion by Piepho, second by Allen, unanimous);

- Recommended expanding ConFire's SOI to include the Roddy Ranch property (same motion as above);
- In light of zero SOI recommendation for ECCFPD, tabled all other recommendations;
- Recommended establishing a standing committee, comprising representatives of fire districts, cities and other agencies, and a LAFCO Commissioner, once these regional reviews are completed to explore countywide options. (Motion by Piepho, second by Allen, unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission on July 8, 2009.

AYES: Allen, Glover, McNair, D. Piepho, Schmidt, Schroder, Uilkema

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

By /s/ Lou Ann Teixeira
Executive Officer