

**EAST DAVIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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**MINUTES OF THE EAST DAVIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (EDCFPD)
MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 2009**

PRESENT: Commissioners Robert Ball, Linda Boutin, Cheryl Ewing, and Patrick Reynolds.

EXCUSED: Commissioner Dave Ewing.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rose Conroy- City of Davis Fire Chief, Jim Provenza – County Supervisor, and Roxie Weaver – Secretary Clerk.

Chair Ball called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES: On a motion by C. Ewing, seconded by Boutin, the minutes of the meeting held February 19, 2009 were approved by unanimous vote.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Provenza introduced himself and noted that that he was elected to take former County Supervisor Mariko Yamada's position and assumed office in January 2009. He or Deputy Supervisor Gina Daleiden will be attending these meetings on a regular basis. Provenza informed the Commissioners that he is also on the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District.

Provenza reported that at the County Board of Supervisors meeting on March 10th, he successfully pushed for continued maintenance on the three county roads southeast of Davis as these roads are highly traveled and used into and exiting from the Yolo Bypass as well as for agricultural uses. .

FIRE CHIEF: Conroy reported that she contacted Hans Abplanalp to inform him that he needs to contact Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) to request agricultural burn permission. Mr. Abplanalp thanked Conroy for her assistance and referral to the YSAQMD.

Conroy reported that there was a structure fire at 27336 Par Circle in El Macero. A significant portion of the structure collapsed within minutes of arrival of first engine company. The house had recently been sold and gutted for a remodel. The investigation found that the fire was incendiary (deliberately set). The report will be forwarded to the Sheriff's investigator.

Conroy submitted various fire department statistics for the 2008/09 and 2009/10 final budgets. The Davis Fire Department, as compared to comparable agencies, is very cost-effective and is not overstaffed for its size.

RURAL YARD BURN: Conroy provided the Commissioners with options for burning regulations for the Commissioner's review. They include:

- Allow rural yard burning on properties with Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) approval
- Allow rural yard burning on properties not within the Willowbank or El Macero neighborhoods (with YSAQMD approval)
- Allow rural yard burning only during March through the first of May (with YSAQMD approval)
- A hybrid of any of the above (with YSAQMD approval)

- Continue present practice of not allowing rural yard burning within the District

After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed that rural yard burning on properties in Willowbank or El Macero should not be allowed. However, before any policy decision is made, they wanted to get feedback from their communities and make a decision at a future meeting.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: Not discussed.

SECRETARY/CLERK INVOICE: Weaver submitted an invoice in the amount of \$271.42 for February 2009 services. On a motion by C. Ewing, seconded by Reynolds, the invoice was approved by unanimous vote.

CITY OF DAVIS CONTRACT: Weaver submitted an invoice in the amount of \$558,399.76 from the City of Davis for fire protection services for fiscal year 2008-09. The amount is \$19,148.87 more than the contract amount for fiscal year 2007-08. On a motion by Boutin, seconded by C. Ewing, the invoice was approved by unanimous vote.

WEED ABATEMENT: Conroy reported that she and Fire Marshal Tim Annis will perform the yearly drive-by to check properties for hazardous fire conditions in the next two weeks. Commissioners Reynolds and C. Ewing will accompany them. Conroy will provide a preliminary list of possible properties in need of weed abatement to the April meeting for the Commissioners' review.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS:

- Letter of Appreciation for Chief Conroy - April
- Weed Abatement – April
 - Weed Abatement Resolution 2009-01
 - Set Public Hearing Date for Weed Abatement – May 21, 2009
- 2009-10 Budget – April
- Secretarial/Clerk Agreement Review – May (E. Ewing and Boutin)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2009.

On a motion by Boutin, seconded by C. Ewing, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Ball
Chair

Roxie Weaver
Secretary/Clerk

c: County Supervisor Jim Provenza
County Counsel Robyn Drivon
Fire Chief Rose Conroy