



**NOTICE AND CALL OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

A Special Meeting of the
Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors
has been scheduled for October 26, 2017
at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at:
Orange County Fire Authority
Regional Fire Operations & Training Center
Board Room
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA

The business to be transacted at the meeting will be
as shown on the attached Agenda.

Opportunity will be provided for members of the public to address the
Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors
regarding any item of business as described on the Agenda.

Elizabeth Swift, Chair



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, October 26, 2017

6:00 P.M.

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center

Board Room

1 Fire Authority Road

Irvine, CA 92602

This Agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action or discussion shall be taken on any item not appearing on the following Agenda. Unless legally privileged, all supporting documents, including staff reports, and any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Board of Directors after the posting of this agenda are available for review at the Orange County Fire Authority Regional Fire Operations & Training Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA 92602 or you may contact Sherry A.F. Wentz, Clerk of the Authority, at (714) 573-6040 Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and available online at <http://www.ocfa.org>

If you wish to speak before the Fire Authority Board, please complete a Speaker Form identifying which item(s) you wish to address. Please return the completed form to the Clerk of the Authority prior to being heard before the Board. Speaker Forms are available at the counters of both entryways of the Board Room.



In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the Clerk of the Authority at (714) 573-6040.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION by OCFA Chaplain Robert Benoun

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Vice Chair Sachs

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATIONS

No items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resolution No. 97-024 established rules of decorum for public meetings held by the Orange County Fire Authority. Resolution No. 97-024 is available from the Clerk of the Authority.

Any member of the public may address the Board on items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction but which are not listed on this agenda during PUBLIC COMMENTS. However, no action may be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. We request comments made on the agenda be made at the time the item is considered and that comments be limited to three minutes per person. Please address your comments to the Board as a whole, and do not engage in dialogue with individual Board Members, Authority staff, or members of the audience.

The Agenda and Minutes are now available through the Internet at www.ocfa.org. You can access upcoming agendas on the Monday before the meeting. The minutes are the official record of the meeting and are scheduled for approval at the next regular Board of Directors meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR**1. Canyon Fire 2 Update and Direction to Retain Independent Review Panel**

Submitted by: Patrick McIntosh, Fire Chief

Recommended Action:

Direct staff to retain an independent panel to review the actions that occurred between the Canyon Fire and Canyon Fire 2 and the relevant policies and procedures in place, and report back to the Board.

REPORTS

No items.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**CLOSED SESSION****CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Authority: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (1 case)

CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Authority: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (1 case)

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURNMENT - The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for November 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing Agenda was posted in the lobby, front gate public display case, and website of the Orange County Fire Authority, Regional Fire Training and Operations Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA, not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting. Dated this 25th day of 2017.

Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 12:00 noon
Claims Settlement Committee Meeting	Thursday, November 16, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
Executive Committee Meeting	Thursday, November 16, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	Thursday, November 16, 2017, 6:00 p.m.



Orange County Fire Authority
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Board of Directors Special Meeting
October 26, 2017

Agenda Item No. S1
Discussion Calendar

**Canyon Fire 2 Update and
Direction to Retain Independent Review Panel**

Contact(s) for Further Information

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Summary

The Fire Chief will provide an update concerning the Canyon 2 Fire response and the OCFA's investigations in response to media reports about allegations of delays in the initial response, and recommends that an independent investigation be undertaken.

Prior Board/Committee Action

Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Direct staff to retain an independent panel to review the actions that occurred between the Canyon Fire and Canyon Fire 2 and the relevant policies and procedures in place, and report back to the Board.

Impact to Cities/County

Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact

Unknown at this time.

Background

On October 9, 2017, the Canyon Fire 2 erupted in the Anaheim Hills area of the County. The fire was later contained; however, homes and structures were damaged or destroyed. Since then, questions have arisen about the timeliness and manner of the response to the Canyon Fire 2.

In order to ensure a thorough and transparent review of the response, and to ensure that the Authority correctly assesses and learns from the fire and the actions taken, the Interim Fire Chief recommends that the Board direct that an independent review of the fire response and the OCFA policies and procedures be undertaken and that recommendations be provided to the Board.

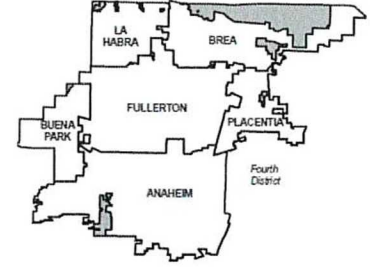
Attachment(s)

None.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 26, 2017

TO: Mayor Beth Swift, Chairwoman OCFA
Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Board Member OCFA
Supervisor Todd Spitzer, Board Member OCFA

FROM: Supervisor Shawn Nelson 

SUBJECT: **OCFA Board Meeting on October 26, 2017**

I want to express my support for your potential direction tonight to retain an independent review panel on the Canyon Fire 2. I have one request that you incorporate into your action this evening.

In keeping with transparency, and a desire to learn all pertinent facts:

The Board assures all OCFA employees that if they are contacted by anyone investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding the events of and response to the Canyon Fire 2, they are free to and encouraged to cooperate fully without fear their cooperation will be used as a basis for any adverse employment action.