

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Legislative and Public Affairs Committee
Special Meeting
Tuesday, August 29, 2023
12:00 Noon

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
Classroom One
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee was called to order on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Connor Traut.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Kalmick led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Chair Foley and Director Wagner arrived at this point. (12:01 p.m.).

ROLL CALL

Present: Katrina Foley, County of Orange, Chair
Connor Traut, Buena Park, Vice Chair
Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach
Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo
Chris Duncan, San Clemente
Anne Hertz-Mallari, Cypress
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange

Absent: None.

Also present were:

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
Director of Communications Matt Olson
Assistant Chief Tim Perkins
General Counsel David Kendig

Assistant Chief Stephanie Holloman
Assistant Chief Rob Capobianco
Assistant Chief Shane Sherwood
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

1. PRESENTATION

No items.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Director Duncan and second by Director Chun, approved 7-0 by consensus. Agenda Item No. 2A.

A. Minutes for the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee Meeting (FILE 12.02E2)

The record will reflect that any Director not in attendance at the meeting of the Minutes will be registered as an abstention, unless otherwise indicated.

Action: Approve the Minutes for the March 15, 2023, Special Meeting as submitted.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Legislative Report (FILE 12.02E5)

Assistant Chief Robert Cortez introduced Legislative Affairs Manager Jay Barkman who presented the Legislative Report update.

On motion of Director Traut and second by Director Foley, approved 5-2 to receive and file the Legislative Report update and recommended positions (Directors Hertz-Mallari and Wagner opposed).

B. Quarterly Public Affairs Update (FILE 12.02E5)

Director of Communications Matt Olson introduced the Quarterly Public Affairs Update and provided video clips recently aired for the general public to educate our service region and to promote OCFA's services.

On motion of Director Kalmick and second by Director Hertz-Mallari, approved 7-0 by consensus to receive and file the report.

REPORT

A. Wildland Severity Zone Map Update (FILE 12.02E5)

Assistant Chief Lori Smith presented the Wildland Severity Zone Map Update.

The Committee received the update.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

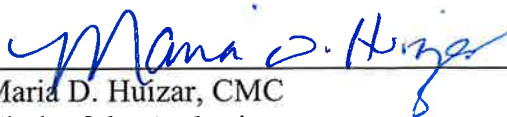
Director Hertz-Mallari thanked Communications Director Matt Olson for his prompt responsiveness to Board Member questions and concerns.

Director Chun thanked Assistant Chief Lori Smith for her participation in the Wildfire Insurance presentation and round table meeting. He also mentioned looking forward to continuing to talk about the aerial landing property in Aliso Viejo.

Director Kalmick asked how to address residents who have concerns regarding high severity wildlands in more rural areas. He expressed concerns about maintenance for vacant lots.

Director Foley asked for the schedule of the upcoming 9-11 event. In addition, she asked for a platform option to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors at the October Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Foley adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority