

The County of Yuba

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



OCTOBER 22, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba met on the above date, commencing at 6:00 p.m., within the Government Center, Marysville, California, with a quorum being present as follows: Supervisors Andy Vasquez, John Nicoletti, Mary Jane Griego, Roger Abe, and Hal Stocker. Also present were County Administrator Robert Bendorf, County Counsel Angil Morris-Jones, and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Donna Stottlemeyer. Chairman Nicoletti presided.

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Supervisor Nicoletti
- II. ROLL CALL - Supervisors Vasquez, Nicoletti, Griego, Abe, Stocker - Supervisor Abe absent.

Also present were:

- o City of Marysville - Ricky Samayoa, Christopher Pedigo, Michael Selvidge, Dale Whitmore
- o Olivehurst Public Utility District - Gary Bradford, Dennise Burbank, James Carpenter, John Floe
- o Linda Fire District - Glen Weldon
- o Wheatland Fire Authority - Darryl Stineman

III. REGIONAL FIRE STUDY WORKSHOP

- A. (485-14) Receive presentation on Regional Fire Study, findings and recommendations. (Sixty minute estimate) County Administrator Robert Bendorf provided the background regarding discussions for regionalized fire protection for the valley floor which led to the selection of consultants to prepare an analysis for fire services and consolidation. Mr. Bendorf outlined the format for presentation and discussion.

Consultants Stewart Gary and Bill Sager provided a PowerPoint presentation recapping the following regarding the Shared Fire Services Study:

- o Procedures for compiling report
- o Participants
 - City of Marysville, District 10/Hallwood
 - Linda Fire Protection District
 - Olivehurst Public Utilities District
 - Wheatland Joint Powers Authority – City of Wheatland/Plumas Brophy Fire Protection District
- o Findings in Brief
 - Full merger or consolidation of agencies currently is fiscally problematic, requires considerable preparatory work done in phases, could be introduced by contract for shared service agreements
 - Merger or consolidation would improve current operational and fiscal efficiencies
 - Efficiencies include closest-unit automatic aid response, consolidated operational standard procedures, sharing of chief officers for incident command and training

- Salary and Benefit Employee Cost
 - Base salaries and CalPERS retirement plan for Linda Fire significantly higher and other agencies cannot afford this employee cost structure
 - Disparity of compensation and available revenues
 - Salary and Benefit Employee Cost Matrix
 - Recommended incremental approach to consolidation which could start with joint training program, closest unit response, and contract for chief officer coverage service
- Risk Analysis - Overall risk moderate
- Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats Findings
 - Pride in personnel
 - Pride in apparatus maintenance and equipment
 - Need for chief officer coverage
 - Opportunity for joint training at all levels
- Joint Training
- Chiefs Association
- Response Plan on closest unit (first due) rather than jurisdiction
- County-wide Standard Operating Guidelines
- Duty Officer Coverage
- Joint Purchasing
- Fire Prevention
- Fire Dispatch
- Large Fire Management
- Specialized Logistical Services
- Steps for moving forward

Fire Chief Rich Webb, on behalf of the Fire Chiefs, provided their perspective of where they concurred with the study which included:

- Joint training academy
- Joint development/operational program
- Standardized configurations for equipment
- Chiefs Association
- Expand Collaborative efforts beyond Bi County Hazardous Materials Response Team
- Response time for closest unit responding and multi-agency response
- County wide standardized operation guidelines
- Joint purchasing
- Formalize Chief Officer Coverage
- Designated position for fire dispatch within Sheriff's dispatch center during peak hours

Mr. Gary and Mr. Sager responded to inquiries and comments from representatives of the various entities.

Mr. Bendorf opened the floor public comments or questions. There were none.

Supervisor Abe joined the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Mr. Bendorf provided closing comments, commended the participants and discussions on shared services and how to better serve residents.

IV. ADJOURN: With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST: DONNA STOTTEMEYER
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Approved: November 18, 2014