The Advisory Fire Commission met at a regular meeting on Monday, August 13, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Egan called the meeting to order and led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners:
- Richard Chapman – At Large #2
- Barry Cunningham – District IV
- Mike Egan – At Large #1
- Walter Fields – District V
- Bill Granados – District II
- Ed Haynes – District III
- Melvin Chappel (Alternate – District V)
- Daryl Louder

Absent: Commissioners
- Don Delcollo – District 1
- Matt Guichard (Alternate – District II)
- Dylan Reinhold (Alternate – District IV)

PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Egan opened the public hearing. Hearing no objections or protests to the August 8, 2012 Abatement Report, the hearing was closed. He then asked for a motion to adopt the “Resolution of Confirmation” confirming the August 8, 2012 Abatement Report in the amount of $20,565.96. Commissioner Cunningham moved that the Commission adopt the Resolution of Confirmation confirming the Abatement Report, seconded by Commissioner Fields. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Haynes made an additional motion to have District staff adjust or modify any charges found to be incorrect because the charge was entered:

a) more than once,
b) through clerical error,
c) through the error or mistake of a material fact, or
d) illegally

Motion seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. All in favor, motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT ITEMS:

June 11, 2012 MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Haynes made a motion to approve the June 11, 2012 meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Granados. All in favor, motion carried.

ACCEPT AND FILE REPORTS:

After review, the reports listed below were accepted and filed.


Incident Summary Reports – Reviewed/discussed June/July 2012 report. Additional comments:
- Commissioner Haynes commented on the slower turnout times overall.
- Commissioner Fields expressed concern regarding the loss of one unit at Station 6 and the effect it is having on the remaining crew. He asked if the District has looked at alternatives to give the crew a break. Chief Louder responded that their first due area has been contracted slightly and the Battalion 2 Chief is now being housed at Station 6 and will be able to monitor. They are looking at cross training with sister companies but have not implemented yet.
- Commissioner Chapman expressed concern about sleep deprivation of firefighters and the liability of having unrested personnel driving the apparatus. Chief Louder replied that it is being monitored.
- Commissioner Cunningham reminded everyone that there is a County ordinance that no firefighter work more than 120 consecutive hours.
- Commissioner Cunningham gave special mention to Engines 83, 85, and 88 for meeting their turn-out time goal for the month of June.
- Commissioner Cunningham gave special mention to Engines 5, 6, 10, 85, and 86 for meeting or exceeding their turn-out time goal for the month of July.


- Commissioner Cunningham pointed out that the Suppression Leave Summary supports adding 30 firefighters.
Commissioner Granados made a motion to accept the file reports as written, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. All in favor, motion carried.


- Commissioner Cunningham asked if there had been discussion with the Moraga-Orinda Fire District about combining Station 16 and Station 43. Chief Louder said that they did at one time discuss the possibility of having a joint facility. Moraga-Orinda declined the offer at that time.
- Commissioner Fields suggested that the District consider the FEMA trailer that was utilized by East Contra Costa Fire as a temporary facility for Station 16.
- Commissioner Granados inquired as to what the Commissioners’ role is in talking with the public about the parcel tax measure. Chief Louder responded that he will have to check with County Counsel.
- Commissioner Cunningham asked for a status report on the contingency plan for the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Weed Abatement Charges APN 187-011-019 – Sunny Hills Aquatic Park, Walnut Creek: Commissioner Granados made a motion to approve the reduction in weed abatement charges of $2,533.46 to Sunny Hills Aquatic Park. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. All in favor, motion carried.

Surplus Property – Report of June 2012: Commissioner Granados made a motion to approve the Surplus Property Report of June 2012. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. All in favor, motion carried.

SRA Fee: Commissioner Granados made a motion to ask the Board of Supervisors/Board of Directors to issue a resolution in support of a repeal of the State Responsibility Areas: Fire Prevention Fee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Chapman. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Haynes:

- Inquired as to the status of the response to Grand Jury Report No. 1211. Chief Louder said that the proposed response would be on the Board of Directors’ August 21st meeting agenda. The Board will either approve or modify the response which is due to the Grand Jury by September 6, 2012.

- Brought to the attention of the Commission a consent item on the agenda of the August 14: 2012 Board of Supervisors’ meeting – C.84 that asks the Internal Operations Committee to review/discuss realignment of the commissions and how
they will be distributed post redistricting of the supervisorial districts. Commissioner Granados will be attending the meeting and will report back.

**Commissioner Fields:** As a paramedic on scene at some high profile incidents/fires recently, he has observed and is impressed with the dedication, professionalism, and hard work of the men and women of our District and would like to say “thank you.” They are making the best of the situation in East Contra Costa County with its many challenges.

**Commissioner Cunningham:** Had an opportunity to observe trench rescue training at the Training facility and thinks it is fabulous that we are still able to conduct this training. Chief Louder mentioned that we are utilizing federal and regional grants to sponsor some of the training. Incidents still occur, we have to be prepared and equipped otherwise we compromise the safety of the public and our personnel. We are trying to be creative and use whatever revenue streams we can.

**Commissioner Chappel (Alternate):** Proud of Chief Louder's presentation at the City of Antioch City Council meeting.

Commissioner Egan asked the public in attendance if they had any questions.

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:** Commissioner Egan adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, October 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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Shawn de Leuze, Recording Secretary