The Advisory Fire Commission met at a regular meeting on Monday, February 25, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Egan called the meeting to order and led the salute to the flag.

Chairman Egan called for a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Advisory Fire Commissioner Don Delcollo.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Commissioners  Walter Fields – District V  Dylan Reinhold (Alternate – District IV)

PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Egan opened the public hearing.

Hearing no objections or protests to the February 15, 2013 Abatement Report, the hearing was closed. He then asked for a motion to adopt the “Resolution of Confirmation” confirming the February 15, 2013 Abatement Report in the amount of $3,760. Commissioner Haynes moved that the Commission adopt the Resolution of Confirmation confirming the Abatement Report, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Cunningham 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 Haynes. All in favor, motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDED BUDGET REPORT – FY 2013-14:

Jackie Lorrekovich, Chief of Administrative Services, was present to give an overview of and answer questions regarding the District’s Recommended Budget Report for FY 2013-14. General Operating Fund 7300 projected revenue is $96,832,283. A general discussion of revenue and expenditure items followed.

Chief Louder added that the District has experienced a dramatic cut of four stations from the system. They will continue to monitor response times, impact, and the ability of the District’s partners to help. More time will be needed to evaluate the impact; letting the system stabilize and then making necessary adjustments.

Chief Louder does not want to draw down to such critical levels that the District cannot respond and meet service delivery needs, but at the same time recognizing that it may be necessary if there is no additional revenue.

He stated that it will be important for the District to continue to look at other revenue streams such as EMS cost recovery and a SAFER grant.

Commissioner Chappel inquired about the impact of AB 340 and AB 197 to which Ms. Lorrekovich replied that AB 340 does not affect current employees but is intended to be a long-term fix for the sustainability of the pension systems. AB 197 was intended to be the clean-up bill affecting current employees – taking away terminal pay cash outs, but it is currently being challenged in court.

CONSENT ITEMS:

December 3, 2012 MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the December 3, 2012 meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chappel. All in favor, motion carried.

ACCEPT AND FILE REPORTS:

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


Operating Budget – Reviewed/discussed report of February 12, 2013 (Accounting Period 7 - Closing).

Incident Summary Reports – Reviewed/discussed November/December 2012 and January 2013 reports. Additional comments:

- Commissioner Cunningham gave special mention to Engines 6, 16, and 86 for meeting their turn-out time goal for the month of November.
- Commissioner Cunningham gave special mention to Engine 18 for meeting their turn-out time goal for the month of December.
- Commissioner Cunningham also noted that no one met their turn-out time for the month of January.
- Commissioner Egan inquired about the usefulness of continuing to list “ghost station 21” to track statistics. Chief Louder replied that this report reflects the number of incidents that occur in 21’s first due area. It helps the District to trend and monitor service needs.


Correspondence – Reviewed.

Commissioner Chappel made a motion to accept and file reports as written, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. All in favor, motion carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Reviewed/discussed report of February 19, 2013. Additional comments:

Commissioner Granados asked who would run a joint fire station with the Moraga-Orinda Fire District. Chief Louder replied that it should be a jointly-owned and operated fire station with the staffing model to be determined.

Commissioner Cunningham shared that combining ST16 and ST43 was proposed 20 years ago.

Commissioner Granados expressed his concern that funds are being spent on a report that could be produced by District staff and would be better spent going directly to the operation of the District.

Commissioner Chapman asked Chief Louder if AMR is making adjustments to positioning their units based on station closures. Chief Louder responded that they are making some changes as to where they post some of their units. They have not put additional units in service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Cease recording calls for Station 21: Discussed in Consent Item - Monthly Reports.
Recruit paramedics only: Commissioner Egan asked Chief Louder if the District has considered hiring paramedics only. Chief Louder replied that the cost to employ a firefighter-paramedic is higher and additionally, if everyone is a paramedic it is difficult for everyone to maintain their skills.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Haynes: Shared that he recently had a medical condition requiring the services of emergency responders and AMR responded very quickly providing excellent service.

Commissioner Chappel: Shared that he attended the funeral service for the late Commissioner Don Delcollo and that it was apparent that he was highly thought of and well-like in his community as the service was very well attended.

Commissioner Granados: Recommended checking out some of the new phone apps.

Commissioner Chapman: Offered his encouragement of the talks with Moraga-Orinda Fire regarding the sharing of a fire station.

Commissioner Cunningham:
- Offered his support for a shared fire station.
- He is also concerned about the lack of water tenders. Chief Louder responded that the water tenders are old, have serious maintenance problems and the District doesn’t have the capital to maintain them.

Commissioner Egan: Asked Chief Louder if the Board of Directors was going to address redistricting and commissioner appointments as some of the commissioners no longer live in the district they were originally appointed to represent. Chief Louder responded that he is unaware of the Board’s plan to deal with the discrepancies.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Chappel to:

Next Regular Meeting: April 8, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

[Signature]
Shawn de Leuze, Recording Secretary