

OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: JULY 26, 2021

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued March 17, 2020, the meeting was conducted in person and via video/teleconference.

Directors Present: Directors Dale Cox and Katy Hover-Smoot

Staff Present: Jessica Asher, Board Secretary; Mike Geary, General Manager; Allen Riley, Fire Chief; and Leroy Valadez, Firefighter-Paramedic

Other Attendees: Peter Rexer, Brian Hukkanen, and David Stepner

Call to order at 3:00 P.M.

Public comment –

Peter Rexer, President of the Homes at Squaw Creek Homeowners Association (HOA) discussed the work the HOA has been doing to mitigate fuels and asked how the Department is coordinating with other agencies. Chief Riley discussed how the Department works closely with the Eastern Placer County Joint Powers Authority on fuels management goals for the region, discussed the applicable State and County vegetation codes, and provided an overview of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) project which will involve representatives from local and regional agencies.

Items reviewed by the Committee include the following:

F-2 Fuels Management Program – Danielle Bradfield Professional Services Agreement.

Chief Riley and Mr. Geary reviewed the staff report and provided an overview of Ms. Bradfield's experience. Chief Riley said he expected she would be involved in the CWPP planning process, would write grant applications to implement fuels management project, and has the skillset to implement and administer the projects if funds are granted.

Public Comment – None.

F-3 Ambulance Service Evaluation – Fire and Emergency Medical Consulting Services – AP Triton.

Chief Riley and Mr. Geary reviewed the staff report. This study will assess impacts to the regional emergency response system. Chief Seline from Truckee and Chief Leighton from North Tahoe helped develop the scope of work and each of the three agencies (Olympic Valley, Truckee, and North Tahoe) will evenly split the cost of the study. Director Cox said it is important that any additional services are financially sustainable, and he looks forward to a robust study.

Public Comment –

Mr. Rexer asked for detail about the timing of providing expanded services. Chief Riley said that if the contract was approved by the District's Board tomorrow, and by the other agencies, the study should be completed and presented to each Board (Truckee, OVPSD, North Tahoe) in approximately four months. Until the recommendations from the study are understood the District is unsure what direction will be taken. If the District were to move forward with providing emergency transport, the service would likely begin in Summer 2022 or Winter 2022-2023 due to the lead time to procure equipment.

F-4 Fire Department Water Tender Purchase.

Chief Riley reviewed the staff report. The District's current water tender has exceeded its anticipated operational life and the proposed total cost for new equipment is \$256,732.00 plus tax, inspection, and delivery. The Water Tender is an important piece of equipment particularly since there are no fire hydrants within the Truckee River Corridor. It is also used for local mutual aid in areas like Highway 80 and the West shore. The Department has been unsuccessful with grant applications and procuring a demo model. The recommended manufacturer is Midwest Fire which was the lowest bid. The Directors asked about keeping the current apparatus as a back-up, however Chief Riley said that due to the operations cost, reliability and the equipment not meeting air quality standards it would be best if it was salvaged to an out of state Volunteer District if possible. Director Cox also suggested the Department reach out to Sierra City Volunteer Fire Department which has been grateful to receive some of the the District's retired equipment in the past.

Public Comment – None.

No further business coming before the Fire Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

By, JA/AR