



El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority

JPA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
Diamond Springs Fire, 501 Main Street, Diamond Springs, CA 95619

Pledge of Allegiance: Conducted

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions - Call to order at 8:00 a.m.

Board Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> El Dorado Hills Fire, Chief Dave Roberts , <i>Chair</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Deputy Chief Mike Lilienthal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE - Cameron Park Fire, Div. Chief Mike Webb | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate Battalion Chief Bob Counts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Springs Fire, Chief Bryan Ransdell | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Deputy Chief Ken Earle |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> El Dorado County Fire, Chief Mike Hardy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate Division Chief Tim Cordero |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garden Valley Fire, Chief Clive Savacool | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate Assistant Chief Bob Bement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue Fire, Deputy Chief Tom Keating | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Director Anne Walker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE ECC AEU, Deputy Chief Brian Estes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate Unit Chief Mike Kaslin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Fire, Chief Eddie Dwyer | No Alternate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Georgetown Fire, Chief Greg Schwab , <i>Vice Chair</i> | No Alternate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Fire, Chief Dan Dwyer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate Captain Greg Morford |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JPA Executive Director Marty Hackett | |

Introduction of Guests:

- Jim Hartley, El Dorado Hills Fire Board of Directors
- John Giraudo, El Dorado Hills Fire Board of Directors
- Mark Spauth, Garden Valley Fire Board of Directors

Other Attendees:

Apparatus Operator/Paramedic Leah Yaws, Diamond Springs Fire
Battalion Chief Dave Wood, CAL FIRE ECC AEU
Chief Tim Alameda, Lake Valley Fire

2. Approval of Agenda

The following changes to the agenda were requested:

- Change Item 8.3 to discussion only of the Draft JPA Strategic Plan.
- Remove Item 6.3 Systems Status Management Committee Update

Director Hardy motioned to approve the agenda with the changes noted above. Director Schwab seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Consent Calendar

Director Counts motioned to approve consent calendar items 4.1 and 4.2 as presented. Director Hardy

seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Reports

6.1 Receive/File Statistics for March 2017

Director Roberts provided an overview of the statistics for the March response time reports.

6.2 Finance Committee Update

The following topics were discussed:

- OPEB
- Flat rate contract negotiations with the county

6.3 Systems Status Management Committee Update

Item was removed from the agenda.

7. Old Business

7.1 ePCR Update (Standing Item)

No report.

7.2 Review Upcoming Holiday/Event Calendar (Standing Item)

- Walk a Mile in Her Shoes = May 13
- Wildland Readiness Training = May 15-20
- EMS Appreciation Week Recognition at Board of Supervisors = May 23

7.3 Discuss and Approve CAL FIRE ECC's Feasibility Study Quote

Director Roberts stated that El Dorado Hills Fire recently submitted a request to CAL FIRE ECC to conduct a feasibility study in an effort to improve eight technology areas of concern. CAL FIRE ECC submitted a quote for \$8,295.00, which has been approved by the El Dorado Hills Fire Board of Directors. El Dorado Hills Fire will be fully responsible for covering the entire cost of the feasibility study and the JPA will not incur any costs associated with the study.

Director Savacool motioned to approve CAL FIRE ECC's quote of \$8,295.00 for the estimated staff time required to conduct the feasibility study requested by El Dorado Hills Fire with the understanding that the JPA will not incur any costs associated with the study. Director Schwab seconded the motion.

Unit Chief Kaslin informed the Board that the feasibility study cost will be reflected as an increase in the dispatch contract to the JPA. This charge will be above and beyond what the Cooperative Agreement outlines so the JPA will need to bill the increased charge of \$8,295.00 directly to El Dorado Hills Fire to ensure that there is a fair and equitable distribution of costs to all districts.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. New Business

8.1 Discuss and Approve Mosquito FPD's Request for Paramedic Service

Director E. Dwyer stated that there has been a long-time need for paramedic service in the Mosquito community and he is requesting the Board's approval of an ALS engine agreement between Mosquito Fire Protection District and the JPA. The change in the service level will take the district from a JPA \$5,000.00 annual BLS rate to a \$7,500.00 annual rate. Additionally, the district will obtain two surplus E series defibrillator monitors from the JPA.

Director Schwab motioned to increase Mosquito Fire Protection District's JPA stipend from a \$5,000.00 annual BLS rate to a \$7,500.00 ALS rate pending LEMSA approval.

Director Hardy requested to see a written proposal outlining the request from Mosquito Fire Protection District before a motion is considered.

Discussion topics covered by the Board related to the proposal included:

- The money difference between the BLS and ALS stipend rate will be budget neutral for the JPA since Pioneer Fire Protection District is now BLS.
- Consider whether the \$2,500.00 rate difference between BLS and ALS service will be of benefit to the ambulance service.
- Mosquito Fire Protection District has submitted a CQI plan that is currently under review with LEMSA.

Director E. Dwyer requested that the Board not table the motion and, at a minimum, vote on a contingent approval in order to not impede the LEMSA approval process.

Director Schwab motioned to approve Mosquito Fire Protection District's request to change from BLS service with a \$5,000.00 annual JPA stipend to ALS service with a \$7,500.00 annual stipend contingent on LEMSA approval and a written proposal to the JPA Board of Directors. Director Savacool seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

8.2 Discuss EMS Appreciation Week

Executive Director Hackett requested that all nominees for EMS Appreciation Week are submitted to the JPA by May 10.

A working group consisting of Chiefs E. Dwyer, Savacool and Schwab has been established to review all submissions.

8.3 Discuss Draft JPA Strategic Plan

Executive Director Hackett reviewed the draft strategic plan with the committee. A complete report will be presented at the May Finance Committee and then to the JPA Board in June

8.4 Discuss and Approve Requests for Surplused E Series Defibrillator Monitors

Executive Director Hackett stated that the Systems Status Management Committee is requesting JPA Board approval for the distribution of the eight (8) surplused E series Zoll defibrillator monitors as follows:

- Georgetown Fire - 2
- Mosquito Fire - 2
- El Dorado County Fire - 3
- CAL FIRE Cameron Park Fire - 1

Director Schwab motioned to approve the distribution of the eight (8) surplused E series Zoll defibrillator monitors as outline above, but holding the distribution of the monitors to Mosquito Fire pending LEMSA's approval of their ALS program submission. Director Savacool seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

8.5 JPA Support of ALS First Responders

Director Savacool stated that he is proposing a trial for the JPA beginning in FY17/18 that would phase-in funding of ALS services in the non-transport agencies to provide paramedic care throughout the entire CSA7. With the current funded ambulance services and high level of response compliance, the expansion of the JPA's ALS support to rural areas that are not currently designated for ambulance services can significantly improve the level of care to the communities,

increasing the chance of survival and shortening the duration of hospital care of patients. Additionally, this funding would establish a trial of ALS care that can validate the need for seeking additional funding from the communities to maintain this level of service in the future.

Discussion topics covered by the Board related to the proposal included:

- Is it legal to have the JPA fund an ALS engine?
- If legal, can the JPA afford to fund ALS services considering the UAL costs?
- A request to fund ALS services was presented in January 2016 to the JPA Finance Committee at which time it was decided to not approve the request.
- Currently there are several districts providing ALS first responder service that do not receive a JPA subsidy so if the request for Garden Valley is approved then the remaining ALS first responder non-transporting districts may also request funding which is cost prohibitive for the JPA. Additionally, it could also open up requests from ALS transporting agencies to also submit requests for funding.
- The JPA is responsible for funding ambulance service, not ALS first responder engines.
- Can the ad valorem tax (CSA 7 tax) cover the funding for this proposal?
- The JPA needs to continue to focus on the parcel tax increase.
- Each district is responsible for their own FF/EMT/Paramedics. The JPA should not be responsible for making up the funding for the entire position on the ALS engines. The request should be for the difference in the amount of the top step of FF/EMT to the next staff service level up (paramedic) to provide the ALS service.

Director Savacool motioned to create a three-person subcommittee to investigate whether the funding request of ALS first responders is a topic that is worth exploring more in terms of legalities and reimbursement ability. Director E. Dwyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows:

Deputy Chief Brian Estes = Nay
Division Chief Mike Webb = Absent
Chief Brian Ransdell = Nay
Chief Mike Hardy = Nay
Chief Dave Roberts = Nay
Chief Clive Savacool = Aye
Chief Greg Schwab = Nay
Chief Eddie Dwyer = Aye
Captain Greg Morford = Aye

Motion denied.

9. Fiscal Items

None.

10. Director Items

CAL FIRE ECC AEU: No report.

CAL FIRE Cameron Park: No report.

Diamond Springs / El Dorado Fire: No report.

El Dorado County Fire: No report.

El Dorado Hills: No report.

Garden Valley: No report.

Georgetown Fire: Academy graduation will take place May 26.

Lake Valley Fire: No report.

Mosquito Fire: No report.

Pioneer Fire: No report.

Rescue Fire: No report.

11. Good and Welfare

The Board recognized Until Chief Kaslin for his dedication and service to the system.

12. Adjournment

Director Hardy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Director Ransdell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.