VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2022

These minutes reflect the order in which items appeared on the meeting agenda and do not necessarily reflect the order in which items were considered.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

President Fougner called to order the special meeting of the Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Miller led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Directors Present: Elliott, Fougner, Gomez, Miller, Ploetz

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Craig Usher, Deputy Chief; and Karlena Rannals, Administrative Manager

2. Approval of this Meeting's Agenda

MOTION BY DIRECTOR ELLIOTT, SECOND BY DIRECTOR PLOETZ, and CARRIED 5 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN to approve the agenda as submitted.

3. Special Matters Designated for Consideration

- a. Second Hearing on Proposals for Creating District Divisions for Elections: President Fougner opened the public hearing at 6:03 pm. He introduced Elizabeth Stitt from Redistricting Partners who participated remotely. Ms. Stitt delivered a PowerPoint presentation that discussed the following topics when considering districting:
 - The California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)
 - What is Districting
 - Traditional Districting/Redistricting Principles
 - Communities of Interest
 - How the public can participate in the process
 - Public Hearing Schedule

During her PowerPoint presentation she summarized the topics presented at the first public hearing and noted that her presentation will focus on Communities of Interest and discussed the importance of protecting vulnerable communities (Asian American, Latino and African American); and understanding the communities of interest that include ethnic and language minorities, in addition to other groups. She encouraged the board and public to submit individual Community of Interest Forms and encouraged that this form is included on the District's website to encourage community engagement. Ms. Stitt responded to questions from the Board.

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President Fougner opened the discussion to give each board member the opportunity to discuss how the division/district maps should be drawn noting the importance of the equal size in people, not citizens and keeping the districts compact and contiguous. Each board member reviewed their ideas of district/division areas noting that some of the census areas provided by the consultant may need to be split to achieve balanced representation. At the conclusion of the discussion, Ms. Stitt asked that each member submit their map to her, and Redistricting Partners will submit at least three maps at least seven days in advance of the next regular meeting for review and discussion. She also encouraged the District to post on the website at least seven days in advance as well.

President Fougner expressed his appreciation to each board member and consultant, then closed the public hearing at 7:16 pm.

4. Motion for Adjournment

MOTION BY DIRECTOR MILLER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR PLOETZ, and CARRIED 5 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN to adjourn at 7:17 pm.

Karlena Rannals
Robert Fougner
Administrative Manager
President