



VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 30, 2024

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 AGENDA

President Elliott called to order the special meeting of the Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 9:04 AM at the “Vista” conference room located at 200 Civic Center Drive, Vista CA.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Inspector Kozakiewicz led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll

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

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Karlena Rannals, Administrative Manager; Gerard Washington, Fire Chief; Brett Davidson, Deputy Chief; Robbie Ford, Deputy Chief; Steve Wecklich, Division Chief; Mark Vierow, Fire Marshal; James Kozakiewicz, Fire Inspector; and Maia Hodge, Management Analyst

Public Present: Jerry Hill, District Resident

3. Open Discussion with the Board (Public Comment)

No one requested to speak to the Board.

4. Workshop

President Elliott welcomed all attendees to the workshop. He introduced the consultant Chief Micheal Despain, FireStats, LLC who led the discussion for the development of a 5-year strategic plan. Chief Despain provided an overview of the structure of a plan that will be integrated with the City of Vista Fire Department strategic plan. He led the discussion with the board and staff to identify priorities for outcomes that benefit the district residents.

During the meeting Director Fougner pointed out that, in his opinion, the Department’s revised Standard of Cover, as presented at the meeting, increases the rural response times greater than the increase in urban response times, on a percentage basis, and that such a disproportionate increase without the District’s express consent is contrary to the District’s service contract with the City. Director Fougner added that, in his opinion, the appropriate action would be a formal proposal by the City to address this discrepancy.

Director Gomez departed the meeting at 10 am

Director Miller departed the meeting at 2:45 pm

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chief Despain reported that he plans to have a draft document ready for the board’s review within two weeks. A meeting to discuss the draft document will be scheduled in August 2024.

5. Adjournment

President Elliott adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.



Karlana Rannals
Board Clerk



James F. Elliott
President