

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Wednesday, November 13, 2024
10:31 AM

The Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Protection District met in the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, on the above date pursuant to adjournment, and the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Present:

Brian Oneto, Chair
Richard Forster, Director
Jeff Brown, Director
Frank Axe, Director

Absent:

Pat Crew, Vice Chair

Staff:

Robert Withrow, Fire Chief
Nicole Cook, Clerk of the Board

AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe and seconded by Director Brown and carried 4-0-1 to approve the agenda as presented, Director Crew absent.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Fire Chief Update: The following discussion ensued relative to subject matter, no action was taken.

Operations: Firefighter Academy graduation was successful, special thank you to Captain Paine as the Drill Instructor and for the Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel for allowing the District to use their ballroom. The monthly Chiefs meeting was a Lodge Hill and the most discussed agenda item was MVEMSA ALS units and if they qualify for BLS care; limiting BLS. Chief Withrow was invited to be the lead on the California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP), this program would include home hardening, fuel mitigation, etc.

Fire Prevention: Ashley Anaya, Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) gave report. Residential and commercial property inspections for defensible space continue. Plan review of existing and new commercial development continues. The pre-fire plans for the county continues. Collaborations between the District Attorney Office and the Sheriffs Office continue regarding issuing citations for illegal burning.

Cindy Grandbois, member of the public addressed the Board by stating there should be a minimum of \$100 fine and maybe a campaign to educate the public what and when burning is permissible.

Public Information Officer: Kayla Dale gave report.

The Trunk or Treats were successful. Special thank you to the volunteers in the Fiddletown area. November is FireWise Communities getting recertified. Proud to announce that the District won the chili cook off in the City of Plymouth. Currently working on December Christmas and Holiday events.

The District is actively working on getting added to the Fire Risk Reduction Community List which is a state program, Cal Fire is the subject expert. The qualifications in order to get on the list is extensive and time consuming; there is a 9 step process; i.e. Fuel Reduction, Firewise Communities, subdivisions, etc. The application submittal is November 2025 with approval notification spring of 2026. The Fire Chief requested support from the Board stating that the specific work load is unknown at this time. Direction given to staff to send information pertaining to the application to the Board members.

Director Forster requested that a property inspection be performed at Volcano Armory Hall. Director Brown requested that a property inspection be performed at the Veterans Hall in Pioneer.

Volunteer Program: Fire Chief gave report. Currently working on recruiting volunteers in the LFPD area with an academy to start in January.

New Fire Station: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter, update only, no action taken.

Certification of Completion: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. The item was reviewed and received by the Board. Request from Staff to meet with the Auditor to discuss fixed assets, inventory, etc.

District Monthly Reports: Discussion ensued relative to subject matters. Fire Chief presented.

Training Report: No action taken, report only. Actively working on completing a formal 2025 training calendar.

Vehicle Maintenance Report: No action taken, report only.

Call Report: No action taken, report only.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Regular Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2024: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Axe and seconded by Director Brown, and carried 4-0-1 to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Director Crew absent.

ADJOURNMENT: At 11:18 AM. Brian Oneto, Chair adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, December 18, 2024.


Chair, Amador Fire Protection District