

**KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 14, 2019**

**MEETING:** Meeting called to order at 16:35 p.m. Kempers, Cooper, McIntosh, Doss, Moretti (Phone In), lawyer Bill Adams, Chief Akre and Chief Bellach.

**Report from Bill Adams on the Time-Line/Status of the Region III Re-Organization**

Bill Adams shared with the Board and public, the LAFCO process and time-line for the Region III Re-Organization. (See Attached) Follow-up from last meetings discussion.

Bill Adams stated that this was not a public group conversation. The Board will allow public comments at the end of the meeting. A draft copy of the MSR was given to the Board prior to the agenda and will not be discussed in great detail due to it not being a public document. The MSR will be presented to LAFCO on 11/6/2019 in a public hearing.

Bill Adams commented on Director Moretti's comments that had been emailed to him. (Which follow.) He stated Kenwood FD and Schell Vista FD are burning into reserve funds.

1. A commitment to maintain the existing station in Kenwood is an absolute.
2. A commitment to maintain not less than the current staffing and equipment at the existing station is an absolute.
3. A commitment to use the operating fund only for services and staffing at the existing station.
4. A commitment to use funds available from the 501 © (3) organization solely for equipment to be located at and operate from the existing station is an absolute.
5. A clear prohibition against sharing financial resources with other districts unless there is a clear finding (perhaps unanimous) by the Board of the surviving entity to the effect that the expenditure of such funds will directly enhance the service level provided citizens in our district.

Bill stated that Kenwood and Schell Vista facilities are in need of improvements. Districts will be getting more then what they are actually bringing to the re-organization.

Director Doss stated that he along with Director Moretti and Chief Bellach are part of an AD HOC facilities review committee and are currently reviewing the cost to upgrade the Kenwood Fire Station. Approximately looking at \$1.7 M - \$2.2M in basic upgrades. (Engine bay upgrades and sleeping quarters from 2.0 staffing to 3.0 staffing.) If Kenwood chooses to do the upgrades on their own, our CAP fund would be tapped out.

Chief Ackre stated the Silver Plan would bring up to \$5M for station improvements for both the Kenwood and Glen Ellen Fire Districts.

Bill Adams said the Silver Plan would have to be submitted to the County in the first week of December.

Chief Akre stated it is essential that Kenwood as well as all the Region Districts have equipment (Water Tender, Engines) that must be staffed with volunteers in conjunction with full time staff. The importance of having volunteer firefighters is crucial. If this was to come together, we would be able to get to a 2.0 staffing level not a 3.0 staffing level. Valley of the Moon Fire District would be able to get to 3.0 staffing. They would have approximately \$600,000.00 to put in towards operations valley wide to help improve staffing levels. Sonoma Fire has received a \$3 Million (3 year) Safer Grant for staffing, those funds could be put into reserves for stations to be upgraded as well.

The joint board meeting is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hanna Boys Center. A time will be determined. Chief Heine from Sonoma County Fire District was asked to facilitate the meeting.

Director Kempers stated that he received his copy of the draft MSR and believes there are many things that need to be rectified on the document. He referenced page 102 of the MSR and stated that Kenwood, Valley of the Moon and Mayacamas would be annexed by the Glen Ellen Fire District into one sphere of influence. Kenwood Fire District would no longer be in existence. Concerns regarding funds transferred into one account without knowing our FY18-19 audit results. Kempers stated that until he saw costs for moving to a full 2.0 and/or 3.0 staffing model with paramedics that he believed operationally this move would not make our community safer.

Chief Ackre noted that with the original financial model of the reorganization, it was unknown at the time if Kenwood would be able to move to 2.0 staffing or 3.0 staffing. We would be about \$700,000.00 short if all stations went to 3.0 staffing. Combining all districts would allow us to generate new revenue through purchasing, first responder fees, and growth impact fees to free up operating expenses.

Director Doss asked if we have identified someone who can work on a flyer for a public education document for us. Chief Ackre added we do have a consultant ready to hire when that time comes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bob Uboldi asked when the Board would have to create a resolution to move forward. Between November and December, is when a resolution would have to be sent to LAFCO.

**GOOD of the ORDER:** None.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bala

Attest:

Ann Bala

## Draft LAFCO Process Proposed Timeline for Region III Reorganization

10/8/19 – Adams circuit rides to all Board meetings to brief Boards and discuss Concurrent Resolution issues and LAFCO timing.

Issues:

- (1) New District name;
- (2) Composition of initial Board and sequence of elections after formation
- (3) Review Operations plan of service; (4) develop draft financials; (5) check to see if any mapping is needed for new District boundaries

11/6/19 at 1400 – LAFCO hearing on MSR and Sphere of Influence – urge District Board members to attend and contact Supervisor Gorin / Chair Loveless before hearing.

11/12/19 – Adams to potentially attend joint meeting of Boards to craft direction for Concurrent Resolution (good idea to have all in one room to address concerns without Brown Act issues)

Issues:

- (1) Need to have County sign on to Concurrent Resolution for CSA-40 Mayacamas area detachment as part of Application;
- (2) Need Property Tax Exchange agreement which can be provided after Application is submitted to LAFCO
- (3) Selecting who the initial Board members will be;
- (4) Establishing an Reorganization Ad Hoc with 2 reps from each Board
- (5) Establish interagency Operational Transition team (talk to Chief Heine about how valuable this was)

12/3/19 – Joint special meeting of Boards to consider adoption of Concurrent Resolution

12/13/19 – Reorganization Application submitted to LAFCO – Glen Ellen serves as lead agency for extension of its Special Tax.

3/4/20 at 1400 – LAFCO hearing on the merits of the Reorganization Application – urge Board members to attend

5/6/20 at 1400 – LAFCO hearing on potential protests to Reorganization; LAFCO records Certificate of Completion thereafter.

5/12/20 – Consider scheduling initial Board meeting of new District.