**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 11:00AM

Lakeside Fire Protection District, 12216 Lakeside Ave, Lakeside CA 92040

Link for remote participants: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81397447518>

meeting ID: 813 9744 7518

**DIRECTORS Present:** Don Butz, Mike McGrath, Neil Meyer, Marilyn Huntamer, Dine Moss

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** maggie sleeper, Odette gonzalez

**VACANCIES:** None

**ASSOC. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jo MacKenzie

**ASSOC. DIRECTORS ABSENT: None**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ann Baldridge,Joel Kramer, Joanne Sauerman, Steve Boehmer (Legal Counsel), Codi Hale, Lani Lutar, Heather Marlow, Kacie Wright, Areli Perez, Elizabeth Garcia, Rachel Petitt, Kirthana Pisipati – online, Brian Gallagher, Alaina Makowski, Angelica,

Land Acknowledgement Statement: Since time immemorial, the San Diego County region has been the home of the Kumeyaay, Luiseño, Cahuilla, and Cupeño Native people. We acknowledge that people have come before us and lived with care and respect on these lands. We recognize that we are now on the lands of these indigenous people who are still here and will always be. We honor the Indigenous people living today as well as their ancestors, and we deeply respect their resilience and connection to the land.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, introduction**The Board meeting was called to order at 11:10am

**2. Additions/CHANGES to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (b)**

**No additions or changes to Agenda. Motion (Meyer/McGrath) Accept Agenda as is**

**3. Public Comment**

The public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes. (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).

Three members of the public attended virtually to make comments: Briana (last name unknown), Goyo Ortiz (Casa Familiar), and Angelica (farm intern and staff at GrowEco). Several more members of the public attended in person, and others submitted comment by email. A list of names and email submissions is attached to these minutes.

**4. Consent Calendar**

**4-1** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2024

**4-2** Note and file monthly Treasurer’s Reports for November 2024

**4**-**3** Approve monthly expenses for December 2024

**Motion to approve consent calendar (Huntamer/McGrath)**

**5. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**5-1** Discuss/Approve:Staff Cost of Living Adjustment

**Motion /second (Huntamer/McGrath)** 3.4% COLA passed unanimously: Butz, Huntamer,

Moss, Meyer, McGrath, Absent: González, Sleeper; Absent: Huntamer, Sleeper, Moss

**5-2** Discuss/Approve: Lease renewal – Sweetwater Community Garden

**Motion/second (McGrath /Huntamer)** approved Lease renewal with conditions passed unanimously: Butz, Meyer,McGrath, Huntamer, Moss; Absent: Sleeper, Gonzalez

**5-3** Discuss/Approve: Recruitment of Associate Directors

**Motion/second (McGrath/Moss**) Direction to staff to Develop with Counsel an updated description for Associate Director application agreed unanimously: Butz, Meyer, McGrath, Huntamer, Moss; Absent: Sleeper, Gonzalez

**5-4** Discuss/Approve: Strategic Planning – Delegation of Board member(s)

**Motion/second (McGrath/Butz**) accepts a subcommittee of Directors (Huntamer, Meyer, Moss) to assist with planning.Butz, Meyer, McGrath, Moss, Huntamer; Absent: Gonzalez, Sleeper

**5-5** Discuss/Approve: RCD Officer Elections

**Motion (Meyer/McGrath)** approved annual slate officers reinstated:Butz, Meyer, McGrath, Moss, Huntamer; Absent: Sleeper, Sleeper

**5-6** Information only: update from Lani Lutar, Public Affairs Consultant.

Lani Lutar reported that negotiations ongoing.

**\*\*Director Mike McGrath left the meeting at 12:10pm**

**Don Butz opened the floor back to public for comments and written statements-**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM**

**6. Staff and other Reports**

**6-1** Executive Director’s Staff Report (attached)

**6-2** Grant Status Spreadsheets (attached)

**7. Other Agency, DIRECTOR, ASSOC Director, committee, and Association Reports**

**7-1** CARCD Report

**7-2** Director/Assoc. Director and Other Activity or Committee Reports

**7-3** NRCS Report

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

**8-1** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – Government Code Section 54957

Title: Executive DirectorEvaluation **Direction given, no reportable action**.

The above matters described on the agenda may be held in closed session in a conference with counsel under the provisions of the Government Code Section stated above. If closed sessions are held, a report of actions subject to

disclosure will be made by the District’s Counsel upon return to open session respectively.

**9. AGENDA SETTING – Per President Butz due to time, requests Meeting Minutes to include all written public comment.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Sauerman, Board Clerk