



# Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

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## Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

**Minutes**  
November 13, 2019

**Directors Present:** Director Beals, Vice President Hyde, Director Kromydas, President Miller

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors, for the month of November was called to order at 3:33pm by President Miller.

**2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of Past Minutes**

It was moved by Director Beals and seconded by Vice President Hyde to approve the Board Minutes dated October 23, 2019, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Financial**

It was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Vice President Hyde to accept the financial reports, items 4.A-E, as amended correcting payment descriptions on item 4A. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Public Input**

There was none.

**6. Business Requiring Action**

**A. Review of Candidate Applications and Possible Selection to Fill Board Vacancy**

Tim Rantz was the only candidate to attend this meeting.

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to table the interviews to the next board meeting or an earlier special meeting if possible. The motion passed unanimously.

The board requested that staff set up a special meeting where all candidates can attend to answer questions. Allow candidates the opportunity to add to their resumes. Staff will check with both board members and candidates for the best date(s) for availability to attend a special meeting.



**B. Authorize Fire Chief to Enter Into an Agreement with US Forest Service to Lease Meeks Bay Fire Station 62**

Chief Thaler explained that leasing station 62 is just a “short-term” fix while USFS works on re-building a new station to replace their Meeks Bay station. President Miller requested a list of pros and cons for both agencies to be discussed at the December meeting. No action was taken.

**C. Resolution Regarding Required Annual Inspections of Certain Occupancies Pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code**

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2019-09 regarding required annual inspections of certain occupancies pursuant to sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Alternative Governance Between Meeks Bay Fire and North Tahoe Fire**

There was no discussion.

**E. Next Board Meeting Dates**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be December 11<sup>th</sup> (second week of December). The January Meeting will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Chief Simons explained that staff may be requesting, in the next few months, to change the regular meeting days to reduce conflicts with other area meetings attended by Chief Officers.

**7. Chief’s Reports**

Chief Simons updated the board on activities since the last meeting. Items of particular interest included:

- S Personnel responded to the Kincade Fire as part of an area strike team;
- S We are approaching residential fire season;
- S Dooryard burning is still under the burn ban due to lack of significant precipitation;
- S Placer County has passed an ordinance for short term rental (STR) inspections, similar to El Dorado County’s vacation home rental (VHR) inspections;
- S Working to make the community aware of the impact on emergency responders due to increased tourism;
- S Maintaining stricter requirements for fireworks shows taking place on the lake;
- S Chief Conradson transitioned the responsibilities of Division Chief/Fire Marshal to Chief McNamara on October 29;
- S The state has decided to allow unlimited accessory dwelling units for private residences to assist with workforce housing shortages. This new ordinance will block special districts from receiving additional tax or assessment dollars, while increasing responsibilities.;
- S The state solar standard, beginning January 2020, will require all new home construction to utilize solar energy. There are, however, some provisions regarding locations with reduced sun exposure;
- S Due to new STRs and VHRs, North Tahoe is considering creating a position to handle the inspections full time;



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- S After review by El Dorado County, the Fire Code adoption will have some minor changes which will be presented at the December meeting for adoption;
- S US Forest Service and State Parks have started prescribed burns in the basin;
- S Controlled substance vaults are being installed in the medic units and ALS engine;
- S Extrication training has been taking place at several of the stations. Chief Whisler was able to obtain three vehicles for each station (one for each shift);
- S Station 53 is almost done; they are currently waiting on counter-tops;
- S Chief Schwartz will be representing the district at the next few board meetings until it is decided which Division Chief will be filling that position;
- S Because this was his last meeting, Chief Simons, in his report to the board, spoke of his pride of the accomplishments in melding both districts over the last several years; how quickly and smoothly the groups began to work together; listed several other accomplishments including: the station 61 remodel, ALS services to the district 24/7/365, improved boundary drop and closest resource response; and thanked the directors for their time. He also spoke of his desire for North Tahoe and Meeks Bay to have merged prior to his retirement, but is confident it will happen in the near future.

### 8. Information Items

- S President Miller spoke with gratitude and thanked Chief Simons for his years of service;
- S Report from Sustainable Community Advocates

### 9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Vice President Hyde to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shawn R. Crawford  
Clerk of the Board

#### Staff Attendees:

Fire Chief Michael Schwartz  
Division Chief Steve Leighton  
Division Chief Steve McNamara  
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford  
Captain Jamie Sheppard  
Engineer Lucas Frey  
Firefighter Errick Kerfoot  
Firefighter Will Marshman

#### Additional Attendees:

USFS Fire Chief Carrie Thaler  
Tim Rantz