

ZAYANTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

7700 E. Zayante Road

Felton Ca. 95018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

Monday January 25, 2021

Time 7:00 P.M.

**THIS WILL BE A TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA ZOOM
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1.0: CALL TO ORDER

2.0: FLAG SALUTE

3.0: ATTENDANCE (circle if absent) Clark Fleming Herceg Maxwell Tarbet

4.0: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Regular meeting 12/15/2020

5.0: ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Additions to the agenda may be added as discussion items. The Board will not act on any added items at this meeting. The Board may elect to add the item to a future meeting for action.

6.0: PUBLIC RESPONSE (State name, address and subject.) Time limit of three minutes

7.0: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1: Anna Eshoo

8.0: COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1: CHIEFS REPORT

8.2: SLV DISTRICT COUNCIL

8.3: COUNTY CHIEFS/SCCFAIG/EMSIA

8.4: OPERATIONS SECTION

8.5: TRAINING SECTION

9.0: OLD BUSINESS

9.1: COVID-19

9.2: Posting and policy 2400 & Lexipol policy 101.

10.0: NEW BUSINESS

10.1: **ACTION ITEM:** RESOLUTION 472-01-21. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ ACT AS THE LEAD AGENCY IN PURSUING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTES OUT OF LOMPICO CANYON.

10.2: Financial Audit for FY 20

11.0: POLICY AND PLANNING

11.1: Goals and objectives for 2021

12.0: OTHER BUSINESS (As necessary for the District to perform its functions as required by law)

13.0: BUDGET, BILLS AND PAYROLL

13.1: Approval of bills

13.2: Payroll: Approve pay periods 26,27, &1

14.0: PERSONNEL

15.0: Round Table

16.0: ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING February 16th or 23rd, 2021

POSTED: January 21, 2021 @ 11:00 A.M.



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Board of Directors

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

December 15, 2020

1.0: CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Fleming called the regular meeting of the Zayante Fire Protection Board of Directors to order at 7:04 PM. This was a teleconference meeting via Zoom

2.0: FLAG SALUTE:

3.0: DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE:

Directors Present: Clark, Fleming, Maxwell and Tarbet

Fire Department: Chief Stipes

Absent: Herceg

4.0: PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Upon motion from Director Maxwell and duly seconded by Director Clark minutes from the November 17, 2020 regular meeting were approved by a unanimous vote with Director Tarbet abstaining due to her absence at this meeting.

5.0: ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Additions to the agenda may be added as a discussion item. The Board will not take action on any added items at this meeting. The Board may elect to add the item to a future meeting for action. 14.1

6.0: PUBLIC RESPONSE: (State name, address and subject. Time limit of five minutes subject to Board discretion)

7.0: CORRESPONDENCE: none

8.0: COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8.1: Chiefs Report:

- Calls for service: 20 7-EMS, 1-MVA, 2-wires down, 1-public service, 3 smoke investigations, 1-canceled in route, 1-structure fire in Felton, 1-unconfirmed structure, plus 1
- An impromptu pay night was held, and the firefighter of the year was awarded to Brittany Raynor.
- The sleeper room upstairs is almost complete, just needs carpet.
- More lockers are being added in the bay.
- Mike our floor guy has retired.
- Financial Audit will take place January 4, 2021. It might all be done online.
- There was a town hall update on Lompico Road.
- Annual submission for smog tests was sent to the State (B.A.R.).

- CFERS and NFIRS were sent to the State.

8.2: SLV District Council: Didn't meet.

8.3: County Chiefs/EMSIA:

- Upgrades at the County training center
- Basic Firefighter Academy Training will start January 10, 2021. The first 3 weeks will be all Zoom.
- Yellow Fire hasn't worked well for years but some work has been done on it and it seems to be better now. The County is looking for solutions.
- Debre Flow plan discussed.
- End of month working on rezoning
- Hazmat techs are running low
- **SCCFAIG-Canceled**
- **EMSIA-** EMS chief is retiring, and they are looking for a replacement
- The rest of the meeting was taken up with COVID issues.

8.4: Operations Section: nothing

8.5: Training Section: nothing

9.0: OLD BUSINESS:

9.1: Covid-19 numbers have gone up; County is back in the Purple. There will be no training for the rest of the year. One on one training is happening, but it makes training challenging.

9.2: Posting and Policy 2400 postponed until the next meeting.

10.0: NEW BUSINESS:

10.1: Upon motion by Director Maxwell and duly seconded by Director Clark, Resolution 471-10-20, A resolution establishing Zayante Fire Protection District Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was approved by a unanimous vote.

11.0: POLICY AND PLANNING: (As necessary for the District to perform its function as required by law.)

11.1: Goals for 2020 Chief and District

- None

12.0: OTHER BUSINESS:

- Directors Maxwell and Fleming were sworn in as Directors to the Fire Board. Director Herceg will be sworn in later.

13.0: BUDGET AND BILLS:

13.1: Approval of Bills:

- Upon motion by Director Maxwell and duly seconded by Director Tarbet bills in the amount of \$2,175.17 were approved for payment by a unanimous vote.
- Upon motion by Director Clark and duly seconded by Director Fleming, bills in the amount of \$1,137.63 were approved for payment by a unanimous vote.
- Upon motion by Director Tarbet and duly seconded by Director Maxwell, bills in the amount of \$2,307.80 were approved for payment by a unanimous vote.
- Payroll: Director Fleming will stop by the station this week to approved payroll periods 24 and 25.

14.0: PERSONNEL:

- 7 new Firefighters have been approved for appointment once they have passed their physical. These new Firefighters are, John Bradley, Ryan Masters, Chris Amos, Joseph Graf, Andrew Hagen, Chad Broughton, Santiago Rodriquez.

15.0: ROUND TABLE:

- The Treasury Oversight Commission special district regular member has retired. As the alternate member Chief Stipes may become the regular member at the January 2021 meeting.
- Everyone have a Merry Christmas and stay safe.

16.0: ADJOURN: 8:20

NEXT MEETING: January 19, 2021

**ZAYANTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 472-01-21**

**REQUEST THAT THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ ACT AS LEAD AGENCY
IN PURSUING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTES
OUT OF LOMPICO CANYON**

WHEREAS, Lompico Canyon in the San Lorenzo Valley is a box canyon which is extraordinarily inaccessible for emergency access due to its mountainous topography; and

WHEREAS, the only road in and out of Lompico Canyon is Lompico Road, a narrow two lane, County-maintained road that winds down the center of the Canyon following Lompico Creek and exits onto Zayante Road at the south end of the Canyon; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,500 people live in the unincorporated community of Lompico, with dense populations of residents on both sides of Lompico Canyon; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Bruce McPherson hosted a virtual townhall meeting on December 9, 2020, during which more than 60 residents expressed grave concerns regarding the lack of emergency evacuation routes out of Lompico Canyon; and

WHEREAS, the CZU lightning complex fire in August 2020 rekindled the long-standing concern among Lompico residents regarding the need for alternative emergency evacuation routes out of Lompico Canyon from both the east and west sides, a topic which residents have been having discussing for as long as anyone can remember; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the 2019 Camp Fire which killed 87 people and burned the town of Paradise to the ground, one of the many lessons learned was the vital role of evacuation routes where traffic stalled on clogged roads as residents tried desperately to escape the fire; and

WHEREAS, Lompico was ranked #4 in the State for emergency evacuation risk due to its limited exit routes, as reported in the Sacramento Bee on August 26, 2019, summarizing an Evacuation Risk Map compiled by StreetLight Data which analyzed emergency evacuation routes of every community across the nation with less than 40,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the County's *Local Hazard Mitigation Plan* identified "Appropriate road and secondary access improvement and creation program" as one of their ten strategies to prevent wildland fires and reduce its effects; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz's *Climate Action Strategy* states: "Californians are already experiencing impacts from climate change and a wide variety of impacts are likely to be felt with increasing magnitude as the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere continues to rise" (citations deleted for brevity), and future wildland fires are one of the impacts that were identified in this document; and

WHEREAS, CalFire reported that 86,509 acres burned in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties during the August 2020 CZU Lightning Complex fires, and 1.4 million acres burned statewide in 2020 through December 13, 2020, more than three times the statewide average over the past five years, supporting the claim made by many government agencies and scientific organizations including CalFire, NASA, and NOAA, that climate change has caused an increase in wildfires and will continue to do so; and

WHEREAS, several potential emergency evacuation routes out of Lompico have been identified, including but not limited to:

- A. An existing road across private property connecting Lake Blvd on the east side of Lompico with Zayante Road at the south end of the Canyon, although Lake Blvd is a narrow, winding, poorly maintained, often one lane road which is not sufficient as the only alternate emergency evacuation route, but might allow some residents to escape during an emergency evacuation situation;
- B. A potential route on the west side of the canyon from West Drive to Newell Creek Road near the Ben Lomond Transfer Station, crossing private property along the privately maintained Yee Road and several locked gates, thought to be impassible by automobiles but has long been viewed by residents as a viable route if it were improved;
- C. The public entrance to the City of Santa Cruz's Loch Lomond Recreation Area and Loch Lomond Reservoir on the west side of Lompico Canyon, which is accessed using the County-maintained West Drive most of the way, with the last portion of the route on the private Sequoia Ave which is poorly maintained and would impede traffic in the event that an evacuation to Loch Lomond Reservoir were necessary;
- D. An existing service road at the far northwest end of Lompico Road, maintained by the City of Santa Cruz to Loch Lomond Recreation Area and down to Loch Lomond Reservoir, which their vehicles access through two locked gates;
- E. A potential route on the northeast side of the canyon which would have to be constructed connecting Old Mill Avenue near the former Lompico Water District office, to Blue Jay Way which feeds into Kingham Ranch Road (both privately maintained roads) and eventually East Zayante Road;
- F. A potential route on the west side of the canyon connecting West Drive to Zayante Road to the south, accessing privately owned roads and trails in Camp MayMac, thought to be impassible by automobiles at some points along the route;
- G. The existing service road at the far northwest end of Lompico Road, maintained by the City of Santa Cruz to Loch Lomond Recreation Area which their vehicles access through two locked gates, connecting this service entrance to the West Drive public entrance along the Highland trail; and

WHEREAS, the Zayante Fire District Board of Directors believes that alternative emergency evacuation routes are necessary to save lives on both the east and west side of Lompico Canyon to allow residents to evacuate quickly in the event of a localized wildland fire or other life-threatening situation; and

WHEREAS, the research and development of alternative emergency evacuation routes for Lompico will require a wide variety of expertise including administrative, legal, public safety, real property, mapping, grant writing, road design and road development, and no other agency or organization in the area is capable of accomplishing this except the County of Santa Cruz which has staff with the necessary expertise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that:

1. The Zayante Fire District Board of Directors respectfully requests that the County of Santa Cruz act as lead agency in pursuing various alternative emergency evacuation routes out of Lompico Canyon; and
2. The staff of Zayante Fire District assist the County in this endeavor to the fullest extent possible; and
3. This project be included in the County's long term Capital Improvement Program, along with an estimated timeframe and funding requirements.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Secretary of the Board is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, Supervisor Bruce McPherson, and the County Administrative Officer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of Directors of the Zayante Fire Protection District of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, at a regular meeting held on January 19, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSENT: _____
ABSTAIN: _____

Chairperson of the Board

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board

DATED:

Potential Alternate Evacuation Routes for Lompico

