



Fire Station Location Standing Committee Minutes

Held at the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District Headquarters located at 1140 Eugenia Place, Suite A in Carpinteria, California, on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 0900

Director Cawthon called the meeting to order at 0850

Present: Legal Counsel Mark Manion, Fire Chief David Neels, Battalion Chief Robert Kovach, Director Sylvia Easton, Director Peter van Duinwyk, Director Suzy Cawthon and Director John Nicoli.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Committee at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Carpinteria- Summerland Fire Protection District; 30 minutes total time is allotted for this discussion.**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Update of geologic investigation.**

Chief Kovach stated that Adam Simmons, the surveyor, found no fault line from the proposed station location to the street line. We are awaiting the official document on the fault line results. Chief Kovach also went on to say that there was a representative from the Chumash Tribe on-site to verify that no artifacts were found during the trenching process.

3. Review the status of the fire station location and potential design elements.

Chief Kovach shared the timeline for the Joint Fire Station and spoke about the cost increase to 6.88 sq/ft and that the Letter of Intent needs to be updated to include this information and the acreage from a ½ to 0.9 of an acre. Director Cawthon inquired about possibly keeping the “station envelope” at the ½ acre. Chief Kovach and Neels spoke about the need for the increase due to turning radius into and out of the station site. Director Nicoli asked if the configuration is adequate for the future needs of the fire district. Chief Kovach stated he believed it would be able to house current and future needs. Director Nicoli voiced his concerns over the lease cost. Director van Duinwyk asked if Regency had given any feedback on the project. Chief Neels said that Regency had no negative feedback.

4. Review the Letter of Intent.

Chief Neels stated we need a financial consultant before going back to Regency. The committee agreed that Chief Neels, Kovach, and Mark Manion would bring a proposal from a consulting group to the next meeting for committee review. During this process, there was a brief discussion about needing a commercial lease expert. Chief Neels and Kovach would seek an “expert” and return their information to the committee.

5. Preliminary project timeline.

The committee reviewed the timeline, and Chief Neels reminded the committee that it will have adjustments moving forward and is a “working document.” Director Easton and Cawthon spoke about the importance of who and how we disseminate information on this project and the need for transparency and accurate information, and the committee agreed.

6. Establish future meeting dates.

The tentative date of Thursday, October 26, 2023, mid-morning, time to be confirmed [this date/time depends on the consultant’s responses]. The next FSLC Meeting will be held at MTO.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 0935