



# Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

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## Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

**Minutes**  
April 24, 2019

**Directors Present:** Director Hyde, President Miller and Director Warmack

**Director Not Present:** Director Massie

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors, for the month of April was called to order at 3:34pm by President Miller.

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

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

**3. Approval of Past Minutes**

It was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Director Hyde to approve the Board Minutes dated January 29, 2019 and March 27, 2019, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Financial**

It was moved by President Miller and seconded by Director Hyde to accept the financial reports, items 4.A-G, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Public Input**

There was none.

**6. Presentation Items**

**A. Annual Pancake Breakfast**

Everything is moving forward. The breakfast will take place on July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Staff will track the homeowner meetings.

**B. Board Meeting Attendance**

President Miller discussed the need for directors to attend meetings as much as possible. If for any reason a director is unable to attend a meeting, it is extremely important that the Clerk of the Board be notified of an absence at the director's earliest opportunity.

**C. Board Vacancy Discussion**

President Miller read the board vacancy notice into the minutes. He invited anyone interested in sitting on the board to attend the upcoming anti-harassment training being sponsored by Town of Truckee on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The class may also be taken online.

**7. Business Requiring Action**



**A. Public Hearing to Adopt Ordinance 19-1 Regarding Meeks Bay Fire Setting Fees for Cost Recovery of Fire & Life Safety Activities**

Public Hearing was opened at 4:00pm

It was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Director Hyde to adopt Ordinance 19-1 regarding Meeks Bay Fire setting fees for cost recovery of fire and life safety activities. The motion passed unanimously.

The Public Hearing was closed at 4:03pm.

**B. Special, Joint Meeting with North Tahoe Fire Board of Directors Regarding ESCI Study and Performance Review - Follow-up**

President Miller requested the two boards have joint meetings more frequently. Chief Simons discussed the benefits to both districts with both agencies working together for the last five years. Because of the two separate agencies, there are a lot of redundancies such as budgets, apparatus, expenditures, etc.

President Miller sees the two districts working together seamlessly, which he believes is why people think of the two agencies as one district.

Chief Simons is working on putting together a step-by-step process for moving forward with reorganization and what that will look like.

Chief Schwartz concurred that there are some efficiencies that can still be gained.

President Miller requested any media questions be directed to the board. Chief Schwartz said PIO Holland has been very good about keeping Meeks Bay Fire apprized of all media information/questions.

No action was taken.

**C. Instant Runoff Election of Regular and Alternate Special District Representative to El Dorado County LAFCO**

It was moved by Director Hyde and seconded by Director Warmack to “Not Vote.” The motion passed unanimously.

Staff will submit the ballot to LAFCO.

**D. Next Board Meeting Dates**

The next meetings of the Board of Directors will be May 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Chief’s Reports**

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

- 230 calls in February and March;
- Ski areas are closing, with the exception of Squaw Valley
- Chiefs Simons and Whisler taught at International Fire Chiefs conference
- North Tahoe Fire Auxiliary purchased a film “Wilder Than Wild” which gives good information regarding forest health. There will be screenings in June which will be followed up by first responders speaking/answering questions. One screening will be at Homewood and the other at North Tahoe Event Center; and possibly one at Commons Beach;



- Working with Lake Valley Fire to improve response plans for the Emerald Bay area;
- Joe Parle has been attending Fire Mechanics Academy allowing him to work toward becoming a Master Fire Mechanic;
- Vehicle placards are being updated to appear on all four sides of the apparatus;
- North Tahoe Fire's Subaru has been returned due to the "Lemon Law." They should be receiving a replacement vehicle soon;
- May 1<sup>st</sup> Homewood station will be closed which will increase staffing at Station 61 during the remodel project;
- Tahoe City PUD has been working on increasing their facilities, primarily regarding a vehicle shop;
- Wildland training is gearing up;
- Vacation Home Rental inspection program in El Dorado County has begun;
- Chipping will begin May 20<sup>th</sup> through a grant with North Lake Tahoe Fire. Pine needle pick up is being reviewed;
- Dead trees in the parks are being addressed. Tree mortality in the area is also being addressed;
- Received a thank you letter from Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS for data collection being submitted;
- EMS education will include infrequently used skills this month;
- Both Alpine Meadows and Squaw Valley have ALS patrollers;
- Chief Schwartz and Captain Sedgwick are on a legislative task force;
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the annual awards ceremony, celebrating North Tahoe, Meeks Bay and Alpine Springs fire agencies;
- Division Chief recruitment is open right now;
- Firefighter Clyde Rust is leaving North Tahoe Fire to work at Yocha Dehe Fire

## 9. Information Items

- Report from Sustainable Community Advocates;
- President Miller discussed homeowner insurance policies in the district either not being renewed or canceled. He requested everyone to let neighbors know that Meeks Bay Fire District has an ISO rating of 3 and insurance companies should be reminded of this fact.

## 10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Hyde to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shawn R. Crawford  
Clerk of the Board

### Additional Attendees:

Fire Chief Michael Schwartz  
Fire Chief Steve Simons  
Division Chief Todd Conradson  
Battalion Chief Steve McNamara  
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford  
Captain Sarah Lagano  
Captain Scott Whitham  
Firefighter Kevin Gilley

Firefighter Clyde Rust  
Firefighter Brent Wible

### Additional Attendees:

Dave Arnett  
Ellie Beals  
Korie Kromydas  
Skip Thomas