

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SIERRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 26, 2013

PRESENT:

**David Humke, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson
Marsha Berkbigler, Commissioner
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Kitty Jung, Commissioner**

**Nancy Parent, Chief Deputy Clerk
Katy Simon, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel
Charles Moore, Fire Chief**

The Board convened at 11:30 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

13-12F AGENDA ITEM 2

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The District will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the District as a whole.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

13-13F AGENDA ITEM 3A

Agenda Subject: “Approval of TMFPD – SFPD Joint Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting minutes from January 22, 2013.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3A be approved.

13-14F AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: “Fire Chief Report. A) Report and discussion related to fire district operations by Chief Charles A. Moore; B) Monthly Statistics; C) Washoe County Volunteer Fire Fighters Association Report for January 2013.”

Fire Chief Charles Moore stated that the Strategic Plan process would begin in May to accommodate volunteer participation. He reviewed the monthly report for January 2013 as noted in the memorandum dated February 14, 2013.

Commissioner Hartung thanked the Chief for including the data regarding simultaneous calls and thought another piece of information that may be helpful would be to include life-threatening calls occurring in two different places. Chief Moore replied that he would attempt to uncover that data.

Commissioner Weber commented that the list of volunteer stations not submitting a monthly report was growing and asked how those statistics could be collected. Chief Moore explained that he met monthly with the Volunteer Chiefs and said that concern had been mentioned during those meetings. He said support had been offered to them and he would continue to challenge the volunteers to provide those statistics. Commissioner Weber felt some accountability was needed and those reports should be submitted and brought before the Board. Chief Moore agreed and indicated that he would strengthen the request to the Volunteer Chiefs.

Commissioner Hartung agreed that those reports were an important part of the process, even though they were volunteers.

There was no action taken or public comment on this item.

13-15F AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Subject: “Accept a donation from Paul Morabito for a snow plow [valued at \$5,092] which will be utilized by the District for removal of snow at Career and Volunteer Stations.”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Weber thanked Paul Morabito for his generous donation.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5 be accepted.

13-16F AGENDA ITEM 6

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible action on Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Commitment of \$290,000 in Property Tax Revenues to replenish the District’s Emergency Fund for FY 12-13. (All Commission Districts).”

Mary Walker, District Financial Consultant, reported that National Accounting Standards required that special funds have a separate designated funding source. She said this item would commit \$290,000 in property tax revenues to the District’s Emergency Fund. Ms. Walker indicated that \$250,000 had been budgeted for that fund, but the District was still receiving bills from the Caughlin and Washoe Drive Fires. The \$290,000 would replenish the Emergency Fund in order to be ready for future wildland fires.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6 be approved.

13-17F AGENDA ITEM 7

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible direction to staff to implement a process to participate in the Blue Ribbon Committee study by authorizing the Fire Chief and his staff to provide commentary on technical issues provide data and reports on the operations of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and other information as may be requested by the Committee. (All Commission District).”

Fire Chief Charles Moore explained that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) would consider forming a Blue Ribbon Committee to study the regionalization of fire protection on their agenda and, if the BCC authorized that committee, he requested direction and authorization on behalf of the District to participate in the Blue Ribbon Committee. He reported that he attended the Sparks City Council meeting who voted to decline participating in a Blue Ribbon Committee. He noted that staff had not heard formally from the City of Reno on their decision and indicated there had not been any response from other partners that had been contacted. Chief Moore felt that a Blue Ribbon Committee was an excellent way to pursue regionalization on a nonpartisan basis, by removing jurisdictions out of the analysis and reviewed from a customer’s point of view.

Commissioner Berkbigler was concerned that the City of Sparks would not step forward to review this issue since it was an important issue for the entire valley. She felt it was encumbered upon the Board to continue to try and impel the other communities to participate in a regional fire discussion.

Commissioner Hartung commented that the Board could choose members from other communities such as the City of Sparks to be on the Committee. He asked

how many people were intended to be on the Committee. Chief Moore replied that a final number had not been established, but he recommended the Committee not exceed 15 people.

In response to a concern voiced by Commissioner Weber, Katy Simon, County Manager, explained that a facilitator would make it a neutral party. She explained there was not the staff capacity to lead the process or to give it the time and attention that was needed.

Chairman Humke stated that an entity had to begin the process and felt that entity should be Washoe County. He agreed with Commissioner Hartung's suggestion of reaching out to service areas of other fire districts to locate good representatives.

Commissioner Hartung inquired if the cost of a facilitator was known and stated that he knew several people in the community that would be good facilitators. Ms. Simon replied that the cost of a facilitator had been reviewed for previous projects and, the conversation to date, had been about individuals who were familiar with best practices for fire services and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) since much research would be needed. Chief Moore added that the overwhelming fear and issue that could plague governing bodies was the loss of control such as fire services going away to another form of governance or from their jurisdiction. However, the Blue Ribbon Committee would not make any recommendations and was not a pretext to recommend regionalization, but was a way to flush out best practices and the challenges and opportunities of how things could be done better.

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Weber commented that direction should be given to move forward and that the County Manager work with Chief Moore to move forward on the Blue Ribbon Committee. As elected officials, she suggested they speak to their counterparts and try to encourage them to become involved with the discussions.

Commissioner Berkbighler moved to direct staff to implement the process to participate in the Blue Ribbon Committee by authorizing the Fire Chief and his staff to provide commentary on the technical issues, data and reports on the operation of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and other information that may be requested by the Committee, and that public participation be requested in the program. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion.

Chairman Humke suggested inviting law enforcement officials and contractors such as medical transport agencies to participate as well as the adjacent counties. He said a significant reason for this action was a demonstration to the Legislature that Washoe County was entirely oriented to a regional fire service approach.

Commissioner Hartung also suggested the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) be invited to participate.

On call for the question, the motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

13-18F AGENDA ITEM 8

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible Board approval of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Resolution to request State Grant per NRS 353.2735 for certain expenses incurred as a result of a disaster under the State’s Disaster Relief Fund for the Non-FMAG eligible expenditures of the Washoe Fire in the amount of \$55,985.”

Mary Walker, District Financial Consultant, explained that the Resolution would request \$55,985 from the State’s Disaster Relief Fund for Non-FMAG eligible expenditures of the Washoe Fire. She explained that the District had several entities that assisted during the Washoe Fire that incurred costs within the 24-hour mutual aid period. Ms. Walker said a Federal Fire Management Assistance Grant was approved by the State to assist in the recovery of the expenses for firefighting and public safety efforts for the Washoe Fire.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbighler, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be approved. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

13-19F AGENDA ITEM 9

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible Board approval of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Resolution to request State Grant per NRS 353.2735 for certain expenses incurred as a result of a disaster under the State’s Disaster Relief Fund for 25% of the FMAG eligible expenditures of the Washoe Fire in the amount of \$97,735.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbighler, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be approved. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

Fire Chief Charlie Moore suggested that Agenda Items 10 and 12 be heard simultaneously.

13-20F AGENDA ITEM 10

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible approval to staff to advertise and solicit bid proposals for Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for the equipment purchase of two (2) new structure engines at an estimated amount of \$600,000 per engine.”

Commissioner Hartung asked for a definition on the use of a Structure Engine. Fire Chief Charles Moore explained that a Structure Engine was a Type I Engine used for a front-line response for both medical emergencies and structure fires.

Chief Moore conducted a PowerPoint presentation, which was placed on file with the Clerk. The presentation highlighted the age and conditions of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Engines 13 and 18, and the Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) Engine 39, which were slated for replacement. He said those were being recommended to be replaced because repairs had become problematic. Chief Moore noted that Engines 13, 18 and 39 would be placed on reserve status and the three engines currently being used as reserve engines would be recommended for surplus.

In response to the call for public comment, Thomas Daly stated his support for the proposal to acquire new Type I Structure Engines. By doing so, he said the District would be in conformance with the national standards.

Chairman Humke asked if any of the equipment came from the Nevada Department of Forestry (NDF) when the SFPD was formed in 2006. Chief Moore stated that some of the equipment did arrive from NDF.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbighler, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved.

13-21F AGENDA ITEM 12

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible approval to staff to advertise and solicit bid proposals for Sierra Fire Protection District for the equipment purchase of one (1) new structure engine at an estimated amount of \$600,000.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbighler, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be approved.

13-22F AGENDA ITEM 11

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible Board approval of Sierra Fire Protection District Resolution to request State Grant per NRS 353.2735 for certain expenses incurred as a result of a disaster under the State's Disaster Relief Fund for the expenditures of the Washoe Fire in the amount of \$18,429.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigger, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be approved. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

The following Agenda Item #13 will be heard by the Board of Fire Commissioners for Sierra Fire Protection District and the Board of County Commissioners. (Agenda Item No. 17 on the Board of County Commissioners agenda.)

13-23F AGENDA ITEM 13

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to approve Purchase and Sale Agreement to sell the original Arrowcreek fire station parcel (donated/deed restricted parcel of land APN 152-921-02) to MPI Investments LLC and/or its nominee, and split the net proceeds with the parcel donor and Arrowcreek developer, Southwest Pointe Associates, per the Interlocal agreement, resulting in approximately \$41,047 revenue to the Sierra Fire Protection District, and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute upon presentation all closing documents, deeds, warrants, and checks, as needed to facilitate the closing and transfer. (Commission District 2)”

Wendy Pitts, Property Program Manager, indicated that the Arrowcreek Fire Station was an originally donated parcel located close to a couple of schools, but in staff's research a better suited parcel was located. It had previously been agreed upon with the developer to sell the parcel dedicated to the County in conjunction with an adjoining parcel owned by the developer.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved, authorized and executed.

13-24F AGENDA ITEM 14

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding recommendation to increase the service level for emergency medical services in the Truckee Meadows District boundary from Intermediate Life Support (ILS) to Advanced Life Support (ALS). (All Commission Districts).”

Fire Chief Charles Moore and Acting Battalion Chief Alex Kukulus conducted a PowerPoint presentation, which was placed on file with the Clerk. The presentation included District Service Areas, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Service Levels, Intermediate Life Support (ILS) compared to Advanced Life Support (ALS), Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA's) Deployment Model, response time samples, first on-scene statistics and ALS service considerations.

Commissioner Hartung asked how narcotics would be managed. Acting Battalion Chief Kukulus explained that the Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD), which currently operated under ALS, managed the narcotics. He said a review had previously been conducted through the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to ensure that the District was compliant with DEA policies. He indicated there was also a robust internal policy and noted that the narcotics were under a double lock and key. When pharmaceuticals were administered, Commissioner Hartung asked if those were billed and how were the pharmaceuticals replenished. Acting Battalion Chief Kukulus replied that the pharmaceuticals were ordered and paid for by the District with no reimbursement or billing to the patients. After transfer, he said REMSA had a complex equation for their method of billing, which may include the services the District provided such as administered medications or pharmaceuticals.

Commissioner Hartung remarked if the Board chose to go with ALS, he asked if all future firefighters would be ALS certified. Chief Moore replied not necessarily. He explained that the number of paramedics necessary would be at least one paramedic, on duty, per station. The exception may be the Hidden Valley Station where the plan was to add additional firefighters to that Station, taking it from a two-person rescue to a three-person engine company. He noted that recommendation would be forthcoming to the Board during the budget presentations.

If a member of the fire crew needed to ride with a patient in the ambulance, Commissioner Hartung asked if there was any reimbursement for that service. Chief Moore stated there was no reimbursement for that service, but there had been a number of critical calls where the District assisted REMSA with transport to a hospital; however, reimbursement was not sought. He said the District would provide the most appropriate patient care. Chief Moore said when a firefighter rode on an ambulance that Engine went out of service until the firefighter could be picked up and brought back into the District. The process was for the firefighter to assist in the ambulance with the Engine following, then pick up the firefighter and return to the District, which could take between 15 to 30 minutes. Commissioner Hartung asked if it would be more cost efficient to place that firefighter in a taxicab rather than have the Engine out of service. Division Chief Tim Leighton explained that REMSA did offer taxicab rides back to the station, but the Engine Company was still out of service and it was quicker for the Engine to follow and pick up the firefighter.

Commissioner Berkbigler asked if that was a common occurrence for a firefighter to assist in the ambulance. Chief Moore stated it was a rare for REMSA to request a firefighter be placed in the back of an ambulance.

Chairman Humke asked if an ALS trained firefighter had the same medical qualifications as someone associated with REMSA or any other ambulance. Chief Moore stated that was correct. Chairman Humke asked if the number of ALS qualified personnel on duty at any given time could be used as a bargaining item by labor organizations in an attempt to cause management to state there shall be X number of ALS personnel on duty at all times. Chief Moore believed that answer to be yes.

Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel, said the mandatory subjects of bargaining included safety, which was the connection made between staffing levels and bargaining. Unless it was bargained away, it was a management right to determine the staffing levels or the way in which the resources of the agency were deployed.

Chairman Humke stated that the Chief was management. He asked how many ALS qualified personnel would be recommended for the District. Chief Moore replied it was difficult to quantify that as a number, but at least one times the number of stations, time's three shifts and then some redundancy would be needed to cover vacations and sick leave. He estimated about 40 to 46 qualified personnel would be needed. Chairman Humke questioned if the ultimate plan was for the District to begin medical transport for the outer ring of the County. Chief Moore replied that was not the ultimate plan. He noted that this recommendation was not being made to encroach on REMSA and he believed they did a fine job. Since ALS was established for the SFPD it seemed counterintuitive not to apply the same standards to the TMFPD ensuring a consistent service level throughout both Districts. He restated there was no contemplation on his part to engage in medical transport.

Chairman Humke commented that the District was a firefighting agency with a high percentage of medical calls and was taxpayer supported with no provisions to charge customers. As to REMSA or any other ambulance service, he asked if there was any cost recovery method for medication or supplies administered on scene before transport to a medical facility. Chief Moore replied for basic life support supplies there was reimbursement, but for IV's or anything invasive the answer was no. Acting Battalion Chief Kukulus explained that part of that reimbursement involved a legal challenge because ALS medications were purchased under prescriptions through the medical director and had to remain separate. Chairman Humke understood that ALS personnel worked under a blanket prescription from a medical director who consulted with the TMFPD. Acting Battalion Chief Kukulus stated that their Medical Director was John Watson, a trauma surgeon at Renown Medical who oversaw the District's protocols.

Commissioner Hartung commented that Station 17 was located near an elder care facility and felt this would be a tremendous addition for the TMFPD.

Commissioner Weber agreed, especially for the outlying areas, and felt it would be beneficial for all the constituents. Commissioner Hartung stated this service would augment REMSA and assist in the stabilization of patients.

In response to the call for public comment, Mitch Nowicki, REMSA Corporate Services Manager, stated that REMSA, at this time, did not recommend the expansion of ALS or paramedic level service for the TMFPD as there had been no clear clinical evidence shown as to what need there was to expand from the current ILS level. In the TriData Report, it was stated that more evidence was needed to determine whether the rest of the Truckee Meadows would benefit from the upgrade of paramedic care. While the Board had been presented with a number of studies supporting the need for paramedic services, there had not been any clinical studies such as one done in Toronto, that found only 1.25 percent of all EMS calls provided an opportunity for critical, fire, and first response intervention prior to the ambulance arrival. He said studies such as TriData brought questions as to was now the time to expand paramedic service within the TMFPD.

Kim Toulouse felt now was the time to expand to paramedic service especially in the outlying areas of the County. He said it was a level of parity since the SFPD and the TMFPD operated as one District and the tax rate was the same. Mr. Toulouse asked why should one person pay the same tax rate as another citizen, but not have the same level of service. He encouraged the Board to expand to the ALS program.

Lee Leighton supported the proposal and felt it was a matter of timing. He said the TMFPD should be allowed to provide the ALS level of service.

Thomas Daly read a statement from Bob Parker that was placed on file with the Clerk. The statement supported the proposal to upgrade the EMS response for the TMFPD stations from EMT to paramedic.

Katy Simon, County Manager, appreciated the questions regarding the number of personnel required. The intention of the District was to have one ALS certified paramedic, per station, per shift and the backup, but not that every new firefighter hired would be paramedic certified. She said it was important this be evaluated in light of the implementation of the EMS study recommendations on a regional basis and, if the Board chose to move forward, to include that recommendation for an evaluation on how this worked in relation to the entire regional system.

Commissioner Berkgigler moved to support the increase of service level for Emergency Medical Services in the TMFPD from ILS to ALS and to include a review and/or evaluation in order to have clear oversight with the study. Commissioner Hartung seconded the motion.

Ms. Simon suggested the service level be one paramedic, per shift, per station, and for the District to continue to evaluate the needs for ALS, consistent with the regional study efforts underway to implement recommendations from the EMS Study.

Commissioner Berkbigler accepted that as an amendment to the motion. The seconder agreed.

Commissioner Hartung stated that the fiscal impact appeared to be approximately \$91,000 and said if just one life was saved then this was worth the effort.

Chairman Humke stated that he did not intend for this fire agency to move toward a proposition where eventually there would be the issue of providing medical transport. He did not have any desire to go to a higher level of staffing as to ALS versus ILS versus lesser qualifications in the medical area for firefighters than what was about to be approved. He said that the proposal provided value to the citizens that had experienced tax increases to allow the consolidation of the SFPD and the TMFPD to occur. In speaking to the medical transport franchisee and to the Health District, he said there had been non-action and, even though a Franchise Agreement had been approved, he was unclear if anyone conceived a need to renegotiate certain aspects of that Agreement. He said there were two sides to a Franchise Agreement, which was a contract, and since discussion had not occurred on ways to better serve the outlying areas, this action must be taken.

Commissioner Berkbigler agreed that it was not her intention to see this fire department enter into the business of medical transport and stated that she had that discussion with Chief Moore.

On call for the question, the motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

13-25F AGENDA ITEM 15

Agenda Subject: “Possible consideration and authorization to reclassify nine (9) of the thirteen (13) existing vacant Firefighter/EMT Intermediate positions to Firefighter/Paramedic positions.”

Fire Chief Charles Moore amended the recommendation to state up to nine positions.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be amended and authorized.

13-26F AGENDA ITEM 16

Agenda Subject: “Commissioners’/Manager’s Announcements, requests for information and identification of topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Commissioners or action will take place on this item.)”

Commissioner Hartung inquired about the Ash Can Program. Amy Ray, Fire Marshal, said the proposal for that program had been discussed. Due to the incoming burn season, she stated there may be some challenges to implement that program in the timeframe the Commissioners had requested. Ms. Ray said a program had been suggested for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to encourage and assist with their badge promotions. She also indicated that the Ash Can Program could be implemented for the upcoming Fire Prevention week in October.

Commissioner Jung requested future staff reports be printed two-sided.

Commissioner Weber announced that the Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department would hold a fund raiser on March 2, 2013.

13-27F AGENDA ITEM 17

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The District will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the District as a whole.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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ADJOURNMENT

1:30 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, the meeting was adjourned.

DAVID E. HUMKE, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST:

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County Clerk
and Ex-Officio Clerk, Truckee Meadows
Fire Protection District

Minutes Prepared By:
Stacy Gonzales, Deputy County Clerk

**TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR STATE GRANT PER NRS 353.2735 FOR
CERTAIN EXPENSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF A DISASTER UNDER THE
STATE'S DISASTER RELIEF FUND
FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE WASHOE FIRE**

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2012, the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (District) experienced a catastrophic wildland fire, the Washoe Fire, which burned 2,674 acres, destroyed or damaged 34 homes, threatened an estimated 800 homes and which destroyed structures whose market value was over \$9,000,000; and

WHEREAS, State Emergency Declarations were issued for the Washoe Fire by Washoe County and the Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval and a Federal Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) was approved to assist in the recovery of expenses for firefighting and public safety efforts for the Washoe Fire; and

WHEREAS, approximately 450 personnel on fire fighting apparatus, hand crews and support vehicles responded to this incident from fire agencies from Northern Nevada, Lake Tahoe and Northern California; and

WHEREAS, the Washoe Fire was only one of two catastrophic fires the District experienced in FY 11-12 which were deemed federal emergencies and therefore eligible for FMAG reimbursements and included the Caughlin Fire which destroyed or damaged 43 homes and destroyed property whose market value loss was over \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the District experienced several other wildland fires which were not eligible for the FMAG reimbursement and were paid for by the District including the Chocolate Fire, Lockwood Fire, Bain Fire, Nixon Fire, Geiger Fire, Narrows Fire and others, which combined with the Washoe and Caughlin Fires resulted in District wildland fire costs of nearly \$1.5 million to date; and

WHEREAS, the District's Wildland Fire Emergency Fund Balance has been depleted to \$65,284.15 as of October 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the District has suffered financially from a \$1.1 Billion or 37% decrease in Assessed Value since 2008-09 due to the economic recession; and

WHEREAS, the District has suffered the loss of \$4.1 Million of on-going revenues or 22.2% from FY 08 through FY 12 requiring the reduction of 25% of its firefighting force from 4 person to 3 person engine staffing; and

WHEREAS, the District is in desperate need to replace 40 year old aging fire stations, fire engines which are in continuous repair and rescue and safety equipment requiring millions of dollars in necessary capital expenditures in order to provide for public safety.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District is unable to cover the remaining District portion or the non-FMAG eligible expenses resulting from the Washoe Fire disaster and requests a grant in the amount of \$55,985 from the State Disaster Relief Fund.

Upon motion by Fire Board Commissioner, Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 26th day of February, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: Humke, Weber, Jung, Berkbigler & Hartung NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

David Humke
David Humke, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jaime Bellera, Deputy Clerk
CLERK

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District is unable to cover the remaining District portion or 25% of the FMAG eligible expenses resulting from the Washoe Fire disaster and requests a grant from the State Disaster Relief Fund in the amount of \$97,735.

Upon motion by Fire Board Commissioner, Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 26th day of February, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

David Humke
David Humke, Chairman

ATTEST:

CLERK



Chief Deputy

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WHEREAS, the District has suffered financially from a \$442 Million or 33% decrease in Assessed Value since 2008-09 due to the economic recession; and

WHEREAS, the District has suffered the loss of \$2.2 Million of on-going revenues or 25.2% from FY 08 through FY 12 requiring the reduction of 25% of its firefighting force from 4 person to 3 person engine staffing; and

WHEREAS, the District is in desperate need to replace 40 year old aging fire stations, fire engines which are in continuous repair and rescue and safety equipment requiring \$1.5 million in necessary capital expenditures in order to provide for public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Sierra Fire Protection District is unable to cover the remaining District portion or 25% of the FMAG eligible expenses resulting from the Washoe Fire disaster and requests a grant in the amount of \$18,429 from the State Disaster Relief Fund.

Upon motion by Fire Board Commissioner, Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 26th day of February, 2013 by the following vote:

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AYES: 5
ABSENT: None
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: None

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

David Humke
David Humke, Chairman

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