

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

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

PRESENT:

**Bob Lucey, Vice Chair**  
**Marsha Berkbigler, Commissioner**  
**Kitty Jung, Commissioner**  
**Jeanne Herman, Commissioner**

**Nancy Parent, County Clerk**  
**Charles Moore, Fire Chief**  
**Nathan Edwards, Deputy District Attorney**

ABSENT:

**Vaughn Hartung, Chair**

The Board convened at 9:00 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

Vice Chair Lucey assumed the gavel as Acting Chair in Chair Hartung's absence.

**19-138F      AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.**

Mr. Cliff Low spoke about Agenda Items 9 and 10, which included a proposal to replace two fire stations in Washoe Valley with one consolidated station. He asserted Washoe Valley was not a typical rural area because it included two separate higher-density areas and a scenic byway. He said more than 3,000 people resided on the east side of the lake in New Washoe City and more than 107 homes were located on the west side of the lake. He noted the Little Valley Fire burned a section of the scenic byway and destroyed 23 homes three years earlier, and he claimed it was the result of governmental negligence and mismanagement. He asked the Board whether they would compound previous losses by downgrading fire and emergency medical services for Washoe Valley residents. He mentioned the idea of consolidating stations in Washoe Valley was rejected in the past and thought it should be rejected again. He urged Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Charles Moore and his staff to find another way to resolve the challenges in the north part of the district.

County Clerk Nancy Parent stated she received email correspondence from Mr. Low, a copy of which was placed on the record.

**19-139F**      **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Charles Moore mentioned he met with the Bureau of Land Management and other regional fire protection partners to discuss target shooting and devise strategies to solve the issue. He thought there were several things they would be able to do to reduce fires caused by target shooting and he hoped to report on them to the Board in October or November.

**CONSENT ITEMS 5A through 5C**

**19-140F**      **5A** Recommendation to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2019 Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District's Board of Fire Commissioners meeting. (All Commissioners Districts).

**19-141F**      **5B** Recommendation to approve a retroactive revised Salary Schedule to the IAFF Local 2487 Non-Supervisory Unit Agreement changing the Fire Prevention Specialist I, Fire Prevention Specialist II, Fire Mechanic and Fire Mechanic Logistics Assistant positions from a pay range to 5 preset pay steps. If approved, this change means that in lieu of receiving 5% annual merit pay increases within the high and low pay range, annual pay increases will generally occur at specified intervals (“steps”) and in specified amounts. This change will not change the previously approved salary high and low range for each position, and if approved the step ranges will be effective July 1, 2019. (All Commission Districts).

**19-142F**      **5C** Recommendation to approve the development and design of a revised website specific to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. (All Commission Districts). (All Commission Districts).

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda Items listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Hartung absent, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5C be approved.

**19-143F**      **AGENDA ITEM 6** Promotional and New Employee Badge Pinning

Promotions:

- Battalion Chief James Solaro
- Captain Brett Porter
- Fire Engineer Nikki Stowe
- Fire Engineer Ryan Collins

New Employees:

- Zebulon Nomura

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Charles Moore said James Solaro received his pin from his wife Katrina; Brett Porter was pinned by his wife Sara; Ryan Collins was pinned by his wife Danielle; and Nikki Stowe received her pin from her husband Austin. Zebulon Nomura received his new employee pin from his wife Heather.

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

**19-144F**      **AGENDA ITEM 7** Proclaim October 2019 as Fire Prevention Month.

Fire Prevention Specialist Brittany Lemon read the Proclamation.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Hartung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7 be adopted.

**19-145F**      **AGENDA ITEM 8** Fire Chief Report:

A. Informational briefing on operational matters and activities for the month of August and September 2019 to include the following items:

1. Update on Hidden Valley Fire Station
2. Long Valley Fire Review
3. Commissioner Dashboard Update

B. Review of Response Statistics for July 2019 to include mutual and auto aid for our regional partners.

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Chief Charles Moore mentioned Reno staff would seek final approval from the Reno City Council in October for a boundary line adjustment for the Hidden Valley Fire Station. A special use permit (SUP) from Washoe County would follow. He said construction could begin once the SUP was approved; he projected construction would begin in April or May 2020. He said the construction documents for the residence were complete but he wanted to wait for the boundary line adjustment before beginning the improvements on the residence. He estimated the new fire station would be completed by the fall of 2020 but anticipated the

living quarters would be finished before the truck bay. He said an inflatable structure would likely be used to store the fire engine until construction on the truck bay was completed.

Commissioner Berkbigler asked how many firefighters would be stationed there. Chief Moore said there would be three firefighters at the station; there would be no staffing changes. He mentioned the current truck bay was very small so the District only had one fire engine that would fit in it, but the updated truck bay would be substantially bigger and would accommodate any piece of equipment the District owned.

Chief Moore thanked staff for their work on the Long Valley Fire and said it was the most perilous fire the District faced that summer. He expressed gratitude because fire crews kept the fire on the west side of Red Rock Road, which protected many structures. He believed the fire was confined primarily to Bureau of Land Management land with only a small portion of TMFPD land affected. He said the District received assistance from numerous regional partners and aircraft was very useful in combatting the fire. He reported one home was lost but approximately 150 structures were saved. He stressed the importance of defensible space since many of the homes were saved because they had the proper defensible space.

Chief Moore offered to answer any questions from the Commissioners regarding the Dashboard update or response statistics. The Commissioners had no questions for Chief Moore.

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

**19-146F**      **AGENDA ITEM 9** Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding a deployment plan that includes new locations of existing and future district fire stations and firefighting personnel including:

1. Review of response statistics, incident locations and response time performance.
  2. Possible consolidation of stations 30 (Bowers) and Station 32 (Eastlake).
  3. Options for re-deployment of firefighting personnel.
  4. Mutual and Automatic Aid improvements with Carson City.
  5. A discussion regarding possible future relocation of personnel from Station 44 (Stead) to possible new career stations located at Volunteer Station 430 (Silver Lake) and Volunteer Station 440 (Lemmon Valley).
- (All Commission Districts).

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Chief Charles Moore said his job entailed protecting as many areas of the district as possible in a consistent manner in accordance with the standards of cover (SOC) adopted by the Board in 2011. The study conducted by staff found TMFPD resources were underutilized in some areas while some areas in the north were underserved. He pointed out monthly reports

indicated 75 percent of the calls were in the north but the TMFPD had more resources in the south. He understood the Board's direction from a prior meeting had been to look for ways to rebalance resources within the TMFPD. To that end, staff collected substantial data and performed an exhaustive study.

Chief Moore introduced Statistician Heather Kerwin, Technology Systems Developer Jay Johnson, and TMFPD Deputy Chief Alex Kukulus.

County Clerk Nancy Parent noted she received a revised report that morning, which she distributed to the Board and placed on the record.

Ms. Kerwin conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. She reviewed slides with the following titles: Data Analyzed; Dataset; and Incident Volume By Station/Battalion.

Ms. Kerwin reviewed the type of data analyzed for the study and said more than 350 data tables were produced. Nothing stood out as alarming but there were some interesting patterns. She mentioned most of the data types listed on the Data Analyzed slide were placed into maps with the assistance of Mr. Johnson. She stated the call data was from January 1, 2015 through October 31, 2018. She pointed out a slight decline in call volume from 2017 to 2018 and said it was consistent with other first responding agencies in Washoe County. She explained that 2017 was used whenever analysis was done on a single year because that year had the highest number of calls. She summarized the north battalion received approximately three times the number of calls as the south battalion.

Deputy Chief Kukulus continued the PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Standard of Cover (SOC); TMFPD Overall Drive-Time maps; Calls not Meeting SOC Times; TMFPD Overall Drive-Time maps with percentages; and a map of Washoe Valley.

Deputy Chief Kukulus reiterated the purpose of the study was to review the SOC to identify areas where the standards were deficient, areas of compliance, and areas of excess. He explained the left map on the TMFPD Overall Drive-Time slide represented the current configuration of stations. The areas in green were incidents for which the SOC compliance was met and areas in red were areas out of compliance. He noted an incident was marked red if the response time was even one second over the standard, though it would not significantly affect the outcome of the incident. He pointed to several areas circled in yellow on the map where a significant number of incidents had not met the SOC under the existing station configuration. He said the map on the right represented a scenario based on redeploying an engine from the south to the north battalion. One option was to staff the volunteer stations in Silver Knolls and Lemmon Valley, making them career stations. The shift in coverage would change those areas in the north from red to green.

Deputy Chief Kukulus indicated the 490 calls which had not met the SOC in 2017 could be reduced to 23 calls by using the proposed deployment plan. He stated the District met the SOC 87.7 percent of the time with the existing stations, but the SOC compliance could be increased to 92.7 percent with the proposed configuration, which shifted resources from the south to the north. He said the District's current budget and staff could not support the addition of a new station in the north and, since growth was not planned, the focus was on reallocating the existing resources. During the data analysis, the only area that stood out was the Washoe Valley area. He acknowledged the reallocation of resources was considered in the past and staff had reviewed the results of the 2010 Diamonte Study. The previous study had not recommended consolidating stations but it mentioned the addition of the freeway. He noted the data for that study was incomplete because there were two organizations operating in Washoe Valley at the time. The current study differed because the incidence data was complete with a single organization and the new freeway was open.

Deputy Chief Kukulus reported data from 2017 showed there were 680 incidents in districts 30 and 32, which encompassed the east and west sides of Washoe Valley as well as Pleasant Valley. The projected response times from the proposed centralized station were tested by deploying fire engines to check drive times and by using geographic information system estimates. The results indicated that 610 of the incidents from 2017 would meet the SOC with the new station location and 70 incidents would not. He stated incidents located south of the two current stations would see an increase in response time of approximately three minutes. He noted the improved automatic aid agreement with the Carson City Fire Department (CCFD) would result in an engine being sent to all areas of Washoe Valley and Pleasant Valley. The CCFD had an agreement with the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) which ensured an ambulance would be sent as far as Bellevue; the TMFPD had an ambulance in that area as well.

Deputy Chief Kukulus said the two fire stations in Washoe Valley were staffed with three personnel but the proposed centralized station would be staffed with a minimum of four people. It would be built with the capacity to house five people, allowing some flexibility in staffing. He explained the 4-person crew added efficiency on emergency medical service (EMS) calls because TMFPD medics accompanied REMSA personnel to the hospital on critical calls where REMSA ambulances required a rider. This dropped the engine staffing down to two people and effectively took it out of service. With a 4-person company, the medic could go to the hospital with REMSA and the engine would remain in service with three people. A 4-person company would improve functionality when responding to highway vehicle accidents requiring extraction or when responding to an interior fire where two firefighters entered the building and two stayed out.

Deputy Chief Kukulus noted the Nevada Department of Forestry staffed a crew at the Eastlake station to respond to wildland fires. He stated the new station was located approximately 1.5 minutes from the freeway onramp, which was the same drive time from station 30 to the freeway; there would be no change in freeway access.

Chief Moore summarized the response into Washoe Valley under the proposed deployment plan included engine 39 from Galena, the new consolidated station, Station 33, and the CCFD engine. He said engine 39 could get to Old Highway 395 in approximately five minutes. There would be four engines responding to Washoe Valley calls which would have fairly quick response times. He said Stations 32 and 30 were dilapidated and something needed to be done. Station 32 Eastlake was 40 years old and consisted of modular buildings and a metal garage bay. Station 30 at Bowers Mansion was more than 50 years old; it was built on land leased from the State of Nevada and had persistent rodent and bat infestation issues. Updating the stations would require building two new stations instead of one consolidated station. He said the data supported the opinion of staff that Washoe Valley could be adequately serviced by one station with the automatic aid from the CCFD. He noted a computer-aided dispatch (CAD) to CAD link would be put in place which would benefit both law enforcement and fire. The link would improve dispatch speed from the CCFD to Washoe Valley and from the TMFPD to Carson City.

Chief Moore expressed concern about the North Valleys for both the call volume and the number of fires. He said staff would move forward with the consolidated station if the Board approved the new deployment plan. Two personnel would then be reallocated to Sun Valley to staff a 5-person company made up of one engine and a 2-person squad. The squad would be able to support Spanish Springs, Lemmon Valley, and other fire stations in the north until the District reached the financial capacity to add three more personnel to staff an additional fire station in the north. He said it was a phased approach which would be made possible by starting with the consolidated station in the south. He noted 10 percent of the call volume consisted of fire incidents but the sheer volume of fires in the north was a concern because the north had three times the number of calls as the south. He said response times to Lemmon Valley were approximately 12 to 16 minutes or longer and he emphasized those response times needed to be reduced. He believed the plan would not significantly degrade service in Washoe Valley; it would simply reallocate resources from where they were underutilized to where they were needed.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Cliff Low said he would prefer 4-person crews to the current 3-person crews at every fire station. He stated the two in/two out scenario only applied to a small number of calls, so it had been the justification for the existing 3-person crews. He noted automatic aid and mutual aid agreements were a good idea but they could be terminated at any point. He opined the agreement with the CCFD would not solve the response time concerns in Washoe Valley. He said the agreements with the CCFD were only for structure and wildland fires, but the majority of calls included in the study were for EMS incidents. He stated four engines responding to a fire incident was appropriate but only the first to arrive on an EMS call was important. He requested the Board clarify in its motion that accepting the presentation was not agreeing with or accepting the recommendations.

Mr. Tom Hall stated he was sensitive to fire protection issues because his home burned down in the past. He said he was not alerted about this agenda item until the

prior day. He expressed concern about how the agenda item was noticed and requested residents receive better notices in the future. He believed there was potential for future development in Washoe Valley. He noted a cost analysis for building new stations in the north was not provided for comparison purposes. He asked what the costs would be for renovating Stations 30 and 32 and where the CCFD mutual aid engine would be deployed from.

Mr. William Naylor said the study was comprehensive but it implied all areas were the same. He felt Washoe Valley was unique because there was a geological division between the east and west sides of the valley. He said only two areas had water systems so fire crews needed to bring water tenders with them to fight fires. He expressed concern about reducing the number of water tenders with the consolidation of stations. He noted REMSA was not stationed in Washoe Valley so residents depended on firefighters for EMS calls. He opined the increased response time for EMS calls from the consolidated station was unacceptable. He said Washoe Lake State Park, Davis Creek, and Bowers Mansion were County resources located in Washoe Valley that attracted a significant number of annual visitors. He asked whether those visitors were accounted for in the population statistics report. He noted future development of 1,000 units had been approved which would add thousands of residents to the valley. He stated U.S. Route 395 Alternate was a dangerous roadway and response times for accidents needed to be low.

Ms. Karen Critor asked the Board to imagine calling 911 for a medical emergency or home fire and having to wait for help. She stood silent at the podium for a minute and a half. She noted the wait was less than two minutes but the removal of the two stations would require residents to wait three to eight minutes longer for help than the previous response times. She implored the Board not take resources away from Washoe Valley.

Ms. Joyce Newman noted the report had not provided a cost comparison for rehabilitating the existing stations versus building the new station. She said the agenda item asked the Board to approve the purchase of property for a new station without reviewing a feasibility study. She thought the funds used for purchasing the land could be used to provide better services for the North Valleys. She indicated she received notice of the agenda item the prior day and requested additional notice for residents in the future. She expressed gratitude for the firefighters and the service provided by the TMFPD. She indicated she submitted written comments, copies of which were placed on the record.

Nancy Parent, County Clerk, noted she received a document from Ms. Bailey, a copy of which was placed on the record for the meeting.

Ms. Shyrl Bailey stated her home was built adjacent to the Bowers Mansion station because of the proximity to fire protection. She noted residents supported the station through fundraising for volunteers. She expressed concern about the longer response times for EMS calls from the new station and about a possible increase to her property insurance premium. She stated buying the land and building a new station



would cost taxpayers more money than the cost of upgrading the existing station. She believed it was not a prudent use of taxpayers' money.

Ms. Debbie Sheltra said she was involved in the Diamonte Study which had been presented in public hearings and before the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB). She stated the current study was not presented to the CAB and residents were not notified until the agenda for the meeting was published. She indicated she spoke with Carson City Fire Chief Sean Slamon and Carson City Mayor Bob Crowell the previous week and was informed the mutual aid agreement was for structure and wildland fires and would not include EMS calls. She expressed concern about the additional response times because resources in Washoe Valley were already limited. She said bats and rodents were common in the area and the issue could be mitigated. She entreated the Board not take resources away from Washoe Valley residents.

Mr. Wendell Newman submitted a document with his questions for the Board, a copy of which was placed on the record. He questioned how much information about the proposal was shared with residents who would be impacted by the change. He stated he learned about the agenda item the prior day and hoped residents would be better informed about plans in the future. He believed there were homes in the Lakeview Estates area located on the border of Washoe County and Carson City. He noted it would take a CCFD engine significantly longer to respond to those homes than it would take from the Bowers Mansion station. He thought rodents were not a significant issue when compared to caring for people. He believed no fires in the north valleys were as severe as the Little Valley Fire.

Mr. Thomas Daly said the deployment plan presented to the Board would keep TMFPD Station 31 and CCFD Station 52 as primary stations serving Washoe Valley. He stated the plan maintained response times within the parameters previously approved by the Board. He mentioned the two existing stations needed approximately \$5 million for renovations and expansions and he opined it would not be a wise investment. He said the location of the stations would change but not the quantity of stations. He stated 4-person staffing would allow for two in/two out response during structure fires and the ability to send a paramedic with REMSA to the hospital without taking an engine out of service. He noted Station 31 would be designated a must-cover station so another crew would be dispatched to cover the station when its crew was engaged. The plan kept the quantity of service unchanged, kept response times within the approved parameters, and would improve the quality of service to Washoe Valley residents without raising taxes. He urged the Board to approve the plan.

Ms. Tammy Holt-Still said she would not want residents of the south valleys to be endangered. She stated the TMFPD needed to look at their resources and be transparent. She expressed dissatisfaction with what happened with the Little Valley Fire. She said the Commissioners needed to be responsive to their constituents. She asserted the Board needed to find a way to protect the north valleys without taking away from the south valleys.

Nancy Parent, County Clerk, stated she received email correspondence from Mr. Stanley Bailey, a copy of which was placed on the record.

Commissioner Berkbigler expressed disappointment because the proposal was not presented to the CAB. She hoped Chief Moore would present to the community prior to seeking full Board approval. She thought there was some value to the new station and a 4-person crew. She said she had not reviewed the plan in detail but would do so. She believed the public needed a better view of the proposed plan. She requested a cost comparison between consolidating the southern stations versus upgrading them and adding personnel in the north. She reiterated she wanted the proposal to be discussed with the CAB.

Commissioner Jung thought the plan needed to be presented to every CAB for discussion before proceeding. She suggested staff might identify gaps and possible misperceptions about redeploying limited resources through feedback from the CAB meetings. She requested an update on the professionalization of volunteer firefighters. She thought volunteers could possibly be used to increase personnel for Washoe Valley. She noted there were many retirees who lived in the area and had the time to volunteer. She suggested analyzing approved development which was not yet built for help in determining where growth would occur. She asked for a report of REMSA efforts in the area. She thought REMSA's SOC should be reviewed and renegotiated based on anticipated growth. She believed diminishing the rodent and bat concerns in the two stations was inappropriate because firefighters lived in those buildings. She believed the comfort and care of firefighters needed to be prioritized. The stations needed to provide a habitable living environment without the health hazards associated with rodents.

Commissioner Jung said the plan was not ready for implementation but she thought some alternative measures were possible. She noted Washoe Valley was a no-growth area so the population was sparse and the Board needed to make decisions which would benefit the largest number of people. She asked whether the TMFPD might partner with the SoL Cannabis cultivation and dispensary center to create a volunteer group to renovate the fire stations. She believed creative solutions were possible but the budget was not limitless and there was a limit to what could be expected when population density was reduced. She acknowledged attending evening CAB meetings throughout the valley was time consuming but she thought discussions with residents might provide new ideas and solutions. She realized managing volunteers was difficult and she wanted to discuss whether it was possible to use volunteer firefighters or not. She thought volunteers could alleviate some response time issues for EMS calls, which she believed would be the primary concern for the aging population in Washoe Valley. She recognized Chief Moore was making difficult decisions about deploying limited resources for the maximum benefit. She stated Washoe Valley residents were problem solvers and they were good at advocating for themselves. She offered to advocate for the residents of Washoe Valley and to assist staff.

Commissioner Jung indicated she wanted to discuss staffing because there were advantages and disadvantages to 4-person crews. She questioned whether four

personnel were appropriate considering there was one paramedic on every engine crew. She asked for clarification regarding the comment about tankers and transporting water. She inquired why Washoe Lake State Park did not provide firefighters and why they relied on Washoe County for their water rescues. She suggested firefighters supplied by the park might amplify services in Washoe Valley.

Vice Chair Lucey expressed frustration because the community outreach for the proposal was lacking. He said the data provided by staff was fantastic but noted the Commissioners received a new information packet that morning and it was difficult to read through it while conducting a meeting. He expressed concern about the issues not being discussed, such as address identification. He noted firefighters who were new to the region missed addresses because of the way homes were situated in Washoe Valley. He said response times increased because of address locations regardless of where firefighters were deployed from. He questioned the reported physical run times for both CCFD and Station 39 engines. He noted the appendix provided by Deputy Chief Kukulus indicated consolidating stations would take 70 calls out of the SOC based on the 2017 data. He thought there were issues with that plan. He said a 4-person crew at a consolidated station would reduce the number of firefighters in the valley from six to four. He pointed out the type and quantity of equipment that a 4-person crew could run was limited.

Vice Chair Lucey acknowledged there were some severe fires and a greater number of calls in the north but asked whether consolidating in the south would resolve the issues in the north. Consolidating stations in the south would provide the personnel to staff a 2-person squad in Sun Valley, but the possibility of adding Station 44 and splitting it into two stations had not yet been discussed. He thought both items needed to be discussed jointly. He agreed with Commissioner Jung's suggestion about conferring with the two CABs simultaneously. He knew the TMFPD had a limited budget. He remarked the increased annexation by the City of Reno made it challenging to continue to fund TMFPD services through citizens of the unincorporated County. He thought the Board needed to be more cognizant of future actions with available resources. He urged staff to conduct additional interviews and confer with the CABs in Washoe Valley and in the north valleys to see what the best-case scenarios were for both communities.

Commissioner Herman thanked Chief Moore for the information and for alerting the Board of the issues. She expressed appreciation for Chief Moore's efforts toward getting extra fire coverage in the north.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Berkgigler, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Hartung absent, it was ordered to accept the report as written.

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Chief Moore indicated Agenda Item 10 was not urgent and it was pulled from the agenda.

**19-147F**      **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to authorize Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) to pay Workers' Compensation Heart and Lung Claims invoice dated June 30, 2019 from the City of Reno in the amount not to exceed \$43,499.06 per the Reno-TMFPD Interlocal Agreement, subject to a final determination based on a review by our independent actuary to determine what percentage of this amount the district is liable to pay. So-called “heart and lung” workers compensation claims are a special category for which firefighters are eligible under state law (NRS chapter 617 and related provisions) if they satisfy service requirements and suffer from certain heart or lung conditions. Eligible personnel are entitled to lifetime medical care and benefits and can elect total disability if a physician determines they can no longer serve as a firefighter as a result of the condition. (All Commission Districts).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Hartung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be authorized.

**19-148F**      **AGENDA ITEM 12** Announcements/Reports.

There were no announcements or reports.

**19-149F**      **AGENDA ITEM 13** Public Comment.

Mr. Bob Rusk spoke against the proposed consolidation of Fire Stations 30 and 32. He stated the emergency medical services deployed from the Bowers Mansion station had saved his life during two cardiac arrests with response times of three and ten minutes. He noted home values on the west side of the lake were high, which translated to a substantial tax base to justify keeping the fire station.

Mr. Sam Dehne complimented the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for their work in keeping citizens safe. He opined the District was one of the best fire departments on the country.

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**10:34 a.m.** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

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**VAUGHN HARTUNG**, Chair  
Truckee Meadows Fire  
Protection District

ATTEST:

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**NANCY PARENT**, Washoe County Clerk  
and Ex-Officio Clerk, Truckee Meadows  
Fire Protection District

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