

**July 17, 2012, 5:30 p.m.**

Council Chambers, 333 Civic Center Plaza

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1. Call to Order – Chairperson Thoming called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Roll call found Directors Abercrombie, Reece, Rickman and Chairperson Thoming present.
3. Items from the Audience - None.
4. Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Director Abercrombie and seconded by Director Reece to adopt the regular meeting minutes of April 17, 2012. Voice vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered.
5. ACCEPT A REPORT ON THE SOUTH COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERFORMANCE FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 – Fire Division Chief Steve Hanlon, presented the staff report. There were a total of 1603 incidents in the South County Fire Authority (SCFA) during the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2011/2012. This is an increase of 214 incidents compared to the fourth quarter of 2010/2011. The distribution of incidents among the jurisdictions of the SCFA remains consistent where the majority of incidents occurred in the City of Tracy (70%), followed by Tracy Rural Fire District (16%), Mountain House Community Services District (5%), Freeways (4%), and other areas outside of the SCFA (3%).

During the evaluation period the department responded to a total of 34 structure fires and 17 were actual working fires on arrival of fire companies. Thirteen of the working fires involved residential structures, two were portable buildings at schools, and one involved a filter housing unit at the GWF Energy facility (14950 W. Schulte Rd.) The May 29, 2012, filter housing fire was confined to just that structure and the loss was estimated at \$1,000,000.

One of the department's goals is to confine residential structure fires to the room of origin or less 90% of the time. This fiscal year that goal was met 70% of the time in the City, 60% of the time in Tracy Rural Fire District, and 67% of the time in the Mountain House Community Services District.

Since July, 2011, staff has presented response time data to the SCFA Board by each of the four components of response time, "Call Processing," "Turnout Time," "Travel Time," and the "Total Reflex Time." The quarterly report displays the performance for each of these time components by percentage and percentile and compares them to both the desired benchmarks and to the acceptable baselines.

During the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2011/2012, the department responded to 55% of all emergency incidents inside of the City of Tracy within the total reflex performance objective of 6.5 minutes. This is an improvement in the City of 4% compared to Fiscal

Year 2010-2011. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for all incidents in the City was 8 minutes and 33 seconds (8:33) meaning 90% of all incidents were responded to within 8:33 or less.

In the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2011/2012 the Fire Department responded to 74% of all emergency incidents in the Tracy Rural Fire Protection District within the total reflex performance objective of 10 minutes. This is an improvement of 4% from the previous fiscal year. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for all incidents in the rural area was 11 minutes and 25 seconds; 90% of all incidents were responded to within 11:38 or less.

Response performance in the Mountain House Community Services District was 26% for all emergency incidents within the total reflex performance objective of 6.5 minutes. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for all incidents was 10 minutes and 5 seconds (10:05).

Staff recommended the Board of Directors accept the South County Fire Authority Quarterly Response Performance Report for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Fire Division Chief Hanlon added normally the Fiscal Year Response Report would be presented at the July meeting. Fire Chief Al Nero will present a new comprehensive report in September, which will include all projects.

Director Thoming stated his disapproval of the call processing times.

It was moved by Director Abercrombie and seconded by Director Reece to accept the South County Fire Authority Quarterly Response Performance Report for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Voice vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF SOUTH COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE ON THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES** - At previous Council and Tracy Rural Board meetings, Fire Chief Al Nero presented the proposed process to be used to evaluate the current governance structure of the South County Fire Authority. Included in the process will be an Oversight Committee made up of representatives of the South County Fire Authority, Tracy City Council, Tracy Rural Fire Board, Mountain House Board, labor and community members.

A Task Force, consisting of a facilitator and subject matter experts, will analyze a variety of issues to determine a governance model, i.e., Joint Powers Agreement, Special District, Contract for Services, etc., and provide recommendations to the Oversight Committee for a structure that streamlines the decision making process to efficiently implement fire services within the South County Fire Authority.

Staff recommended that the Board of Directors of the South County Fire Authority appoints a member to participate on the Oversight Committee in reviewing the fire governance structure.

Director Abercrombie asked if any Tracy residents will serve on the Oversight Committee. Fire Chief Nero responded yes and they will be appointed within two weeks.

It was moved by Director Abercrombie and seconded by Director Reece to nominate Director Thoming to serve on the Oversight Committee. Voice vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

- 7. Items from the Audience - None
- 8. Adjournment – It was moved by Director Abercrombie and seconded by Director Reece to adjourn. Voice vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered. Time: 5:37 p.m.

The above are summary minutes. The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on July 12, 2012.

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Secretary