



**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
DEER SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DSFPD)
March 13, 2024
Open Session 4:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

President Sealey-Absent
Vice-President Jackson-Present
Secretary/Treasurer Kerrin-Present
Director Holley-Present
Director Gordon-Present

2. Pledge of Allegiance-Led by Vice President Director Jackson

3. Adoption of Agenda

Director Gordon moved to adopt March 13 agenda; Director Kerrin seconded the motion.
Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.

4. Public Comments Period-None

5. Fire Safe Council Report-Steve Kerrin

Chipping Program will resume on March 27 for the Deer Springs Fire Protection District Community. Annual Firefighter Appreciation Dinner will be held next month for the Deer Springs Firefighters.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting February 14, 2024

Director Holley moved to approve February 14 board minutes; Director Kerrin seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.**

b. Special Meeting February 29, 2024-Next month agenda

7. Acceptance of February Finance Reports-General, Capital and Mitigation Funds

Director Kerrin made a motion to approve February Financial Reports; Director Holley seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.**

8. Chief's Report

- During month of February the District received 145 calls for service
- USAR 12/B-1 participated in Rescue Training at Lego Land
- Station 2 Double Wide Trailer and Apparatus Bay have been removed
- Chief Mecham reported that the Governor's budget proposes to buy down the CalPers pension unfunded actuarial liability, if approved would reduce employer contribution rate for one year, FY 24-25.

a. Fire Marshal Report-David Sibbet

- Fire Marshal Sibbet gave us an overview on projects/inspections in the District. Belafonte Resort is closed, no utilities, 24 hour security to keep unauthorized persons from entering premises and chain link fence has been installed.
- The Consolidated Fire Code will be updated in 2026, and the State Fire Code will be updated in 2025. The County of San Diego is going through a process to update their guidelines on Fire Prevention Plans.
- February Prevention Report included 7 Annual business inspections, 3 Defensible Space, 3 Inspection Permits and 13 plan reviews.

b. Community Emergency Response Team Report-Marc Weissman

CERT held their regular monthly meeting February 20, via zoom. On March 12 they held their first quarterly training. Subject training-rescue operations/cribbing to raise heavy objects off victims and rescue scenarios. CERT Hybrid Academy has a total of 18 members, nine from Deer Springs Fire and nine from Harmony Grove.

9. Committee Reports

a. Station 2 Improvement-Directors Holley, Gordon, and Chief Morrison

Purpose: To oversee the transition of Station 2 from the existing facility to a permanent facility

Type: Ad hoc

- Grading is anticipated to begin in July 2024
- Due to environmental issues, the Bio Basin needs to be redesigned which will incur additional costs to Station 2 project
- Tree management and removal of trees at Station 2 is scheduled for second week of April

b. Threats, Hazard, and Mitigations-Directors Sealey, Kerrin and Chief Morrison

Purpose: To develop the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), develop the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR), update the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), and develop the Deer Springs Annex to the San Diego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP)

Type: Ad hoc

Community scheduled meetings to identify threats and hazards will be held:

- Wednesday March 20, 7pm at the Moose Lodge
- Saturday March 23, 9am, Deer Springs Fire Station 1
- Thursday April 4, 7pm, Hidden Meadows Community Center

- c. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Committee-Directors Jackson and Kerrin
Purpose: Pursuant to Policies C01 and C02, develop the District's General, Capital, and Mitigation Preliminary Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; publish the Preliminary Budgets for public review; prepare Final Budgets; and make recommendations on Standby/Availability and Fire Suppression fee changes to go into effect July 1, 2024
Type: Ad hoc

Budget meeting scheduled March 26, 2024

10. Unfinished Business-None

11. New Business

- a. Standby/Availability Fee. The fee was established by the residents upon the formation of the District in 1981 to provide emergency services, with the ability to increase the fee by the Consumer Price Index if needed. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code §13910, if the District determines the amount of revenue available to the District is inadequate to meet the costs of providing services, the Board may raise the fee.

Action requested: Adopt 1st reading of Resolution 24-02 to increase the Standby Fee from \$20.28 per benefit unit by the Consumer Price Index for San Diego County to \$20.54 per benefit unit effective July 1, 2024, with a final reading on April 10, 2024

Director Jackson made a motion to adopt first reading of resolution 24-02 to increase Standby Fee from \$20.28 per benefit unit to \$20.54 per benefit unit; Director Kerrin seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.**

- b. Fire Suppression Assessment Fee. The fee was established by the residents in 2004 to increase emergency service capabilities, with the ability to increase the fee by the Consumer Price Index if needed. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code §13910, if the District determines the amount of revenue available to the District is inadequate to meet the costs of providing services, the Board may raise the fee.

Action requested: Adopt 1st reading of Resolution 24-03 to increase the Fire Suppression Assessment from \$0.2574 per benefit unit by the Consumer Price Index for San Diego County to \$0.2703 per benefit unit effective July 1, 2024, with a final reading on April 10, 2024

Director Jackson made a motion to adopt first reading of resolution 24-03 to increase Fire Suppression Fee from \$.2574 per benefit unit to \$0.2703 per benefit unit; Director Holley seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain**

- c. Fire Mitigation Fees and Capital Improvement Program. Pursuant to Government Code §66000, et seq. San Diego County has established a Fire Mitigation Fee program for new development that allows local agencies to participate. Government Code §66002 allows local agencies to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan to determine location, size, time of availability, and estimates of cost for all facilities or improvements to be financed with the fees. Deer Springs has historically used these fees to repay a General Fund loan for the building of Station 3, located at 10308 Meadow Glen Way East (APN 186-620-57-00). Action requested: Adopt Resolution 24-04 to participate in the County of San Diego Fire Mitigation Fee Program for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and update the established Capital Improvement Plan

Director Jackson made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-04, Participation County of San Diego Fire Mitigation Program FY 2024/2025 and adoption of updated Capital Improvement Plan; Director Holley seconded. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.**

12. Correspondence-None

13. Directors Comments

Director Gordon will not be able to attend April 10, board meeting.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm



Director Steve Kerrin
Secretary-Treasurer