

**San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 8, 2019**

Minutes

President Raddatz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Directors Ek, Kiel, McKenna, Nelson, and Raddatz

Board Members Absent: Directors Rickards and Vacio

Staff Present: Deputy Chief Marugg, Battalion Chief Browning, Training Battalion Chief Floyd and Administrative Officer/Finance Officer Harris.

Approval of Agenda: [By Board Consensus, the agenda was approved.](#)

The Agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2019 was posted at District Headquarters on Friday, May 3, 2019, at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: Director Raddatz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Communications: None.

****Special Presentation – Board President Raddatz introduced Acting Chief Marugg to start the Engineer badge pinning ceremony. Acting Chief Marugg welcomed family and friends, Battalion Chief Floyd briefed the Board of Directors of the testing process and the preparation involved. The new Engineers were introduced, and the badge pinning commenced. There was a short recess following.**

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

1. Public Hearing – Public Hearing #5 to Receive Public Comments on Transition From At-Large to By-Division Elections Under the California Voting Rights Act and Approval of Resolution 19-5 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Transitioning to a “By-Division” Electoral System under the California Voting Rights Act.

Director Raddatz opened the public hearing at 5:53 pm and closed the public hearing at 5:54 pm.

Director Raddatz opened discussion to the Board. Joseph Sanchez and Jim Priest were present for BB&K representation and Doug Johnson was present as the consultant for mapping.

Director Kiel wanted an explanation on why the NDC “Green” map’s Division #7 was split in almost two sections and why the boundaries weren’t split more contiguously with Division # 6 and 7. Consultant Johnson explained that those areas are socially economically different. District #6 was mapped out with a majority of Latino population and if geographically it was blended with District #7, it would have taken the majority away from the Latino population.

Director Raddatz had asked counsel for clarification on Section 2-C of the Resolution and requested that Mr. Priest go over the information for the full Board of Directors. Mr. Priest discussed the general rules applicable to all By-Division elections.

1. A Board Member elected or appointed to represent a division must reside in that division and be a registered voter in that division, and any candidate for Board of Directors must reside in, and be a registered voter in, the division in which he or she seeks election at the time nomination papers are issued.
2. Termination of residency in a division by a Board Member shall create a vacancy for that Board division unless a substitute residence within the division is immediately declared and established within thirty (30) days after the termination of residency.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, Board members in office at the time this Section takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of the term to which they were elected. In the event a vacancy occurs before the expiration of the term of a Board member in office at the time this Section takes effect, a person who is appointed or elected by special election to fill such vacancy may reside anywhere within the legal boundaries of the District. A person appointed or elected to fill such a vacancy shall hold the office in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 13852 and California Government Code Section 1780.

Mr. Priest and Mr. Johnson discussed the future sequencing of general elections for Board of Directors after transition to By-Division elections and provided the document within the agenda packet. Each Board Member participated in the dialogue between the consultant and BB&K to ensure that there was an understanding of each map and when seats would be up for election. There was additional discussion by the Board of Directors ensuring that no more than 7 Directors would be in office. Mr. Priest confirmed that there would only be 7 members on the board at one time.

Mr. Priest discussed that the decision for approving Resolution 19-5 is adopting the By-Division electoral system under the California Voting rights Act. The Board of Directors had asked the consultant to come up with two maps, one for a 7- member and one for a 5-member board so the acceptance of the maps could be made at the same time. This would allow the Board of Directors to move forward with a 5-member board measure, if they so choose, without having to go back to the consultant to draw up another map for

review and approval – Moving from a 7-member to a 5-member board would be done by the Board of Directors making that decision, and a measure going on the ballot at a future election.

Upon a motion by Director Kiel, second by Director Ek, and vote (Unanimously in favor with Rickards and Vacio absent), Resolution 19-5 Transitioning to a “By-Division” Electoral System under the California Voting Rights Act was adopted.

President Raddatz wanted to acknowledge Director Reports if any board member had discussion. Director Kiel asked that the District continue to look into expanding the Reserve Program. Director Nelson asked that at the next meeting an informational item be brought forward to discuss Retiree health benefits.

Next Meeting – Regular Meeting, May 22, 2019, 5:30 pm, District Headquarters.

President Raddatz adjourned the meeting at 6:19 pm.

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