

# Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District

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### **MINUTES OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 9, 2022 — 8:00 A.M. PENN GROVE FIRE STATION - 11000 MAIN STREET PENN GROVE, CALIFORNIA**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

The agenda for this meeting was posted on July 27, 2022.

Directors Present: Mark Hemmendinger

Staff Present: Chief Gossner, Andy Taylor, Eric Gromala, Morgan DeJong, Jennifer Bechtold, Mike Weihman, Herb Wandel

Minutes Conducted by: Jennifer Bechtold

#### **II. NEW BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Hemmendinger noted the FY 21/22 closed with an actual cash balance of \$5.6 million and \$3.7 million needed for operational reserves. This leaves us with slightly less than \$2 million to place in capital reserves. There are adequate reserves for current, but not future capital needs.

There is still \$1 million needed for the station 2 remodel and the Board will discuss whether to spend this money. Engineer DeJong commented that he is concerned if we keep postponing this work it will just become more and more expensive.

Regarding consolidation, Chief Gossner commented that the funding request letter from both Boards has been delivered to the CAO and BOS. He did not have a response from either Supervisor Rabbitt or Sheryl Bratton so he reached out to both, who confirmed they had received the letter. Supervisor Rabbitt told Chief Gossner he hopes to have this funding request address by or before December 31, 2022. As of now, we remain in limbo and must continue also pursuing the option of a full-time Fire Chief.


The LRPC did discuss the option of a contract for Fire Chief services with SCFD if we are still awaiting an answer from the County on funding come December. The group has agreed to pursue this option and set up a meeting with SCFD before the end of August to discuss what a contract might look like.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2022.

With no further business to discuss, the LRPC meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer Bechtold, Board Clerk