

**ACTION SUMMARY  
TASK FORCE ON FIRE PROTECTION  
AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
APRIL 15, 2005**

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Chairwoman Dianne Jacob convened the Task Force meeting at 2:00 p.m. A quorum of Task Force Members was present.

**Item 1**

**Opening Remarks**

Chairwoman Dianne Jacob thanked the members of the Task Force for being present and being a part of a very significant and precedent-setting effort to improve Fire and Emergency Services in the region. Chairwoman Jacob indicated that LAFCO's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for the Board to accept a leadership role funding the reorganization rightly places the responsibility of obtaining long term funding in the right hands. LAFCO also recommended that the Board of Supervisors initiate the reorganization process. The Board of Supervisors will take action on this item on April 19, 2005.

**Item 2**

**Task Force Meeting Action Summary**

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously by the members present, to approved the February 18, 2005 Task Force meeting Action Summary.

**Item 3**

**Executive Director's Recommended Agenda Revisions**

John Traylor indicated that a revised agenda was distributed prior to the meeting adding Item 9, which related to Unified Disaster Council membership.

**Item 4**

**Task Force / Executive Director Announcements**

John Traylor indicated there were no announcements.

**Item 5**

**Discuss Local Agency Formation Commission Meeting of April 4, 2005**

John Traylor indicated that at the February 7, 2005, LAFCO Commission meeting a motion was approved for LAFCO staff to move forward with a Macro study of regionalization / reorganization of fire services in the unincorporated area of San Diego County; the study will take approximately six (6) months. No discussion followed.

**Item 6**

**Task Force on Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Rules**

John Traylor presented the Task Force on Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Rules for review and discussion. Membership was expanded to identify and

include everyone who has been participating in an unofficial role. The Rules will be revised to reflect current official membership; the Task Force Roster will be updated to reflect current Task Force membership.

## **Item 7**

### **Task Force Sub-Committee Updates**

- A. Finance and Capital Needs Sub-Committee: Chairman Darrell Jobes reported that Herman Reddick has the MOA's for the Trust Fund Grants, and indicated that CDBG is processing for next fiscal year. All paperwork must be forwarded to recipient agencies as soon as possible.
- B. Legislative Sub-Committee: Chairman Mike Diaz reported on actions and activities related to retirement revisions. Chairman Diaz distributed handouts related to these topics, as well as other topics of interest regarding public safety.

Mike Diaz and Bill Metcalf addressed AB1259 and the need to take quick action. This Bill provides incentives to the cities and counties for affordable housing at the expense of special districts by diverting the incentive dollars from the property tax revenues designated for special districts. As timing was of the essence, and because he was in Sacramento at the time of the hearing, Chairman Diaz filed an opposition statement on behalf of the Task Force.

Additionally, Chairman Diaz informed the Task Force about opportunities for grant monies from the Office of Traffic Safety. Funds are available for a variety of programs, including equipment related to Traffic Safety.

Mr. Diaz offered to facilitate a presentation by the State Office of Traffic Safety at a future meeting of the Task Force.

Darrell Jobes addressed the issue on SRA Fire Suppression Fees. Chuck Maner reported on a recommendation from the Legislative Analyst Office to revise and resubmit a proposal, which is not currently in the Governor's budget. Chief Jobes made a motion to oppose any legislative action to implement the proposal.

Chairwoman Jacob reported on the status of San Diego County's Retirement System.

- C. Regionalization Sub-Committee: Co-Chair Bill Metcalf reported on the activity of a working group composed of members of the San Diego County Fire Chiefs Association and the San Diego County Fire Districts Association. The working group is developing a substantially similar proposal as a potential alternative to the reorganization of fire services in the unincorporated area of San Diego County, which is being proposed by San Diego LAFCO.
- D. EMS Sub-Committee: (Created 4/15/05). No Report

**Item 8**  
**Unified Disaster Council Membership**

John Traylor said Item 9 was added at the request of Task Force member Andy Menshek, who expressed concern that the Fire Districts are not fairly represented at the Unified Disaster Council. Substantial discussion developed on the issues of equitable funding distribution, equitable input in the decision-making process, as well as equitable opportunity to participate in various committees and working group programs.

Chairwoman Jacob will facilitate a meeting with staff at the Unified Disaster Council and County Office of Emergency Services to address these issues. Chairwoman Jacob will work with San Diego County Fire Districts Association's President, Bill Metcalf, to identify options and alternatives acceptable to the Fire Districts, and report back at the next Task Force meeting.

**Item 9**  
**Public Comments**

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to the scheduled June 17, 2005 meeting, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., County Administration Center, Rooms 302-303.

JOHN TRAYLOR  
Executive Director

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