

**ACTION SUMMARY
TASK FORCE ON FIRE PROTECTION
AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
JUNE 17, 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 commented on her funding proposal that gained unanimous support from her colleagues on the Board of Supervisors. Chairwoman Jacob informed the Task Force members of her efforts to enlighten School Board members about the proposal and gain their support. Follow-up steps include meeting with the County Legislative Lobbyist group for inclusion to the legislative agenda for the County. As this effort continues to move forward at the State level, support will be very important. The County of San Diego will be the sponsor for this legislation.

Bill Metcalf made additional comments regarding conversations that he had with School Officials.

Item 2

Task Force Meeting Action Summary

It was moved by Roger Challberg, seconded by Andy Vanderlaan and carried unanimously by the members present, the Task Force unanimously approved the April 15, 2005 Task Force meeting Action Summary.

Item 3

Executive Director's Recommended / Agenda Revisions

Added to the agenda was a presentation on Highway Traffic Safety by Victoria Behbahani, Regional Coordinator Office of Traffic Safety. Contact information is via e-mail at: vbehbahani@ots.ca.gov, or by phone at 916 / 262-0979.

Item 4

Task Force / Executive Director Announcements

John Traylor informed the group that a Substantially Similar Proposal (SSP) was submitted to LAFCO. The SSP subsequently was accepted by the LAFCO Commission on August 1, 2005 as the preferred option to move forward on the effort to reorganize the fire services in the unincorporated region of San Diego County.

Item 5

Presentation from State Office of Traffic Safety

Victoria Behbahani, Regional Coordinator of the State Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) provided a presentation to the group that included a history of grant programs and eligibility for grant support. OTS can be accessed at www.ots.ca.gov.

Item 6

Unified Disaster Council Membership

Chief Bill Metcalf gave a report on a meeting with the County Office of Emergency Services (OES). Also attending the meeting were Chairwoman Jacob, Chief Metcalf, Herman Reddick and Deborah Steffen of County OES. Chief Metcalf reported that the meeting focused on assisting Special Districts to be included as a member of the Unified Disaster Council (UDC). The UDC is formed under State Legislation; the Cities within a County as well as the County on behalf of the unincorporated area of the County can form a unified approach to emergency services. In San Diego County, a group was formed in the 1960's by a joint powers agreement and is recognized as the Unified San Diego County Emergency Services Organization. The State Legislation does not recognize special districts for such membership. The meeting focused on how lines of communication, special districts interests, and informal recognition can be achieved. Currently, Chief Metcalf **gets** the agenda and background materials, and has open lines of communication to Ms. Steffen and Mr. Reddick on issues of interest to the special districts. Chief Metcalf is welcomed and encouraged to attend UDC meetings and speak about the issues of interest of the special districts. Chief Metcalf was pleased with the outcome of the meeting.

Item 7

Task Force Sub-Committee Reports

- A. Finance / Capital Needs / Grants. No reports. Chief Darrell Jobes did comment on meetings to discuss the issues related to detachments from Special Districts.
- B. Legislative Sub-Committee. At the request of Mike Diaz, a letter of support was subsequently sent to the Board of Supervisors in support of Supervisor Jacob's funding proposal for the Fire and Emergency Medical Services for San Diego County. **This request was made into a motion, seconded with unanimous support.** Mr. Diaz also raised the idea of hosting a legislative day for all the local elected officials and representatives to discuss fire and emergency medical services issues. Mr. Diaz will follow-up on this idea with groups that might be willing to support this effort. Mr. Diaz also reported that the Legislative Sub-Committee discussed the concept of changing the Counties Charter to include fire protection in the unincorporated area of the County as a commitment by the Board of Supervisors towards fire protection in the unincorporated area of the County. Mr. Diaz also briefed the Task Force on the efforts in Orange County regarding Proposition 172.

Co-Chair Andy Vanderlaan provided additional comments about the efforts to pursue long term sustained funding proposed by Chairwoman Jacob and not rely on Proposition 172 to be the answer.

- C. Regionalization Sub-Committee. No report

Item 8
Draft Rules Amendments

Executive Director, John Traylor shared the draft Task Force Rules Amendments. The Task Force moved to add California Department of Forestry Labor Group to the membership roster. With that added change, the members moved to adopt the amended Rules for the Task Force on Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services.

Item 9
Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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

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Executive Director

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