

**CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT**  
*Special Meeting - Standing Committee Meeting*  
*Finance Committee*

Administrative Headquarters  
14011 City Center Drive  
Chino Hills, CA 91709

Monday, May 23, 2022  
8:00 a.m. Committee Meeting

**MINUTES**

TELECONFERENCE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

President Kreeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and stated that in accordance with AB361, the Chino Valley Fire District will hold the Special Committee meetings of the Board of Directors remotely. He explained the process for members of the public to participate in the meeting and provide public comment. President Kreeger also announced that the meeting would be recorded.

ROLL CALL

President Mike Kreeger  
Vice President John DeMonaco  
Fire Chief Dave Williams  
Deputy Chief Nathan Cooke  
Deputy Chief Carlos Skibar  
Deputy Chief Jeremy Ault  
Finance Director Steve Heide  
Finance Director Mark Shaker  
Clerk of the Board Sandra Heney  
Administrative Secretary Cisneros

FLAG SALUTE

President Mike Kreeger

INVOCATION

Chaplain Henry Aguilar

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

President Kreeger asked Clerk of the Board Sandra Heney if there were any changes to the agenda.

Clerk of the Board Heney stated that there were no changes.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

MINUTES

1. Minutes – March 28, 2022 Meeting

The Committee agreed to file the minutes, as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11 APPROVING CAL FIRE FY 2022-23 CONTRACT AGREEMENT NO. 2022-05

Purpose is for the Finance Committee to review and approve Resolution No. 2022-11, approving Agreement No. 2022-05 with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Deputy Chief Nathan Cooke stated that the District maintains a contract with Cal Fire for supplemental wildland fire protection, designated hazardous fire areas in Chino and Chino Hills.

Deputy Chief Cooke stated that through this contract, Cal Fire assumes primary financial responsibility for preventing and suppressing wildfires within our threatening contract area. He further stated that in the event of a significant wildfire in the contract area, fire suppression costs would likely quickly exceed the cost of the proposed contract.

Deputy Chief Cooke stated that the contract between Cal Fire and the district is proposed to cover at 12,003 acres at a total cost of \$414,361.35. He further stated that the proposed contract will remain consistent and acreage to the 2021-2022 agreement, the rates from the previous year have decreased slightly from \$33.55 per acre to \$32.85 per acre due to a decrease in Cal Fire suppression costs. The admin rate remains the same for fiscal year 21-22 at 12.01%.

It is recommended that the Finance Committee review Resolution No. 2022-11, approving Agreement No. 2022-05 with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

President Kreeger asked Clerk of the Board Heney if there was Public comment.

There was no public comment.

President Kreeger asked for Committee comment.

Vice President DeMonaco stated that he would like to recommend that we establish this as a priority to investigate in the future how we can without consequence, eliminate the SRA area, the state owned area from our obligations within this contract.

President Kreeger stated that they need to figure out a way to carve that out through the legislative committee to engage in that and continue to talk about it.

President Kreeger asked Deputy Chief Cooke about the cost of the last big fire that Cal Fire took over operational control.

Deputy Chief Cooke stated that the Blue Ridge fire was approximately \$13 million dollars to suppress. He further stated that we did a cost sharing agreement with the County of Orange in the Cal Fire contract. He further stated that the majority of the fire was on the Chino Valley Fire District's local responsibility area under the contract.

Deputy Chief Cooke stated that State Park does not fall under SRA and all of the area where the fire was in LRA. Which is local responsibility area which is Chino Valley Fire District.

Deputy Chief Cooke stated that the only current SRA land that is on a map, per Cal Fire and rechecked in Sacramento, is just outside the district's border, basically in the unincorporated Orange County areas just outside of Brea.

Vice President DeMonaco asked Deputy Chief Cooke what is Chino Hills State Park if it is not SRA.

Deputy Chief Cooke stated that per legal ruling from the State of California, that particular area due to the annexation ends up in the LRA, local responsibility area which would fall under the Chino Valley Fire District area of responsibility for fire protection.

Fire Chief Williams commented that the LRA is simply because the city drew the line around that part of their territory

The Finance Committee agreed to move this item to the Full Board for approval as a new business item.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 a.m.