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

Administrative Headquarters  
14011 City Center Drive  
Chino Hills, CA 91709

Monday January 22, 2024

1:00 p.m. - Open Session

**AGENDA**

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION

Chaplain Keith Roby

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

This is the time and place for the general public to address the Committee about subjects that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda. The public may address items on the agenda at the time addressed by the Committee.

Due to Board policy and Brown Act requirements, action may not be taken on any issue on the agenda. When you address the Committee, please state your name and address (optional) prior to making your remarks. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes.

## MINUTES

1. MINUTES – August 2, 2023 – Meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS - None

## NEW BUSINESS

### 2. ENGAGING WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATORS

Purpose is for the Legislative Committee to discuss items of interest to Chino Valley Fire District for possible discussion with State and Federal Legislators.

### 3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY ROJAS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Purpose is for the Legislative Committee to receive a legislative update from Rojas Communications Group.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

I, Angela Robles, Clerk of the Board, on behalf of the Board of Directors, do hereby certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted by 6:00 p.m., on Friday, January 19, 2024.

Angela Robles

Angela Robles, Clerk of the Board

**MINUTES 1.**

**CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**NO STAFF REPORT**

Minutes – August 2, 2023 Meeting

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Minutes – August 2, 2023 - Meeting

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Tuesday, August 2, 2023  
9:00 a.m. Committee Meeting

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Legislative Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President DeMonaco.

**ROLL CALL**

President John DeMonaco  
Director Mike Kreeger  
Fire Chief Dave Williams  
Clerk of the Board Angela Robles

**FLAG SALUTE**

President John DeMonaco led the flag salute.

**INVOCATION**

Adam Houde, Fire District Chaplain led the invocation.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Clerk of the Board Robles reported no changes to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no requests to speak.

**MINUTES**

1. **MINUTES – June 6, 2023 – Meeting.**

The Committee agreed to file the minutes, as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. CSDA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 2023

Purpose is for the Legislative Committee to review the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Legislative Committee Agenda for August 2023 and provide direction to staff.

The Committee discussed items on the CSDA Legislative Committee Agenda that were of note.

Clerk of the Board Robles reported that the National Special District Coalition (NSDC) is introducing legislation in Washington DC to pass a federal definition of Special Districts with the primary objective to enhance districts access to federally funded programs.

Fire Chief Williams added that the District has been able to obtain the support of legislators such as Congresswoman Norma Torres, California State Senator Susan Rubio, and others regarding NSDC's proposed legislation.

Clerk of the Board Robles also reported that Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 82 is proclaiming the month of October 2023 as California Firefighter Appreciation Month and October 14<sup>th</sup> as California Firefighters Memorial Day.

President DeMonaco recommended SCR 82 as a proclamation at a future Board meeting.

Also, the Committee discussed Assembly Bill 338, Public Works Definition, which CSDA is opposing. This bill would add fuel reduction work, done under contract, and paid for in whole or in part out of public funds performed as part of a fire mitigation project, including, but not limited to, residential chipping, rural road fuel breaks, fire breaks, and vegetation management, to the definition of public works. The bill is being referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Clerk of the Board Robles informed the Committee that a letter from the District opposing Senate Bill 252 (Gonzalez) regarding the Public Retirement System, Fossil Fuel Divestment was submitted to the State for consideration.

Clerk of the Board Robles reminded the Committee that September 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day for each house to pass bills and October 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills.

3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY ROJAS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

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Jaime Rojas Jr. of Rojas Communications Group reported on Federal Committee updates regarding funding coming from U.S. Senator Feinstein and U.S. Senator Padilla which the District unable to acquire due to budget deficits. Mr. Rojas stated the next steps for funding.

The Legislative Committee discussed the timeline for the Federal Budget and future strategies that can be taken to reintroduce items regarding Fire Station 68.

Mr. Rojas provided an update on the approved state grant for \$6.25 million. The funds are anticipated to be released in March or April of 2024. A representative from the State Office of Emergency Services will be assigned as the point of contact.

Mr. Rojas reported on his and Jayson Braude's attendance at the upcoming California Special District Association conference.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS

The Legislative Committee discussed strategies for upcoming funding opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS 2.**

### **CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **NO STAFF REPORT**

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