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EMERGENCY DISPATCH JOINT POWERS AGENCY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2014

1:00 p.m.

City-County Administration Building
1010 Tenth Street, Board Chambers
Modesto, CA 95354

Commission Members Present: JPA President, Bill Zoslocki; Modesto City Manager, Jim Holgersson; Stanislaus County C.E.O., Stan Risen; City of Newman Chief of Police, Randy Richardson (Alternate for Mayor Katen); Chief of Police, City of Modesto, Galen Carroll; Stanislaus County Sheriff, Adam Christianson (Alternate for Fire Warden Skiles) ; Attorney for City of Modesto, Rolly Stevens

Absent: JPA Vice-President, Bill O'Brien; County Counsel, John Doering; Stanislaus County Fire Warden, Dale Skiles

President Bill Zoslocki called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

- I. Public Comment Period
Chief Carroll entered into the record the question regarding Newman's transition away from SR9-1-1 law dispatch effective 1/1/2015, will we replace that seat on the Dais, leave it vacant, or leave the Dais as it is because SR9-1-1 will still be dispatching Fire for Newman.
- II. Carroll/Christianson Unan. Approved Minutes from November 19, 2014 & December 2, 2014 (Special Meeting, closed session)
- III. Informational
 - A-1. Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Director's update
Lt. Mike Parker spoke. Thanks the staff that works at SR9-1-1 answering phones and dispatching police and fire 24/7, 7 days a week making this community safe. They do a phenomenal job even with some adversity they experienced this year. They have persevered and been the professionals we all know they are.
 1. 800 MHz / Simulcast project update
Ending the year on a positive note, this time last year this project was at a standstill. Remaining in Ceres is some tower work, move some equipment off, and it will be commissioned January 12, 2015. It will be turned on, and we will start testing between Ceres and Turlock.

10th St. Place, construction agreement is in place between 10th St. Place JPA and SR 9-1-1 JPA. Emergency notification list has been provided to 10th St. Place, and detailed work plan has been consolidated and distributed to the 10th St. Place JPA. The HVAC contractor is there this week, and we're just waiting for electrical which will start the beginning of January 2015.

Fire Station #9, preliminary electrical is complete, tower structural engineering is complete. Need a permit for the foundation which is in progress. The shelter needs to be moved with an electrical tie in and equipment move which is on schedule. Expect to be completed by February.

Fire Station #6 has had DHS funding approved, and the EHP consultant has been hired and we have a draft for the historical preservation on that site. We were able to provide them with the EHP we completed a year ago. They were able to sign off on that allowing a significant monetary savings which will go toward a generator for Fire Station #6 site.

The project is on track with a possible completion date in May or June 2015, having the system commissioned and running

President Zoslocki commented that the turnaround time on 10th St. Place has been really good, and solved a lot of problems.

Lt. Parker added that the project plan shows we are about 2 weeks behind, but feels confident that when it gets rolling we are likely going to make up time and be right back on schedule.

2. New 9-1-1 telephone system update

On December 10, 2014, we performed the cut-over to the new Cassidian/Vesta 9-1-1 phone system. It went very smoothly, outside of a few issues, the system is running as designed. We're doing well. We had a few issues this week, but they were not related to the phone system, it was on the AT&T side, and those issues are being resolved. It's much better than the system that we were previously using.

President Zoslocki asked if everyone was used to it yet. Lt. Parker commented that there are a few growing pains with the new system, but they are learning it quickly and everyone seems to like it much better than the old system.

President Zoslocki commented that he hopes it will help with their efficiencies and help to better coordinate everything than previously with the old system.

3. Pre-employment Psychological Services Update

December 2014 is the last month that SR9-1-1 will be under contract with Dr. Moles. We signed a contract last week with Dr. Jocelyn Roland who provides psychological pre-screenings to the Sheriff's office, and MPD, and other public safety agencies in the county. As of January 1, 2015, we'll be using her as our primary pre-employment psychological screening practitioner.

4. Final presentation format for Matrix Consulting Group results

C.E.O. Risen & City Manager Jim Holgersson spoke. They have received a draft of the report and are in the process of review. They will meet 12/18/2014 in a conference call with the consultant, providing some of their feedback. The intent is to then take it to the Emergency Dispatch Advisory Board which is composed of Chief Carroll, Sheriff Adam Christianson, Modesto Fire Chief Sean Slamon, and Fire Warden Dale Skiles as well as some key management staff including Lt. Parker, Chief Ridge, and some of the HR staff,

allowing a fact check and see it through their eyes to insure the report is solid. Will probably take through the end of 2014 to complete that process, provide feed-back to the consulting firm, and the hope is to present to the Commission the first or second week of January. Once presented to the Commission, it will be more in a final form, and will be available for the public at the same time.

President Zoslocki commented that he was looking forward to that report and progressing to solutions to some of the issues that have been brought up.

C.E.O. Risen added that from what he's read of the report so far it will be nice foundation block to build on. There's still a whole process that we need feed-back from key stake holders.

Lt. Parker spoke, thanking the Commission for their support of SR9-1-1. We have been through some adversity in 2014, and this Commission has been very supportive. Welcomed Mr. Holgersson on a permanent basis as City Manager. Looking forward to 2015.

VI. Adjournment at 1:16 p.m.

ATTESTED: Kaye-Marie Newell, Joint Powers Agency Commission Clerk. The above is an expanded summary of the minutes of the Governing Board of the Consolidated Emergency Dispatch Agency. Complete audio-taped minutes are available from the Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Administration office.