

**MINUTES OF THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR A POTENTIAL SPECIAL BALLOT TAX MEASURE FOR FIRE
PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT
72401 HATCH ROAD, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA**

JULY 10, 2013

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Adam Lunn led the pledge of allegiance.

Committee Members Present:

Adam Lunn, Chairman
Mary Reeves
Antonio Jimenez

Management

Fire Chief Jim Thompson
Tamara Alaniz, General Manager
Cindy Fowlkes, District Secretary

Committee Members Absent:

Larry Bowden, Vice Chairman
Randy Leazer

The following Agenda items were discussed.

Public Comment

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to a non-agenda item regarding the inflation factors used at the last meeting.

Homeowner Insurance Requirements

Chief Thompson reported that one of the basic premises asked by the majority of insurance companies was whether or not the residence has a 24 hour manned fire station within five miles of the home.

- State Farm uses a ten mile rule and looks at several factors including crime and fire losses within the community. Current policy holders will retain their current policies.
- A number of other insurance companies use the five mile 24 hour manned fire station rule.
- Mercury insurance is asking if the residence is within three miles of a 24 hour manned fire station.
- USAA uses a computer program to determine coverage criteria.
- The quality of the fire department and the level of service provided will equate to losses within the community and will have an impact on premiums.

Howard Snowden, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to agenda item #1 and was skeptical of all insurance policies being affected.

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to agenda item #1 and disputed the matrix of a 10 mile radius.

Numbers for Staffing an Eight Person Service Level Scenario

Chief Thompson presented the committee with a PowerPoint presentation showing the projected costs for staffing an eight person service level with a \$126.00 tax rate and a 3% inflation adjuster over the next six years. Not included in the operating revenue was the potential for growth which is an unknown factor.

- Chief Thompson outlined employer paid costs versus employee paid costs for Social Security, Medicare, and PERS.

Future Tasks

Chairman Lunn would like the following discussion items on the next Agenda: LAFCO report, Davis Report, and appointment of a two person subcommittee.

The Committee asked Chief Thompson to provide them with the following information at the next meeting.

- Cost projection for cross staffing on the brush patrol (quick attack) at the Lear Fire Station

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.