

Tracy Rural County Fire Protection District

Board of Directors Jeff Ramsey Craig Miller Matt Kopinski Pete Reece John Vieira **Clerk of the Board** Raychel Jackson

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting Agenda Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 4:00 PM PST

Join Zoom Meeting

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Location: 835 N. Central Avenue Tracy, CA 95376 2nd Floor

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

Please, give your name, entity (if any), and address as well as what agenda item you wish to speak about to the Clerk of the Board so that your comments may be heard at the appropriate time. Comments must be limited to 3 minutes.

3. Consent Calendar

- 3.1 Adoption of the August 13, 2024 Agenda
- 3.2 Approval of the July 9, 2024 Minutes
- 3.3 Approval of August Warrant List
- 3.4 July Monthly Check Register

4. Regular Agenda

- 4.1 Review and Discuss Return of Deposit on Banta; What is a "Reasonable" Amount of Time
- 4.2 Review and Discuss Board Compensation
- 4.3 Review and Approve TRFD Challenge Coin Design
- 4.4 Receive Updated Information Regarding Station Maintenance Issues
- 4.5 Discussion on Allocating a Portion of the Surplus Funds from FY Ending June 30, 2023 to the SSJCFA's Training Facility Project

5. Committee Reports

5.1 JPA Representative Report

6. Informational Update

6.1 Fire Chief's Update

6.2 Station 95 Update

7. Public Comment

For any items not on the agenda.

8. Board Member Comment

For any items not on the agenda and requests for future agenda items. No action will be taken on any questions or matters raised by the Board at this time.

9. Closed Session

9.1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (California Government Code section 54956.8)

Property: 22484 South 7th Street, Tracy, CA 95736 Agency Negotiators: Robert Pombo, District Realtor Under negotiation: Price and Terms

10. Adjournment until Next Regular Session - September 10, 2024

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Tracy Rural County Fire Protection District

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 9, 2024 4:00 PM

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. All Directors present.

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

3. Consent Calendar

- 3.1 Adoption of the July 9, 2024, Agenda
- 3.2 Approval of the June 11, 2024, Minutes
- 3.3 Approval of the June 20, 2024 Special Closed Minutes
- 3.4 Approval of the July 1, 2024 Special Minutes
- 3.5 Approval of July Warrant List
- 3.6 June Monthly Check Register
 - Motion was made by Director Reece seconded by Director Kopinski to accept Consent Calendar. Motion passed.

4. Regular Agenda

- 4.1 Receive Updated Information Regarding Station Maintenance Issues
 - Motion was made by Director Reece seconded by Vice Chair Miller to Approval up to \$20,000.00 for rodent maintenance and clean up at Station 94. Motion passed

5. Committee Reports

- 5.1 JPA Representative Report
 - Chairman Ramsey provided a report from the June 12, 2024, JPA Regular Board Meeting – Board approved an amendment to the Dispatch Services Agreement between SSCFA and the City of Stockton; received information about placing a surge ambulance in service; approved the reclassification of the EA to the Assistant to the Fire Chief; approve the Master Pay Schedule; approved amendments to the Unrepresented Employees Compensation and Benefits Plan.

6. Informational Update

6.1 Fire Chief's Update

- Chief Bradley provided the monthly report based on the Fire Chief Update dated June 2024, that was provided to the Board of Directors and staff at the meeting.

6.2 Station 95 Update

- City has a revised deed to transfer to TRFD. Legal Counsel will follow up with status.

7. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

8. Board Member Comment

Chairman Ramsey gave his condolences to Kevin Berreth regarding the loss of his parents' house. Vice Chair Miller requested the City provide a presentation/update status on development impact fees that are collected on behalf of the District.

9. Closed Session

No Action Taken.

10. Meeting Adjournment at 5:09 pm.

Raychel Jackson

Raychel Jackson, Clerk of the Board

August 1, 2024

TRACY RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT -- 49501 -- August 13, 2024

GENERAL OPERATING FUND	AMOUN	п	ACCOUNT	VENDOR #
PETE REECE				. 0000010849
30421 KOSTER ROAD	\$	400.00		
TRACY, CA 95304			6226010900	
MATT KOPINSKI	\$	-		. 0000101809
33969 S. KOSTER ROAD				
TRACY, CA 95304			6226010900	
CRAIG MILLER				. 0000105820
5336 W. DURHAM FERRY ROAD	\$	300.00		. 0000103020
Tracy, CA 95304	7	500.00	6226010900	
	ć			000000540
	\$	-		0000098549
27722 S. BIRD ROAD TRACY, CA 95304			6226010900	
				000040053
	ć	200.00		. 0000010852
19700 SOUTH LAMMERS ROAD	\$	300.00	6226010900	
TRACY, CA 95304			6226010900	
BERRETH LAW GROUP	\$	2,060.10	6221005100	0000110532
2020 WEST KETTLEMAN LANE, SUITE E		,	6221005120	GOVERNANCE
LODI, CA 95242			6221005130	Litigation
Total	\$	2,060.10		
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TOTAL FOR GENERAL OPERATING FUND	\$	3,060.10		

TRACY RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT -- 49591 -- August 13, 2024

CAO RESERVE FUND 49591	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT	VENDOR #
Community First National Bank			
215 Seth Child Rd.		6331000100.00	. 0000102922
Manhattan, KS 66502		6331000100.00	. 0000102922
Total			
TOTAL CAO FUND 49591	\$0.00		

SIGNATURES OF BOARD MEMBERS

PETE REECE, DIRECTOR

JOHN VIEIRA, DIRECTOR

MATT KOPINSKI, DIRECTOR

JEFF RAMSEY, CHAIR

CRAIG MILLER, VICE CHAIR

TRACY RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT -- Bank of Stockton -- August 13, 2024

GENERAL OPERATING FUND	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT	DIRECT DEPOSIT
JEFF RAMSEY			
27722 S. Bird Road	\$ 400.00		Yes
TRACY, CA 95304		Bank of Stockton - Operating	
MATT KOPINSKI			Yes
33969 S. KOSTER ROAD	\$ 500.00		
TRACY, CA 95304	,	Bank of Stockton - Operating	
		-	
TOTAL FOR GENERAL OPERATING FUND	\$ 900.00		

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Tracy Rural Fire Protection District Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2024

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Bank of Stockton-Capital Outlay	463,198.11
Bank of Stockton-Operating	446,843.00
Bank of Stockton-Retirement	5,407.67
CA CLASS - Capital	627,013.75
CA Class - FFF	499,832.72
CA Class - Reserves	1,073,774.54
Fund 49501 - Operations	-654,462.41
Fund 49512 - Retirement Buyout	18,893.92
Fund 49515 - Fire Facility Fees	13,307.57
Fund 49519 - Emergency Reserve	1,073,916.00
Fund 49554 - Fire Health Res	0.00
Fund 49581 - Smoothing Reserve	0.00
Fund 49591 - Capital Outlay Res	257,362.29
Petty Cash	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 3,825,087.16
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	
Interest	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 3,825,087.16

TRACY RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Bank of Stockton Accounts

July 2024

TRANSACTION TYPE	DATE	VENDOR	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	SPLIT	AMOUNT
Bank of Stockto	n-Capital Out	lay			
Expense	07/24/2024	Galvao and Sons, Inc.	power wash pit, landscaping; rodent abatement, palm tree removal	-Split-	-3,621.48
Deposit	07/31/2024			BOS Capital:Interest	19.73
Total for Bank o	f Stockton-Ca	apital Outlay			\$ -3,601.75
Bank of Stockto	n-Operating				
Expense	07/01/2024	CSDA	SDLA Essential Leadership program	Membership/Association Dues:Seminars	-65.00
Expense	07/02/2024	ProTech		Utilities:Station 5	-70.00
Expense	07/09/2024	Pacific Gas & Electric		Utilities:Station 4	-1,770.69
Check	07/09/2024	Special District Financial Services, LLC		Business Office Services	-4,823.44
Expense	07/09/2024	Pacific Gas & Electric		Utilities:Station 3	-2,864.75
Expense	07/09/2024	Pacific Gas & Electric		Utilities:Station 5	-678.97
Expense	07/10/2024	Matthew Kopinski	July Stipend	Directors Fees:Jeff Ramsey	-400.00
Expense	07/10/2024	Jeff Ramsey	July Stipend	Directors Fees:Jeff Ramsey	-200.00
Check	07/12/2024	Atticare	Deposit - Attic Cleaning	Building Maintenance Fund:Station 4	-825.00
Check	07/16/2024	Atticare	Attic Cleaning	Building Maintenance Fund:Station 4	-7,425.00
Expense	07/18/2024	City of Tracy		Utilities:Station 5	-401.43
Expense	07/18/2024	City of Tracy		Utilities:Station 4	-452.70
Expense	07/22/2024	Foothill Fire Protection, Inc.	Recharge Sprinkler System	Building Maintenance Fund:Station 4	-730.00
Expense	07/24/2024	Delta Disposal Service	DELTA DISPOSAL ONLINE PMT TRAC DELTA DISPOSAL ONLINE PMT TRACY RURAL FIRE DISTR	-Split-	-390.41
Expense	07/24/2024	Van Unen Miersma Propane		Utilities:Station 3	-161.63
Expense	07/24/2024	AT&T		Office Expense:Phone	-443.86
Expense	07/26/2024	Collucutt Energy	COLLICUTT ENERGY ONLINE PMT TRAC COLLICUTT ENERGY ONLINE PMT TRACY RURAL FIRE DISTR	-Split-	-1,246.30
Expense	07/30/2024	Amp Electric	Retro LED lighting	Utilities:Station 3	-6,484.33
Expense	07/31/2024	Patriot Pest Managment		-Split-	-238.00
Total for Bank o	f Stockton-Op	perating			\$ -29,671.51
Bank of Stockto	n-Retirement				
Deposit	07/31/2024		INTEREST PAYMENT SYSTEM GENERATE INTEREST PAYMENT SYSTEM	Fund 49554 - Health Reserve:Interest	3.43

TRACY RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Bank of Stockton Accounts

July 2024

TRANSACTION TYPE	DATE	VENDOR	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	SPLIT	AMOUNT
			GENERATED?		
Total for Bank o	f Stockton-Re	tirement			\$3.43
CA CLASS - Ca	pital				
Deposit	07/31/2024		Interest Earned	CA CLASS - Capital Investment:Interest	2,865.66
Total for CA CL	ASS - Capital				\$2,865.66
CA Class - FFF					
Deposit	07/31/2024		Interest Earned	CA Class - FFF Investment:CA Class - FFF Interest	2,284.40
Total for CA Cla	iss - FFF				\$2,284.40
CA Class - Rese	erves				
Deposit	07/31/2024		Interest Earned	CA Class - Reserves Investment:CA Class - Reserves Interest	4,907.51
Total for CA Cla	ss - Reserves	6			\$4,907.51
Fund 49501 - O	perations				
Check	07/09/2024	CalPERS		Retirement:PERS Unfunded Liability	-657,030.00
Check	07/09/2024	John Vieira		Directors Fees:Vieira, John	-100.00
Check	07/09/2024	Craig Miller		Directors Fees:Craig Miller	-100.00
Check	07/09/2024	Pete Reece		Directors Fees:Reece, Pete	-200.00
Check	07/09/2024	San Joaquin County		Auditors Direct Assessment	-1,322.95
Check	07/09/2024	Berreth Law Group		Legal Services:General	-2,263.20
Check	07/09/2024	South San Joaquin County Fire Authority		SSJCFA - JPA:FY2024- 2025	3,592,515.33
Total for Fund 4	9501 - Opera				\$ ·
					4,253,531.48
Fund 49591 - C					
Check	07/09/2024	Community First National Bank	E93 & BME	-Split-	-173,356.30
Total for Fund 4	9591 - Capita	l Outlay Res			\$ 173,356.30



Agenda Item <u>4.2</u>

TRACY RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

Meeting:	Regular Meeting
Date:	August 13, 2024
То:	Board of Directors, Clerk
Prepared by:	Berreth Law Group, Attorney Kevin Berreth, District Counsel

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Discuss adjusting board compensation.

Action Item 😫 Non-Action Item_

It is recommended that the Board consider whether an increase in Board Member compensation is warranted. If the Board so determines, adopt the attached resolution.

BACKGROUND

The board members of Tracy Rural County Fire District have received the same compensation for the past decade. Board members are currently compensated at a maximum rate of \$100 per meeting. This has remained unchanged. The board has tasked District Council to explore the options available to the board so the board can evaluate and decide whether an increase in board compensation is warranted.

POLICY IMPLICATION:

- Government Code § 61047 allows the boards, by <u>ordinance</u> or <u>resolution</u> to compensate their members for no more than six days of service per month.
- Water Code § 20202 caps board compensation increases at five percent per calendar year following the date of the last adjustment.

DISCUSSION

On July 9, 2024, legal counsel reviewed the information presented in this staff report regarding board compensation and the Board recommended bringing it to the Board for discussion.

Board Member compensation is subject to State and Federal, and SSA withholding and employer contributions for Federal and State income tax, FICA, Medicare, Workers' Compensation. <u>Elected officials</u> are <u>exempt from State Disability and Unemployment</u> <u>Insurance Coverage and indelible for PERS</u>.



- Current Compensation

The current rate of compensation for board members is \$100 per meeting. This practice reflects the language in California Health and Safety Code §13857(a) which authorizes compensation of \$100 for attending each meeting of the board. However, §13857 specifically provides that payment at this rate is not to exceed 4 meetings per month.

- Authorized Compensable Activities

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 13857, Government Code § 53232.1 defines the type of activities on a specific day which are defined as compensable meetings. They include:

- 1. Board meetings,
- 2. Meeting of an advisory body,

Health & Safety Code §13857(b) authorizes increases to Board Members' compensation if adopted pursuant to the requirements of the Water Code. Water Code §20202 authorizes the Board to adopt an ordinance increasing the \$100.00 limit by 5% per calendar year for each year since the last adjustment. For example, if we increase the current \$100 rate at 5% per calendar year starting in 2014, the new rate would be \$162.89 per meeting.

FISCAL IMPACTS

If the board's maximum monthly compensation is increased per month, the fiscal impact would be measured by the difference between the currently authorized rate and the newly authorized rate.

ATTACHMENTS

Board Resolution.



Tracy Rural County Fire Protection District

Resolution No. 2024-05

TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TRACY RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Resolution

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 13857 allows the Board of Directors of the Tracy Rural County Fire Protection District to receive compensation on a per meeting basis; and

WHEREAS, the current compensation for each Board member is 100.00 per meeting and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Cal. Water Code Section § 20202, made applicable to fire districts, the Board of Directors may increase Board Compensation in an amount not to exceed five (5%) percent per year from the time of the last adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Board resolves to establish the amount of compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Health and Safety Code and the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board's current compensation has not changed since 2013. The Board resolves to increase compensation by five (5%) percent per year since 2013, making the new rate \$162.89.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of Tracy Rural County Fire Protection District that:

In accordance with the Water Code § 20203 and Government Code § 6066, the Board authorizes a public hearing and to publish notice of public hearing to increase Board Compensation as provided for in Water Code § 20202.

Motion passed.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 13th day of August, 2024.

Jeff Ramsey, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Raychel Jackson, Clerk of the Board



Agenda Item 4.3

STAFF REPORT

Meeting:	Regular Meeting
Date:	August 13, 2024
То:	Board of Directors
Prepared by:	Raychel Jackson, District Clerk
Approved by:	Jeff Ramsey, Chairperson

Re: Review and Approve TRFD Challenge Coin Design

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item X____ Non-Action Item_____

It is recommended the Board of Directors review and discuss the TRFD Challenge Coin Design and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND

Offering recognition through challenge coins is an America tradition. The coins have been used within the U.S. Military, local law enforcement and fire departments where officers presented coins to reward remarkable action, bravery and commitment to excellent service. Since then, coins have evolved to become prestigious tokens of recognition that are collected, carried and displayed with pride. TRFD recognition coins build morale and serve as a lasting, tangible reminder of recognition while conveying a sense of belonging to our supportive, appreciative and proud community.

DISCUSSION

South County Fire Authority staff developed and customized a 2" high polish silver challenge coin with TRFD logo on one side and SCFA logo on the other side.





FISCAL IMPACTS / ATTACHMENTS

The cost for 300 coins would be approximately \$1,413.00.



Agenda Item 4.4

STAFF REPORT

Meeting:	Regular Meeting
Date:	August 13, 2024
То:	Board of Directors
Prepared by:	Raychel Jackson, District Clerk
Approved by:	Jeff Ramsey, Chairperson
Re:	Update Information Regarding Station Maintenance Issues

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item X_ Non-Action Item____

Receive an update on Station 93, Station 94 and Station 95 maintenance issues and modifications and provide direction to staff concerning future projects.

BACKGROUND

Station 93, located at 1400 W Durham Ferry Road, was constructed and occupied in 2006. Station 94, located at 16502 West Schulte Road, was remodeled from an existing 20+ year old ranch house into a fire station in 1995. Over the years, both stations have experienced maintenance issues that can be attributed to their age and the normal wear and tear related to fire station operations.

DISCUSSION

Ongoing maintenance and repairs at all stations. The following is the Building Maintenance budget for each station ending July 2024:

Station	Expenses as of 7/31/24	FY 24/25 Budget
Station 93	\$840.50	\$40,000.00
Station 94	\$8,980.00	\$40,000.00
Station 95	\$0.00	\$15,000.00

FISCAL IMPACTS / ATTACHMENTS

None.



Agenda Item 4.5

STAFF REPORT

Meeting:	Regular Meeting
Date:	August 13, 2024
То:	Board of Directors
Prepared by:	Randall Bradley, Fire Chief
Approved by:	Jeff Ramsey, Chairperson
Re:	Discussion on Allocating a Portion of the Surplus Funds from FY Ending June 30, 2023 to the SSJCFA's Training Facility Project

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item ___X_ Non-Action Item____

Provide direction to South San Joaquin Fire Authority (SSJCFA) representatives on the proposed allocation of \$340,000 of SSJCFA surplus funds from fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 to be used for the Fire Training Facility project. TRFD share of the \$340,000 would be \$127,500.

BACKGROUND

The need for Fire Training Facility was identified in the 2013 Citywide Public Safety Master Plan (CPSMP) for construction at the location of the Police Gun Range on South Tracy Boulevard and was included in the Nexus Study for that location. Subsequent to the 2013 CPSMP adoption, the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority (SSJCFA) recommended an alternate location at the NEI Reservoir on Chrisman Road to be more suitable. On February 5, 2019, Council approved Resolution No. 2019-013 creating CIP 71109, for the Fire Training Facility Project at the new location.

The original Phase 1 of the Project (\$1.2 million) was funded by the Tracy Rural Fire District and the City of Tracy. The City was in the process of issuing the Requests for Proposals for construction through the competitive bidding process when San Joaquin County awarded South San Joaquin Fire Authority \$2.6 million of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding to expand Phase 1 of the project. Phase1 of the project was expanded to include the following:

- Designate 5.13 acres for Fire Training Facility and develop site plan
- Develop two acres of designated site (grading, asphalt, drainage and concrete pad)
- Site Utilities (electrical, water and two fire hydrants)
- Fencing and electric gate



- Erect portable training tower acquired through FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant
- Purchase/Install 40-person pre-manufactured classroom, three offices, clinical space, kitchenette and restrooms

Planned Phase 2 of the project includes additional paved training ground, storage facility and training props.

SSJCFA engaged Schack and Company to complete the site plan and the construction drawings for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project. Phase 2 was included to prepare for future funding opportunities for "shovel ready" projects. After completion and approval of the site plan, construction drawing and required studies, on May 21, 2024 the Tracy City Council dedicated 5.13 acres of land for the project and approved the CEQA study. Request for Proposals were published on May 24, 2024 and the bid period closed on July 16, 2024. Four bids were received and the lowest, responsive bidder is scheduled to be awarded the contract at the council meeting on September 3, 2024.

The project was originally estimated to be underfunded by \$318,000 and staff had planned to request the use of reserves to fund the shortfall. Unfortunately, the project costs were underestimated by \$1,333,658. To address the additional shortfall, staff is recommending the portable classroom be moved to Phase 2 of the project which would leave a funding shortfall \$337,093. It is anticipated that Phase 2 will be funded by a \$2 million federal grant.

SSJCFA staff is requesting the \$337,093 shortfall be funded by the allocation of a surplus funds from fiscal June 30, 2023. Surplus funds from fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 totaled \$1,141,895. SSJCFA Board Surplus Fund Ad Hoc Committee met on August 8, 2024 was presented the proposal for discussion and consideration.

Current Funding

Tracy Rural Fire District (Commitment 10/18)		\$200,000
City of Tracy (Commitment as of 10/18)		\$250,000
Tracy Rural Fire District (Commitment 5/22)		\$272,794
City of Tracy (Commitment 5/22)		\$454,658
County ARPA Grant		\$2,599,235
	Total Funding	\$3,776,687

Pre-Bid Estimated Costs

Engineering and Consultants	\$300,000
Habitat Mitigation	\$106,000
Consultant Estimate (Includes 5% contingency, 2.5% inspection)	\$2,689,540
Portable Classroom	\$1,000,000
Total Estimates	\$4,095,540



Post-Bid Estimated Costs

Engineering and Consultants	\$308,000
Habitat Mitigation	\$106,000
Contract Bid (Includes 5% contingency, 2.5% inspection)	\$3,699,780
Portable Classroom	\$1,200,000
Total Estimates	\$5,429,198

Post-Bid Estimated Costs Excluding Portable Classroom

Engineering and Consultants	\$308.000
Habitat Mitigation	\$106,000
Contract Bid (Includes 5% contingency, 2.5% inspection)	\$3,699,780
Total Estimates	\$4,229,198

Funding Shortfall Excluding Classroom

Post-Bid Estimated Costs	\$4,221,198
Committed Funding	\$3,776,687
Shortfall	\$337,093

FISCAL IMPACTS

The fiscal impact would be \$127,500.00.