

# **LOCKWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

23141 Shake Ridge Road Volcano, CA 95689

## **Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda - January 8th - 6:00 p.m.**

### **Zoom Meeting only**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82932335913?pwd=8Hsi3Drbw8bIMuynT6nVJ10ispbMDb.1>

Meeting ID: 829 3233 5913

Passcode: 458906

**Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm.**

### **1. Call to order and reading of the mission statement.**

LFPD CREED: The principal purpose of this district is the protection of its citizens through the prevention and extinguishing of fires and the protection of life and property. May each action taken by this board be for the benefit of the district and for no other purpose – self-serving or otherwise.

### **2. Establish quorum-roll call**

President called roll, all present. Quorum established.

### **3. Closed session. Closed session Authority:**

According to the California Government Code 54957, the Lockwood Fire Protection District Board of Directors reserves the right to hold a closed session for consideration of real property negotiations, pending litigation, threats to public buildings or public access and personnel matters. **No Closed session.**

### **4. Public Comments:**

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Discussion items only, no action to be taken. Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Lockwood Fire Protection District; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to staff and/or Committee for a report and recommendation for possible action at a subsequent Board meeting.

### **5. Action Items:**

#### **a.) Discuss and approve survey mailer to community regarding the proposed parcel tax increase for fire protection.**

Ad Hoc Committee member Jackie Vaughn commenced screensharing to show the mailer the AHC has sent to Condrashoff Fabrications, and mentioned that they would be able to suggest any last-minute advice or changes with regard to format and legibility of the mailer.

It was confirmed that a majority affirmative vote from the public would require a ballot

measure be drafted to conduct a formal vote for the parcel tax increase.

Jackie mentioned that, by the time a ballot measure would need to be drafted, the question of “voter or parcel owner” would need to be answered; Currently mailers are being shipped to parcel owners, but it should be considered that not all residents with voting power voters may be homeowners (and thus liable for parcel tax), and not all parcel owners may be full-time Amador County residents (and thus registered to vote in Amador County, in town to check their mail frequently, or familiar with LFPD in any meaningful capacity.)

The idea was also floated that a dollar or percent range be used to convey the PTI increase estimation, to prevent giving the public too low or high of a projection compared to what may be officially proposed. Jackie agreed to get Condrashoff owner Benita’s insight on this, with her extensive experience producing mailers. It was agreed that the \$150 property tax assessment would be changed to a range of \$150 - \$200 if Benita thought this would read well to recipients and not cause confusion.

The mailer would be sent to constituents by February 16, 2024, with costs not to exceed \$2,500.

Motion to authorize print and distribution of the Ad Hoc committee’s mailer survey on proposed parcel tax increase to maintain LFPD’s independence: Director Dowell moved to approve.

Motion\_2<sup>nd</sup>: Director Cookie Stevens

Vote: Yeas 5 No        Absent        Abstain       

## **6. Adjournment**

Motion to approve adjournment by Director Stevens

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Director Dowell

Yeas 5 No        Absent        Abstain       

**Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be held January 22, 2024**