

## Special Emergency Joint Meeting of the Boards of Directors

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5

MEEKS Bay Fire Protection District (MBF)  
North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTF)  
Tuesday, August 31, 2021 -- 12:00 p.m.  
Via GoToMeeting

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**August 31, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.**

### MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order** - *The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by NTF Board President Baffone.*

#### **Roll Call**

*NTF Clerk of the Board Martin called the roll for NTF Directors; MBF Clerk of the Board Crawford called the roll for MBF Directors. Both Districts had a quorum.*

#### **Attending:**

##### Board Present (via GoToMeeting)

Directors Baffone, Correa (in 12:33), Doyle, Loverde, and Ragan.  
Directors Miller, Fielding, Kromydas, Lemke (in at 12:16).

##### Staff Present (via GoToMeeting)

Fire Chief Steve Leighton  
Legal Counsel Steve Gross  
Division Chief Alan Whisler  
Division Chief Steve McNamara  
Director of Finance and Administration Kim Eason  
Battalion Chief Naman Beatie  
PIO Erin Holland  
Inspector Ramon Manzano  
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford  
Administrative Assistant I/Clerk of the Board Kelly Martin

##### Public (via GoToMeeting)

None

- 2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda**

There were no other changes, and the agenda was approved as presented. No public comment.

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Consider determining that the Caldor Fire and threats posed by the 2021-2022 Fire Season constitute an emergency that severely impairs public health and safety pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5 and require prompt action by Board of Directors due to the threatened disruption of public facilities such that this special meeting could be called without complying with the 24-hour notice or posting requirement of Government Code Section 54956**

Chief Leighton briefed the directors of the current conditions of the Caldor Fire. He also explained the goals and objectives laid out in the Incident Action Plan. The Directors of both Districts requested that the Caldor Fire Incident Action Plan (IAP) be forwarded to them.

There was Board discussion. There was no comment from the public.

*Upon motion by North Tahoe Fire Director Ragan, seconded by Director Loverde, the Board approved determining that the Caldor Fire and threats posed by the 2021-2022 Fire Season constitute an emergency that severely impairs public health and safety pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5 and require prompt action by Board of Directors due to the threatened disruption of public facilities such that this special meeting could be called without complying with the 24-hour notice or posting requirement of Government Code Section 54956. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was five in favor:*

*Ayes: Directors Baffone, Correa, Doyle, Loverde, Ragan  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None*

*Upon motion by Meeks Bay Fire Director Fielding, seconded by Director Kromydas, the Board approved determining that the Caldor Fire and threats posed by the 2021-2022 Fire Season constitute an emergency that severely impairs public health and safety pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5 and require prompt action by Board of Directors due to the threatened disruption of public facilities such that this special meeting could be called without complying with the 24-hour notice or posting requirement of Government Code Section 54956. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was four in favor:*

*Ayes: Directors Miller, Fielding, Kromydas, Lemke  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None*

**5. Consider Resolution 09–2021 authorizing the Fire Chief to declare a local emergency in order to respond to the Caldor Fire and any other potential fires during the 2021-2022 fire season**

Chief Leighton explained that he would become the incident commander if it comes into our Districts' areas. The emergency declaration before the Boards will allow him to purchase equipment and pay for other expenses related to the fires during the 2021-2022 fire season. The Districts would also be allowed to recoup funds from the state.

There was a Board discussion. There was no comment from the public.

*Upon motion by Director Doyle, seconded by Director Ragan, the North Tahoe Fire Board adopted Resolution 09-2021 and authorized the Fire Chief to declare a local emergency in order to respond to the Caldor Fire and any other potential fires during the 2021-2022 fire season. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was four in favor:*

*Ayes: Directors Baffone, Correa, Doyle, Loverde, Ragan  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None*

**Consider Resolution 2021-05 authorizing the Fire Chief to declare a local emergency in order to respond to the Caldor Fire and any other potential fires during the 2021-2022 fire season**

*Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Kromydas, the Meeks Bay Fire Board adopted Resolution 2021-05 and authorized the Fire Chief to declare a local emergency in order to respond to the Caldor Fire and any other potential fires during the 2021-2022 fire season. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was four in favor:*

*Ayes: Directors Miller, Fielding, Kromydas, Lemke  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None*

**6. Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

**7. Adjournment.** *The meeting was adjourned by NTF President Baffone at 12:48 p.m.*