

# Consolidation Joint Workshop Notes

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 - 0930 AM

Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors  
Mosquito Fire Protection District Board of Directors

2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville

Planning Commission Hearing Room

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**GVFPD Call to Order:** D. Souza, F. Edwards, E. Hawkins, M. Spaugh, F. Clark

**MFPD Board Members:** R. Hern, J. Snyder, B. Mikel, K. Morris

**Announcement of Quorum**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1.0 ADOPT AGENDA**

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Members Present:

GVFPD: M. Spaugh, E. Hawkins, F. Edwards, D. Souza, Chief Savacool

MFPD: R. Hern, J. Snyder, B. Mikel, K. Morris

Pledge of Allegiance is conducted.

There is a Quorum meeting begins at 9:38

- 1.0 Director Mikel makes a motion to adopt the agenda. Director Edwards seconds the motion. All are in favor and the motion is approved.
- 2.0 Guest present community member William Gennercamp from Mosquito.
- 3.0 Discussions have been conducted for the last year between both agencies on the needs and ideas of a consolidation. Letter has been written up or memo on what the process is for moving forward. Chief Savacool did inform the group that we applied for the Safer Grant and asks if Mosquito has applied. They did for equipment but not personnel. Both agencies agree to move forward to 4.1.
- 4.0 New Business
  - 4.1 Chief Savacool explains the difference between Annexing and a full consolidation and feels a full consolidation would be best for both districts and the community. A full consolidation will require all to be enrolled in CalPERS but because of PEPRA it is not as

expensive as the previous Classic employee status. Director Spaugh thinks a full consolidation would be best for personnel retention as well. Director Snyder would like to know how this will work with their chief already on PERS. Will he be eliminated? PERS allows up to 960 hours a year for retired annuitants.

There is discussion and clarifications on the IMT and deployment process, in addition to vehicles as well as reimbursements and how it all works. Director Mikel asks about 2- 24/7 staffing being under consideration should their special election tax pass. Chief Savacool explains we cannot move forward if we wait for both departments to do their tax initiative.

Director Snyder wants to know if there is only one ALS at Mosquito will they have enough calls to maintain their qualification. Chief Dwyer explains personnel can be rotated. Also, with the new medic 51 in rotations that will be plenty of opportunity to maintain the qualifications. Director Mikel- how many calls a month does GV have. Chief Savacool, 700 calls a year.

Director Hern says the 1 person 24/7 model will not fly at Mosquito. Their workshop showed they want 2 for 24/7. Director Hern says they have a model that will work. Chief Savacool questions the reality of finding staff long-term with low income level. Chief Dwyer thinks they can find it but it won't work long-term. Director Hern explains most calls are medical and the community wants to fund two full time medics with a tax assessment. Chief Dwyer thinks by changing the work environment they can obtain the bodies. Director Hern feels we are wasting our time if we are only sending one person on a medical call. Mosquito BOD is adamant that they need two 24/7 for the safety of the personnel and patients. Director Edwards expresses that until they secure the money to fund that model we cannot move forward. Director Dwyer wants to go back to the drawing board to see if there is a better model before calling it quits. Director Spaugh says we are on board to move forward but can't commit to a model we can't afford. The main goal is providing the best service for the divide. He advises that if Mosquito is wanting try something else like their own tax measure then we should table the idea of a consolidation for a year. Mosquito explains that according to the workshop with the community speaking, a one person 24/7 model will not work. Chief Dwyer thinks we can get creative and thinks we should explore other models and ideas before tabling the consolidation.

Director Hern explains that the BOS representatives made it clear in past meetings that they wanted 2 medics 24/7. Director Spaugh explains we can't afford that but wanted to have this meeting to show you what we can accomplish together. Chief Savacool explains the model is based on us working hard to find additional funds and not on our current budgets and have 2 -24/7 medics wouldn't work. GV can't commit to a model with four people. Director Hern says he doesn't feel he can sell a consolidation without trying what to people want first. He just does not think this is a sellable point for the people at this time.

At this point Mosquito is going back to their citizens to see what we can approve before we can move forward. Chief Dwyer wants to make sure they are not misreading their public due to a few antagonist. They will go back and take the consolidation as an alternative. Give them a pamphlet of everything they are actually getting vs. what they are currently getting including what the cost to them for each model is. Director Hern feels they need to educate their community on what they want and what it will cost them realistically.

Director Mikel provides an idea of continuing with our current staffing with the promise of growing into a 24-staffing unit. Making the consolidation a step program. Present it to the people that way.

Chief Savacool agrees it is a good idea and definitely something we can use to move forward. Only moving to the next steps of staffing if the money is delivered.

Director Spaugh likes the idea. Both BOD's agree to set another meeting in a month. We can get a new model with steps after running numbers.

Public comments. What is the number that needs to occur to make it a 2-person staffing.

Chief Savacool suggests doing a survey before the next meeting so they know where the citizens are with the numbers.

Chief Savacool will draft a poll using consolidation rates.

June 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30 at Garden Valley (make sure coffee is hot) for next meeting

4.3: May 29<sup>th</sup> town hall meeting. 7pm mosquito

4.4 Director Edwards motions to adjourn Director Souza seconds, all in favor and meeting is adjourned at 11:22 am.