

**Julian Cuyamaca Fire Protection District Board
Meeting
3/13/18**

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3 MALE VOICE 1: --mechanic at Engine 56.

4 He's moving towards fixing it. He was trying to
5 get HV [phonetic] to cover it under a warranty
6 agreement that's expired but they won't do it.
7 So we're just going to have to pay for it. It
8 was a manufacture update. So he followed them
9 for a while and gave up. So he's just starting
10 today to fix it, a couple weeks. The rescue, he
11 finally got the parts in, so now he's hoping in
12 a week we'll have our other rescue back.

13 We had some snow days and fortunately we
14 pulled through it okay. We didn't have a lot
15 and it wasn't too chaotic, as we've had in the
16 past, end everything went fine. We had some
17 calls but it wasn't anything that wasn't
18 handled.

19 The academy finished up over the weekend, so
20 we've got some new reserves ready to start
21 working, and they've gone through academy and
22 completed it. Call volume has been pretty slow
23 actually. It's dropped a bit but, you know, it
24 stays--call volume is like that. It goes up and
25 down. So it's been slow lately but it will pick

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2 up.

3 Our audit, it's--we're waiting for the final
4 on our audit and that should be done hopefully
5 by next meeting or annual audit that we have to
6 do. The Explorer Program, they are still ten
7 kids in there and it's still going on. Our
8 garage door number 4, which has probably been
9 fixed ten times already since the station was
10 done, it's fixed again. So knock on wood, all
11 the doors are working for a while. Hopefully it
12 stays that way. And then since we did negotiate
13 with the county on terms and agreement of
14 dissolution, CAL FIRE did put an engine in that
15 Station 50, and it's manned 24/7, along with
16 battalion chief coverage on automatic aide. So
17 we've had that for the last I think two weeks
18 now.

19 FEMALE VOICE 1: Could you repeat that last
20 part? The last statement in full, I didn't
21 understand it.

22 MALE VOICE 1: When we--when agreed to at
23 the last meeting when the board agreed to
24 negotiate with the county on terms and
25 conditions, CAL FIRE agreed to put an engine up

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2 in Julian 24/7, and also battalion chief
3 coverage on automatic aide. So that's been in
4 place now for about two weeks. That's all I
5 have on this meeting. It's kind of short.

6 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

7 MALE VOICE 1: Questions, board? Nope?

8 MR. SHELVER: Any questions for the board?

9 [Pause]

10 MALE VOICE 1: Back to the chief, emergency
11 medical services director position. Okay. So
12 we're in need of an EMS director and then we're
13 also going to be in need of a EMT or a
14 paramedic. So two--it's this is a two-fold
15 thing. A couple things I'd like to do. We have
16 one reserve paramedic that our current EMS
17 director recommend that we hire to fill his gap.
18 He's leaving in a couple weeks. So we're going
19 to hold. We pay a lot of overtime to fill in
20 when we don't have a person. It probably would
21 take at least a month, maybe longer, to get
22 somebody in place. So if it's okay with the
23 board I'd like to extend a job offer to this
24 reserve paramedic that's been working for us as
25 a reserve. He's willing to take the job. It's

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2 kind of out of our normal process. Normally we
3 do a flyer and stuff and recruit and stuff, but
4 it just takes a while longer. So he's been
5 highly recommended by our medic staff and
6 battalion chief that I talked to about him. So
7 if it's okay with the board I'll--

8 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Who is it?

9 MALE VOICE 1: I'd like to do that.

10 MR. SHELVER: Well, who is it?

11 MALE VOICE 2: Right.

12 MALE VOICE 1: His name?

13 MALE VOICE 2: Yeah.

14 MALE VOICE 1: I don't remember his name.

15 He's here. James, are you here?

16 MALE VOICE 2: Well, if it's that important.

17 FEMALE VOICE 1: He's so highly recommended
18 and you don't know what you're talking about.

19 MALE VOICE 3: Brian Negrete [phonetic].

20 MR. SHELVER: How long has he been with us?

21 We don't--I don't know his qualifications or
22 anything.

23 MALE VOICE 1: Well, he's a paramedic. He
24 fills in as a reserve. He obviously can't work
25 as a paramedic. If you guys don't want to do

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2 it, then that's fine. I don't have an issue
3 with it. We'll just move towards the normal
4 hiring procedure. It's just going to take a
5 while and we're going to probably have to put
6 out some overtime and we're already over budget
7 on unscheduled overtime. So I was just trying
8 to get somebody in the job. If you don't want
9 to do it, I don't have any heart for it one way
10 or the other. It just makes life easier on us.

11 FEMALE VOICE 1: You have no information.
12 Just a little information.

13 MR. KRAMER: Right. You just laid this on
14 me just now.

15 MALE VOICE 1: I'm laying it on the board,
16 Brian, not just you.

17 MR. KRAMER: I'm supposed to make a big
18 decision.

19 MALE VOICE 1: So if you want me to--if you
20 want us, we'll just go through the hiring
21 process.

22 MR. SHELVER: I'm of the opinion we should
23 wait and look.

24 MALE VOICE 1: Okay.

25 MR. SHELVER: I don't know if he's the best,

2 the best candidate. I don't know.

3 MALE VOICE 1: We have a--we have a hiring
4 announcement out right now. So I'll just go
5 through the hiring process. We're just going to
6 have holes in the--in the program, but we'll
7 fill them. We've filled them in the past. We
8 just have to pay overtime or work our part
9 timers. It's just they're having problems
10 filling the shifts. That's the--that's the
11 issue, so.

12 MR. SHELVER: Okay. The rest of the board
13 in agreement we go through the regular process
14 rather than hire right now? Okay.

15 MALE VOICE 1: So the other--the other
16 thing, I've been thinking about this for a
17 couple of years and I've never done it because
18 money is always an issue, but the EMS director
19 position, we've been--for a while we had one, a
20 person that kind of did it on a part time basis.
21 And we were paying them about \$18,000 a year,
22 and she quit. And then I assigned it to one of
23 our current medics. She declined to do it now.
24 So now I need an EMS director.

25 The problem with having one of our fulltime

medics doing it, is that I want the EMS director to also be part of chart reviews. And they look at quality control and looking at process and protocols with the county and stuff. It's part of our--it's a contract requirement that we have that in place. So this is something I've thought about a lot. I, like I said, I've been hesitant to do it because of money but what I'd like to do is hire a fourth medic, and that fourth medic would be the EMS director also, but fill in. Basically be a swing medic, and they would fill in any vacant shifts for not only a paramedic that may need a day off but also for the EMT. So that would double medic our box instead of a paramedic or EMT that day. We just can't--we can't down--you know, we can't have two EMTs but we could still have two paramedics. That's above and beyond what our contract calls for.

So I'd like the okay from the board to start that process, to hire a fourth medic. And that--you know, it's going to cost probably around \$65,000 a year for salary, but it's going to save probably last--we--in the past, the

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2 district never budgeted for unscheduled overtime
3 on the EMS side, on the ambulance side. So last
4 year we budgeted--Missy [phonetic], is it 5,000?
5 It's in our budget.

6 MISSY: Yes, yes.

7 MALE VOICE 1: I can't hold this and look.

8 MISSY: Yes.

9 MALE VOICE 1: We budgeted 5,000 and we're
10 already over about 7,500 or about 2,500. I
11 think we're at 7,500. And that's because we
12 have to pay--when we pay a medic or an EMT to
13 work, I have to pay him 24 hours of time and a
14 half. It's unscheduled overtime. So it's a big
15 cost to work somebody on overtime. I can't
16 always get a part timer on a daily shift, or
17 they can't always swap shifts. So what I'm
18 hoping is that out of the \$65,000 for an EMS
19 director swing medic, you know, maybe we save 7
20 or 8,000 of that on unscheduled overtime because
21 that person will be responsible to cover those
22 shifts. And also be an EMS director and do
23 chart reviews, totally separate position. And
24 then lead and supervise the ambulance personnel.
25 So that's what--that's the proposal to the Board

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2 of Directors and I'm looking for yay or nay if
3 you--if it's--if it's okay for me to do that.

4 MR. SHELVER: Any discussion by members of
5 the board on this?

6 FEMALE VOICE 1: Yeah.

7 MALE VOICE 1: Let me just add--let me just
8 add, as far as budget goes, we're--the
9 collections have been up, and I think it's
10 partly due to our new collections system, but I
11 also think our folks have been doing a really
12 good job following up. We've really stepped up
13 the, you know, the training and making sure the
14 collection is going. And we've been working a
15 lot with our billing company to make sure that
16 we collect. So that's gone up and also the GEMT
17 grant that we've gotten the last couple years is
18 bringing us in a sizeable chunk of money, from
19 25 to 35,000. And that's expected to continue.
20 And that's on top, with no additional expenses.

21 So, you know, budget wise we're carrying
22 about 150,000 or so reserve in the ambulance
23 right now, on the ambulance side of the program.
24 So I feel we can--we can afford it. And that--
25 so that's why I'm bringing it up now. So that's

2 that on the budget, so.

3 [Pause]

4 MALE VOICE 1: Looking at our collections,
5 we're at 239,000 right now, at seven months of
6 the year. That suggests that we should bring in
7 about 410,000. We budgeted 37--375,000. So
8 we're about 35, probably going to be \$35,000
9 ahead. We projected an \$8,000 surplus. So we
10 could very well see a surplus of 45,000 or so.

11 MALE VOICE 2: Are you looking for a motion
12 to hire a fourth medic?

13 MALE VOICE 1: What?

14 MALE VOICE 2: Are you looking for a motion
15 to hire a fourth medic?

16 MALE VOICE 1: Yes.

17 MALE VOICE 2: Is that [unintelligible]?

18 MALE VOICE 1: Yep.

19 FEMALE VOICE 1: And the fourth medic would
20 be the EMT director [unintelligible] also.

21 MALE VOICE 2: Okay. We need to get pretty
22 accurate job description of what they're going
23 to do. So we need that.

24 MALE VOICE 3: I've got a job description in
25 file, a PD, position description for it.

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2 MR. SIEFERT: Well, to help carry the load,
3 I will make a motion that we hire a fourth
4 medic.

5 MR. SHELVER: Is there a second?

6 FEMALE VOICE 1: I'll second Buddy's motion.

7 MALE VOICE 2: Okay, there is the second.

8 MR. SHELVER: Motion made and second to hire
9 the fourth medic. Any further discussion?
10 Seeing none, all those in favor say "aye."

11 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

12 MR. SHELVER: Aye. All those opposed, say
13 "no."

14 MALE VOICE 2: I abstain.

15 MR. SHELVER: [unintelligible] one
16 abstention, one abstention, okay. All right.
17 Moving on, item 11, terms and conditions of
18 dissolution. The last meeting the board
19 authorized negotiations with the county and CAL
20 FIRE. Aida Tucker, the last president of the
21 board, and I, the president of the board, and
22 the fire chief, met with Mr. Letcherman
23 [phonetic] and Herman Reddick [phonetic]. With
24 this agenda, you have a copy of the recommended
25 terms and conditions that came out of those

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2 discussions. There was one item that was
3 missing. It was an assumed condition but it was
4 not in the--in the listed conditions. And it's
5 on page seven of the handout that you have.

6 MALE VOICE 2: The updated agenda?

7 MR. SHELVER: I'm sorry?

8 MALE VOICE 2: The updated one?

9 MR. SHELVER: Yes.

10 MALE VOICE 3: It's item seven, Jack.

11 MR. SHELVER: It's item, item number seven,
12 yeah, or paragraph number seven.

13 MALE VOICE 2: Again, I don't think--we just
14 got this today. I don't think it's valid to be
15 discussing it on the--because we just got it.

16 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

17 MALE VOICE 2: And it wasn't on the agenda.
18 That--we didn't discuss the old one.

19 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

20 MALE VOICE 2: I don't want to
21 [unintelligible] violation.

22 MR. SHELVER: Let's discuss--let's discuss
23 the old one, the one that's in your agenda
24 packet. I'm not going to read it because you've
25 had a chance to read it. I'll just ask if there

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2 are any questions on any of the items. Mr.
3 Mecham, Chief Mecham is here. He's prepared and
4 willing to answer any questions members of the
5 board had. He's not here to debate the issues.
6 He's here to answer questions. Any questions?
7 Questions here?

8 MALE VOICE 2: I've got questions. I've got
9 lots of questions.

10 FEMALE VOICE 1: Is the public--is the
11 public comment before you vote?

12 FEMALE VOICE 2: Isn't he going to present
13 it? Talk about what--

14 FEMALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] Are you going
15 to make a motion?

16 MR. SHELVER: Sure.

17 FEMALE VOICE 1: I mean can--when do we get
18 to comment?

19 MR. SHELVER: When there is a motion on the
20 floor.

21 FEMALE VOICE 1: We comment on the motion?

22 MR. SHELVER: Yes.

23 FEMALE VOICE 1: And you promised not to
24 vote before we comment?

25 MR. SHELVER: Yes.

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2 FEMALE VOICE 1: Thank you.

3 MR. SHELVER: Tony, would you get up and
4 just summarize the issues for the board?

5 CHIEF TONY MECHAM: Well, good morning. A
6 procedural question for the board
7 [unintelligible]. Would you like me to respond
8 to some of the things that were brought up and
9 clarify some of the earlier that were related to
10 the terms and conditions before I actually get
11 into the actual document?

12 MR. SHELVER: I'd like you--yes, I think
13 we'd like to hear it.

14 CHIEF MECHAM: Okay. I'm going to very
15 briefly go through. Good morning, everybody.
16 My name is Tony Mecham. I'm the county fire
17 chief. I want to clarify one thing on--that was
18 not CAL FIRE who reached out to the station.
19 That was my direction from the county board of
20 supervisors, and that we had a very productive
21 meeting last week, and the county authorized me
22 to expend county dollars for the winter period
23 for the CAL FIRE station, when it would normally
24 be closed.

25 First thing, I am not retiring. I don't

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2 know where that came from. Nobody has ever
3 asked me. I'm going to be around for many, many
4 years to come.

5 On the Alert San Diego--and I want to start
6 with one thing, this has been a very contentious
7 issue for the community. I understand the
8 strong emotions and I really appreciate the
9 speakers, that we need to keep this civil. I
10 have great respect for the history of the
11 volunteers of this organization, and no matter
12 what route this ultimately goes I will continue
13 to enforce that on my staff, that we respect
14 everybody in this community and everybody that
15 works here.

16 As far as the Alert San Diego, the Alert San
17 Diego is the route to go. We certainly
18 encourage and support local community efforts,
19 but we ask them to be tied in with our public
20 information, so that our PIOs and the sheriffs
21 that are at the scene of the information or the
22 incident that have the most accurate information
23 that we could get them. So I'd like to
24 encourage you, Isaac Sanchez [phonetic], my PI
25 was here to get that link, so that you are

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2 getting the actual incidents.

3 One of the issues we're having with early
4 alerting has to do with power and shutting down
5 the power. And we are moving towards the WIA
6 [phonetic] or a satellite based early alert
7 system.

8 I also want to clarify the response, the
9 three minutes. Nobody, CAL FIRE, county fire,
10 Julian does not have a three-minute response.
11 It takes us about 80 seconds to process a 911
12 call. It takes another minute to minute and a
13 half to just get the fire engines, and then a
14 drive time of whatever that may be. So unless
15 you are across the street from a fire station,
16 very few agencies have a three-minute response
17 time.

18 I really want to address for a moment this
19 issue of Riverside. I do not work in Riverside,
20 nor anybody here. I'm the San Diego County Fire
21 Chief, and that is not Riverside County. So I
22 want to enter, as a matter of public record for
23 the district secretary our Standards of Coverage
24 document. It's the 2018 Standards of Coverage
25 which outlines our coverage responses and

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2 priorities that has been adopted by the County
3 Board of Supervisors. So I'll provide a copy to
4 the district, so that there is no misnomer there
5 on what may or may not occur at Riverside. I'm
6 also going to enter in a matter of public record
7 my chief's report on February 18th, which goes
8 out to all of the agencies and very
9 transparently publishes our response times.

10 The Riverside County document that was
11 produced, produced last year was part of a
12 budget reduction process for a county that is
13 vastly different. Riverside County Fire
14 Department protects 3.1 million people in 23
15 incorporated cities, and their county, for a lot
16 of other reasons, has a 300-billion-dollar long-
17 term pension obligation. And that report was
18 never adopted. There is no \$390 fee. And that
19 \$390 fee, what is--what is very common for fire
20 departments across this country, including many
21 in San Diego, that bill insurance companies for
22 the first response. So I don't know where this
23 notion that we're bringing something from
24 Riverside County. I don't work in Riverside. I
25 did not work there in 2017, when that report was

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2 due.

3 One other thing I want to clarify. Guy
4 Anderson [phonetic], Guy Anderson is an urban
5 forester for CAL FIRE. This is a gentleman
6 whose job description is to plant trees in
7 incorporated cities for carbon sequestering.
8 Guy Anderson does not work in the fire control
9 side of CAL FIRE. So the information that
10 somebody spoke to Guy Anderson on these plans is
11 actually incorrect. The representative to
12 address any and all CAL FIRE of San Diego County
13 fire issues in this county is myself. And I've
14 made myself available to the board.

15 We have--I'll talk about this on the terms
16 and conditions, but the property transfer. I
17 think I can answer some of those questions
18 without being an attorney, but our preliminary
19 indication we've gotten from LAFCO. I'll also
20 talk about the feed when we do it.

21 For Mr. Siefert, I'm sorry if I offended you
22 with my statistical comment. I welcome the
23 opportunity for Julian, myself, and the county
24 EMS agency to sit down with everybody at the
25 table in a very transparent process and review

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2 the ambulance times.

3 I think the second part, and I was standing
4 right at that podium when I made it, I think the
5 second part of what I said that night was left
6 out. This is a very, very difficult ambulance
7 area to serve when you go from where the Ramona
8 Water District ambulance service ends all the
9 way to Three Sisters. And I have a very, very
10 high level of confidence for the people that
11 work on the ambulance and I'll say again what I
12 said that night. I'd feel comfortable with any
13 of those people working on myself or my family.
14 So I did not mean any disparaging comments and
15 the ambulance district operates separate of the
16 fire district. So if we left some calls out,
17 there was no intent. Again, I'd be glad to sit
18 down and very publicly go through those. If I
19 quoted something in error, I'd be glad to come
20 back in front of this group and statistically
21 correct myself.

22 For the young lady from Shelter Valley who
23 spoke tonight about Salerent [phonetic], I thank
24 you. I do need to note it was our paramedics,
25 county fire, CAL FIRE paramedics at Shelter

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2 Valley that first treated her, and a great team
3 effort with the ambulance here to get her
4 appropriately transported. And I thank you,
5 ma'am, for also stopping by our fire station 53.
6 I received a very, very nice note--a nice note
7 from your father about the level of care that
8 you received. So I hope I don't--I'm thankful
9 for that positive outcome.

10 You know, this thing I keep hearing about
11 locating scenes, we've got to stop this. CAL
12 FIRE has been in this community for over 100
13 years serving this community. I didn't hear
14 this prior to this discussion come up and I
15 think it's really become a distasteful rallying
16 cry for a lot of folks. I've said very publicly
17 1 to 3% of every 911 call that comes into every
18 fire agency in this country has some type of an
19 error in it. The address is reported wrong, the
20 access road is reported wrong, and we have
21 errors, every agency. And I think we need to
22 get away from focusing on a couple of calls
23 where an engine may have missed a driveway, and
24 focus on the fact that both Julian and the
25 county, 95 to 95% of the time are getting there

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2 and doing a great job. So this--let's just stop
3 that because it is not productive for any of the
4 firefighters who serve our community.

5 I do not report to Riverside. Our regional
6 office that handles the entire southern half of
7 the state has an administrative office in
8 Riverside. I do not--but that is not part of
9 the Riverside county government or the Riverside
10 County Fire Department. I do not work for
11 anything in Riverside. I work for Thom Porter,
12 who actually his office is now in Sacramento.

13 In terms of the staffing in Julian, on a
14 normal day or prior to the dissolution of the
15 agreement, we have 11 people on in the community
16 of Julian Cuyamaca; three CAL FIRE station on
17 the in--on the engine, three in Cuyamaca, and
18 two on the paramedic engine.

19 FEMALE VOICE 1: Cuyamaca is closed.

20 CHIEF MECHAM: Cuyamaca is currently closed
21 because the district terminated the agreement
22 with the county to provide for the winter
23 funding. That is one of the terms and
24 conditions, is to restore that funding through a
25 potential LAFCO application. The state funded--

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2 I am funded through the Cuyamaca Fire Station
3 for eight months out of the year. The previous
4 agreement that you had with the county of San
5 Diego, the county provided the gap funding or
6 the winter funding to keep Cuyamaca. So
7 Cuyamaca Fire Station for CAL FIRE State
8 Wildland Mission will come back online sometime
9 between April 15th and May 1st, as it normally
10 does. And we'll talk about that in the terms.

11 So I just wanted to clarify, you know, a few
12 of those things. And then certainly if the
13 board has any questions.

14 So following the last board meeting we
15 received a request to sit down and develop a
16 draft terms and conditions. This is the actual
17 document that would go to as an attachment to
18 the local, local agency formation commission
19 that out--that outlines the legal means by which
20 we would combine the district and the county
21 fire services.

22 And I need to be upfront. If there is
23 nothing else you get out of my presentation
24 today, there is no intent to run the volunteers
25 and the reserves out of town. I want those

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2 people to stay here and continue to work with my
3 staff and serve this community. I believe that
4 combining forces is going to produce a better
5 product than trying to divide that it is one
6 against the other. I would love, love nothing
7 more than for some of the long-time volunteers
8 to spend time from our staff and fully integrate
9 our fire service.

10 So I'm going to very briefly go through the
11 terms and conditions, and then I'll open it up
12 to the board certainly for any questions. So
13 the beginning of the document, I'll let you read
14 that. This is all the "whereas." This is kind
15 of the legal preamble to the agreement. We are
16 required by LAFCO to put a map. There is
17 nothing controversial here. This is the map of
18 the current district.

19 And then attachment B is our draft terms and
20 conditions. So the first part is boilerplate
21 language that is taken right out of the
22 Hertzberg--I can never pronounce it--Knox-
23 Cortese Act, which is the state legislation that
24 enacted the local agency formation commissions.
25 This puts some restrictions on what both sides

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2 can do. Under number two, it says that county
3 service area 135 of the County Fire Authority
4 will become the successor agency to the Julian
5 Fire District.

6 I continually hear this discussion about the
7 county walked away from fire service. I'll be
8 honest with you, folks. I'm kind of over that
9 discussion. When the county got out of the fire
10 services in the early '80s, it was 100% pure
11 discretionary funding. There was no legal
12 entity with a legal requirement to provide
13 services. County Service Area 135 is a fire
14 protection district under the law. We receive a
15 property tax allocation that cannot be taken.
16 They are restricted funds. And we receive the
17 various benefit fees from the different
18 communities that have those benefit fees. So
19 CSA 135 is a legal fire entity that is a
20 subsidiary of the San Diego--of the government
21 of San Diego County, and is here to stay.

22 Under number three under the government
23 code, we're required to ensure that any
24 employees of the district are offered
25 employment. So this deals with the district

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2 secretary. Organization in government basically
3 states that the organization or the governance
4 would transfer to the Board of Supervisors. We
5 did add a section here. The San Diego County
6 has a seven-member fire advisory board. They--
7 we provide staff to that board. They report
8 directly to the San Diego County Board of
9 Supervisors. They do not work for me. They
10 work for the board. We meet monthly and we have
11 offered input in writing. And I need to stress
12 this terms and conditions is a legal document
13 that would be fine between the county and the
14 district to continue with a Julian subcommittee
15 of your existing board. That would be a Julian
16 subcommittee that not only would help us through
17 the transition but my hope would stay long after
18 the transition to continue to guide and have
19 that input. Okay?

20 Transfer of operation is basically under
21 item five, this basically is, yes, your property
22 and assets get transferred to the county, and
23 then the county of San Diego takes over all
24 future costs, maintenance, and operations of
25 those vehicles. So, yes, the vehicle gets

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2 transferred but then we maintain the vehicle.
3 We provide the fuel. We provide the insurance
4 for the vehicle, and ultimately when it reaches
5 its end of its life cycle we replace that
6 vehicle.

7 And again I'm just going to hit these very
8 quickly on the essence of time. Under number
9 six, any property taxes that are collected are
10 transferred not to the county general fund.
11 They are transferred to CSA 135. You currently
12 get 1% of the 1% baseline property tax, which I
13 believe is 185. Or is it 183? \$185,000 is what
14 you get in property taxes. That same property
15 tax assessment that you pay now gets transferred
16 to another restricted fund within CSA 135 that
17 can only be spent within CSA 135.

18 The plan for service, and this was the
19 changes that I added to clarify. Under the
20 LAFCO law, as part of a dissolution, I am
21 required to provide a plan of service for what
22 the successor agency would look like, and the
23 district is required to provide a plan of
24 service of what the fire services would look
25 like in a transition. We have agreed for many,

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2 many years, since we started the contract here
3 almost three years ago and what we've spoken
4 about very publicly, is that the County of San
5 Diego would provide a fire and paramedic staff
6 fire engine at this fire station. That we would
7 make this a 30-minute priority coverage station,
8 meaning anytime that we had a belief that this
9 station was going to be committed to whatever
10 structure fire, vehicle accident for more than
11 30 minutes, we would move a paramedic engine
12 into this community. And that the county would
13 fund the winter agreement and provide for year-
14 round coverage at the Cuyamaca station.

15 We have been in agreement on those with the
16 negotiating group. We agreed on that in the
17 first five minutes. When we got this document
18 from LAFCO, they said, "Hey, you put those
19 things in your plan of service. I do not feel
20 comfortable in here and we're going to have
21 another document. You know, trust us that we'll
22 do it." So I asked them under number seven--and
23 you all have copies of the revised terms and
24 conditions. I asked that to very clearly be
25 articulated that everything that I have said

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2 that we were going to do from day one, we will
3 continue to do. And if we miss something, we'll
4 update these terms and conditions.

5 Now, whether you vote on it or ultimately
6 decide to do it, that's a separate decision, but
7 I want to be very clear that what we agreed to
8 do and what I have committed to do, we are going
9 to put into a legal document the terms and
10 conditions, and put it on black and white. So
11 there is absolutely no confusion about what I'm
12 going to say I will do.

13 Number eight is transfers as is condition.
14 This basically means that facilities and items
15 are transferred as is, and I'm going to make up
16 something. I don't know if it's true, but if
17 the transmission were out on that fire engine,
18 you would transfer that fire engine to the
19 county and I'm then responsible for putting a
20 new transmission into the vehicle. We don't
21 require the district to go do a lot of things
22 unless it's something the district wants to do.
23 We take whatever it is in an as is condition.

24 Under ten, the transfer of facilities.
25 Under number ten, again the facilities transfer,

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2 and I want to be clear on this. We have not
3 gotten into a very detailed analysis but of all
4 of the transfers that we've done, all of the
5 LAFCO applications, and we've had leases. We've
6 had all kinds, third party agreements. If the
7 intended use of the facility does not change,
8 the deed to the property transfers to the
9 successor agency.

10 So, as long as this is going to continue to
11 be a fire station, which it is going to continue
12 to be a fire station, and we are not changing
13 the scope of the intended purpose, it is my
14 belief that we will have no issues. We
15 certainly need to have counsel weigh in on that,
16 and that will happen as part of the LAFCO
17 process. The LAFCO legal staff will review
18 that, but I have no indication to believe that
19 that wasn't true.

20 Under the ISO, under number 11--

21 FEMALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] You skipped
22 nine.

23 CHIEF MECHAM: I'm sorry, ma'am. Let me go
24 back to nine. Under nine, the property
25 transfer, that's the 1% of the 1% that the

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2 district receives now of \$185,000. That 185,000
3 would transfer to the County of San Diego. And
4 again I want to be clear, that does not go to
5 the county's general fund. That goes into the
6 fire district for CSA 135's funds. Those are
7 restricted funds that can only be used for fire
8 protection. They're not county general purpose
9 revenue.

10 MR. SHELVER: Chief, also on ten, that last
11 sentence as far as the station at Cuyamaca, our
12 fire station at Cuyamaca and the property there.

13 CHIEF MECHAM: Yeah. So let me discuss
14 that. And again this is a community, a
15 community decision. We have a brand new, almost
16 6-million-dollar state fire station that sits
17 next door to the Cuyamaca station. That new
18 station was built to modern building codes, to
19 essential service standards and everything else.
20 It is our--it is my recommendation that we move
21 a district or a county piece of equipment next
22 door to the Cuyamaca station, and that you exit
23 out of the current building.

24 Again, that's--I believe we have had
25 discussions with several of the fire safe

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2 councils and folks that would like to see that
3 building converted to a community center, a
4 meeting center, a place for CERT to operate, a
5 place for fire safe councils. So I put that in
6 here. If it's the desire of this community to
7 keep that as a fire station, we can strike that.
8 I--my recommendation is always to come to your
9 folks with what I believe is good governance.
10 And I don't believe that continuing to maintain
11 two fire stations that sit 100 feet apart is a
12 good expenditure of the tax payers' funds, when
13 we have a brand new, modern facility that is
14 built for the next 100 years sitting right next
15 door. So that is an option in there.

16 Under 11 in the ISO, in previous, we will--
17 we will petition ISO and the district's ISO will
18 be reduced to a 33X. Now, I also want to be
19 very, very clear on the ISO. We will get the
20 ISO rating. Whether that transitions into lower
21 property taxes for people--

22 FEMALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] Property
23 insurance, insurance.

24 CHIEF MECHAM: I'm sorry, thank you. Lower
25 fire insurance, has a whole lot of variables.

2 You live in a very high wildland area. There is
3 distancing from--you have to be within five
4 miles of the fire station. You have to have
5 water sources. You have to have those types of
6 things that are required. The difference, the
7 slight difference in the new public protection
8 classification ratings is that 3X, which is
9 really the equivalent of an old mine, does give
10 you credit for being served by a class three
11 fire department.

12 So do I think that there is some property
13 owners in the district that will benefit from a
14 33X? Yes, I do. Do I think this is everybody
15 is going to see their insurance reduced? No, I
16 don't. But I do think it is a positive step
17 forward in lowering the insurance.

18 Item 12, I've committed publicly, I can say
19 that we're going to continue the Explorer
20 Program. We're expanding our Explorer Program.
21 We have funding for the Explorer Program,
22 including sending them to things like the Inland
23 Empire Explorer Academy every year. So we will
24 continue that program, and those people that are
25 involved today I would certainly hope would stay

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2 involved. And, again, this is not--in my mind,
3 I'm never going to make a controversial subject.
4 My son went through an Explorer Program in the
5 city of Temecula. It's a great program.
6 Whoever is running it, we need to continue it
7 because it's a great opportunity for our youth
8 to get into the fire service.

9 Community events, this is one that we talked
10 about extensively, and that I struggle a little
11 bit with. I will absolutely commit to you, we
12 will participate in every community event in
13 this community. But what I will tell you, if
14 the people that are doing the community events
15 now walk away from that link with the fire
16 department, we're going to fail. So if we come
17 in as your fire department, we are only going to
18 be successful if those same people that are
19 today involved in the toy drive and all of the
20 different events continue to stay involved.

21 We do events at almost every community that
22 we serve. We do toy drives. I personally--my
23 executive staff, we do a toy drive for the
24 Polinsky Children's Center. These are some of
25 the neediest kids in our county that are in the

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2 foster care system in San Diego. This is all of
3 our chief officers and every year we deliver
4 Christmas presents there. Well, it's successful
5 because we have a great partnership with Child
6 Protective Services who works with us to
7 identify those at-risk kids. So again that is
8 an area that if we go into this, we need to go
9 in with our eyes wide open, and ensure that we
10 continue to talk and share information. And my
11 staff will certainly participate.

12 Okay, district firefighters. Every reserve
13 and every volunteer that is currently a member
14 of this department today will stay with the
15 successor agency and stay right here at this
16 fire station. I will not move anybody out
17 unless that individual wants to go work
18 somewhere else. Now, having said that, I'll
19 certainly take questions on this when I'm done.
20 We have a medical standard and a background
21 check. Firefighting is a dangerous occupation
22 and I have no control over who can pass or
23 cannot pass a medical. I suspect that there is
24 some people that could have some challenges with
25 some of the medical. We have created a second

2 reserve position, as I outlined approximately
3 six months ago, and that is to create a support
4 position.

5 That is mainly people that would not operate
6 in an immediate danger to life and health
7 environment, mainly folks that would cover water
8 tenders, light bare units, you know, drive stake
9 sides and deliver supplies to wildland fires, do
10 school programs. Whatever we can fit within the
11 scope, that we would continue that program. We
12 have that program now. Right now it's limited
13 to water tender operators. We've already
14 started that, rewriting that classification
15 through county HR.

16 And the benefit is that those folks would
17 not have to come sit at the fire station and
18 meet our reserve requirement of our three shifts
19 a month. They would be required to commit to
20 three days a month, but they could cover from
21 home on pagers. Okay? And for those reserves--
22 oh, sorry, those volunteers that live in the
23 community, that are qualified to drive an engine
24 or do whatever, I would see that we would still
25 maintain an engine for the volunteers here. And

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2 we're going to tone them out.

3 Again, why, as the fire chief, would I not
4 want three or four people, five people, two
5 people coming in from home and getting on a fire
6 engine, and going to a call in this community?
7 The difference is there is going to be that paid
8 career paramedic engine that is going to get out
9 the door first. But, again, why would I want to
10 change the system that has been working? So we
11 will work through those.

12 Number 15, I think this is an important one.
13 County of San Diego does not carry debt. They
14 do not carry debt. They do not borrow money.
15 They pay cash. County of San Diego has
16 committed to whatever the final payoff is on
17 this fire station. I've heard different terms;
18 900,000, 1.3 million. Whatever that is, the
19 County of San Diego will write a check. They
20 will pay the mortgage off. They will pay for
21 this fire station and we will eliminate the \$50
22 benefit fee for the station bond and ongoing
23 maintenance.

24 So it is my understanding that this
25 community right now pays two \$50 benefit

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2 assessment fees a year. \$50 for the ongoing
3 operation of the fire department and \$50 a year
4 related to this facility. We will write a check
5 and we will eliminate one of--a \$50 a year fee
6 for you. And we are prepared to do that as soon
7 as LAFCO takes the first action on your
8 application.

9 And then the final one, 16, is just the
10 effective date. We have a process that we have
11 to go through at LAFCO to meet all of these
12 terms and conditions. So if we say we're going
13 to pay off the fire station, we have to pay off
14 the fire station before the executive director
15 of LAFCO will sign off on the final document.

16 So these are the initial terms and
17 conditions, and I'd certainly be glad to take
18 questions from the board.

19 [Applause]

20 MR. SHELVER: Questions from the board?

21 FEMALE VOICE 1: I have a question. I'm
22 asking this because it was--it was just asked
23 today by somebody who wanted to know. Can you
24 guarantee that there will not be a tax increase
25 in the future? It's--I don't know.

2 CHIEF MECHAM: Yes.

3 [Crosstalk]

4 FEMALE VOICE 1: There will not be a tax
5 increase?

6 CHIEF MECHAM: Okay. So for a tax increase
7 it's subject to the requirements. And I wish
8 your counsel would hear, so I think your legal
9 counsel needs to come back. A--the baseline
10 property tax is set by the State of California
11 post Proposition 13. So you are a post
12 Proposition 13 fire district, which means you
13 receive 1% of the property taxes based on the
14 assessed valuation in the fire district. A fee,
15 like a benefit assessment fee, is governed under
16 Proposition 218, and requires a vote of the
17 people.

18 So the only way that the county could come
19 in, no different than you're trying to get your
20 fee of \$200 which really now is 250 because I'm
21 going to eliminate a \$50 fee, just like you have
22 to go to the voters and get the voters to pass a
23 request for a \$200 fee. Should the county ever
24 in the future want to come in and increase it,
25 they have to go to the voters. That is state

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2 law.

3 So what I say yes, your property taxes are
4 not going to go up. Property taxes don't go up
5 under the law. Fees or benefit assessment fees
6 may be imposed by a will of the people.

7 MR. SHELVER: Buddy?

8 MR. SIEFERT: I want to correct that because
9 I too work for a government agency. Fees for
10 services are not done by these folks out here.
11 If the Board of Supervisors, who is going to
12 change in two years, decides to raise fees for
13 the services in this fire, they can do it
14 without any public input.

15 [Applause]

16 MR. SIEFERT: That's [unintelligible] both.

17 CHIEF MECHAM: So let's correct that. The
18 question that was asked of me was property
19 taxes, [unintelligible] fees.

20 FEMALE VOICE 1: Just any tax increase.

21 CHIEF MECHAM: Okay. Fees in general, so
22 any government agency, every several years has
23 to go through and validate their fees. So I'll
24 give you an example of a fee that you currently
25 pay now. When you go down and pull a building

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2 permit, and you require a plan check, you want
3 to do a lock split, you want to build a garage.
4 You need a sprinkler inspection. Any of those
5 items, you pay a fee for that service mainly
6 related to development. Those fees are required
7 to periodically be reviewed. So what they do is
8 they take the salary survey of the employees at
9 the time. They take the cost for office space.
10 And they take all of those other items, and they
11 adjust their fees. The only fees that we have
12 in the county fire department are related to
13 developer fees. Period.

14 FEMALE VOICE 1: Now.

15 MR. SHELVER: Now.

16 MALE VOICE 1: Right now, correct.

17 CHIEF MECHAM: Correct.

18 MALE VOICE 1: Right now, right.

19 FEMALE VOICE 1: And that can change on the
20 vote of the county [unintelligible]?

21 CHIEF MECHAM: A fee.

22 FEMALE VOICE 1: That was the question.

23 CHIEF MECHAM: Yeah, a fee, not a benefit
24 assessment or a property tax.

25 FEMALE VOICE 1: [unintelligible] either

way, right?

CHIEF MECHAM: But if--let me finish. That is a fee for a specific service could be, but your board can also do that. Any government agency, any government agency can establish a fee or cost recovery for the service they provide. Public records requests, they can't bill you for pulling it. They might charge you for the duplication fee. Any government, all they can do is recover their cost for providing that service. So nobody, myself, anybody can stand up here and say that any government agency at some point in the future is not going to establish a fee for cost recovery for a service. Okay? What I want to be clear on. They cannot raise your property taxes and they cannot levy a general benefit assessment fee. But--

FEMALE VOICE 2: [Interposing] Can I ask a question?

CHIEF MECHAM: Okay, let me--as a matter of process, this is not a public hearing. So I'm here to take questions from the board, and then if the board--or however you, the board, would like to proceed.

2 MR. SHELVER: Let's proceed with questions
3 from board members. Kirsten?

4 MS. STARLIN: Listening to the folks of the
5 community over the months, it keeps coming up
6 that they can't find my house. I'm a hard to
7 find place. Is there a program, which reading
8 up on it, I believe there is something we could
9 do? Is there a person or a program or something
10 we can start that addresses the hard to find
11 concerned citizen request here that we can like
12 say, "She's very hard to find, and it seems like
13 only the volunteers can find." Is there a way
14 that any concerned citizen and Julian can come
15 in and say, "This is my address. This is my
16 health issues." And I believe your folks on
17 your apparatus, they carry tablets. And as soon
18 as that call goes out it could pop up. This is
19 a code for a gate. This is don't bring anything
20 but four-wheel drive up. Is there something
21 along that line?

22 CHIEF MECHAM: Yeah, so let me--yeah, so let
23 me address that. There is a couple of ways to
24 do this. First, in our computerized dispatch
25 system we can geocode notes to a specific

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2 property. And typically where we do this, we do
3 this a lot with law enforcement, is we might
4 identify a violent subject at that house. Or
5 whatever the call history is. So if we have--
6 and we have to be careful on HIPAA related to
7 EMS related incidents, but oftentimes we will
8 get very generic information about, "Hey, this
9 address has this particular [unintelligible]."
10 We can code it to the--to the address.

11 We have a whole host of tools to deal with
12 this. One, if somebody brings us the GIS or the
13 lat and long, and our folks here--or your folks
14 could, we could give the forms out. We have to
15 get the lat and long correct because all of the
16 calls that come in ultimately get lat and long.
17 We also have commonplace names. So if somebody
18 says, "I live by Dole's Oak Tree," as long as we
19 can geocode that, which is very simple, I have a
20 fulltime staff that this is all they do is
21 geocode things in our--in our 911 database. We
22 can geocode all those. And I encourage the
23 community to do that.

24 And I think this has been an unfair
25 criticism. I don't care what rural area of the

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2 county you go to, if you are not in Main Street
3 downtown San Diego where the address goes 123,
4 125, 127, addressing is a challenging event in a
5 rural area. And ultimately one fix is not
6 saying, "Well, these guys get lost," or "Those
7 guys get lost." Let's fix the problem, if there
8 is a problem. And every time that my staff goes
9 on a call and they don't have the correct
10 address, they fill out a communicate--Jeremy,
11 what's that form called? You are ACC chief.

12 JEREMY: Com error report.

13 CHIEF MECHAM: Com report, it's a com error
14 report. Jeremy used to run my dispatch center.
15 They fill out a com error report. They send
16 that in and within--you know, within a day or
17 two my GIS staff gets in there and updates the
18 map. We've also received over a quarter of a
19 million dollar grant to take all of the existing
20 hard copy maps--there is a lot of great maps
21 that have been done, not just at Julian, county
22 wide. And we've put this grant in for all fire
23 agencies. Our initial funding was 250. We have
24 another \$250,000 coming to take all of the hard
25 copy maps of every square inch of the rural area

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2 and incorporate that into a GIS later--layer
3 that people can see.

4 And then the second part of that is
5 oftentimes we get out of connectivity. We also
6 need to make sure we have the hardcopy printed
7 map books, and that we have ongoing funding so
8 that those things are printed. And, again,
9 whether it's county--San Diego County or Julian,
10 we should all be doing that as just a matter of
11 good public safety, because ultimately the
12 sheriff or anybody else, the ambulance company,
13 all of those people benefit when we have good
14 and accurate GIS information.

15 MR. SHELVER: Other questions from the board
16 members?

17 MALE VOICE 1: I'd like to go negotiate the--
18 --if you're going to take over--just taking over
19 the mortgage, that sounds great. Right? But
20 what if this property is worth a lot more than
21 what the mortgage is? Shouldn't we get a
22 benefit of that, our community? Shouldn't it be
23 fair appraised value for the property?

24 CHIEF MECHAM: Well, we'd certainly be
25 willing to sit down. I think that your benefit

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2 fee was going to pay off the debt service on
3 this fire station. And I don't see--certainly
4 if you want to sell it for fair market value
5 then we have to put it out to the general public
6 and anybody can buy it. Because any profit that
7 you would receive is going to turn around and go
8 right back to the successor agency. So I think
9 it is--

10 MALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] Well, that
11 could be negotiated.

12 CHIEF MECHAM: I think I'd say a very fair
13 offer to pay off the debt service, and then any
14 money that is remaining here could potentially
15 be used, as long as it's in your budget to do
16 further improvements in the fire station prior
17 to a dissolution.

18 MR. SHELVER: Anything else? Kirsten?

19 MS. STARLIN: This may sound petty to some
20 people. I don't know, but a concern was for the
21 Christmas Boot Drive. You addressed that. I
22 know that last year you had so many presents you
23 were like trying to figure out how to find kids
24 to give them to. We have a very--Eva [phonetic]
25 and the Hatches [phonetic] have--

2 FEMALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] And you and
3 Aida.

4 MS. STARLIN: Have worked on this for years,
5 Captain Stowers [phonetic] or BC Stowers also.
6 Anyways, could there be a program set up where
7 the monies that they collect here can buy
8 specific gifts for specific children, like it
9 has in the past, and not go to a general
10 Christmas fund, and still meet the needs of
11 specific children here?

12 FEMALE VOICE 1: We work with Pathways to
13 get the names of the kids. And it's--

14 CHIEF MECHAM: [Interposing] So the answer
15 is yes. And I think this is a, you know, really
16 easy one. We participate--and I'm going to come
17 back and close on the Julian part but just
18 countywide we participate in multiple community
19 events around the holidays. The Polinsky
20 Children's Center, that was something that I
21 started. That is basically all of our chief
22 officers and our staff get together. We do a
23 program with the East County Transitional Living
24 Center, to provide them support over the
25 holidays.

2 So the key--and again, folks, this is where
3 we have become--and it's a bad place to be in.
4 It's a bad place to be in when we are just
5 throwing rocks at each other. And nobody is
6 going to win, no matter what way this goes. Is
7 that we have to have the involvement in the--in
8 the community. The key to that is how you set
9 it up. If you have a 501(c)(3) and there is
10 options whether you continue it or the San Diego
11 Regional Fire Foundation, and they create a
12 subaccount, so that every dime that's collected
13 goes to that intended purpose.

14 And then you--because government, we cannot
15 take private money. Right? We're very clear on
16 that. That money is allocated and goes to a
17 specific account to be distributed. And then
18 what you do is you ask whoever, the volunteers,
19 the reserves, CAL FIRE staff, to donate money to
20 that. And I would expect, just like my staff
21 that's really engraved out at the county
22 building, we--you know, I challenge everybody
23 here. I start at \$500 a year and I challenge my
24 task--staff to match it. I would hope that all
25 the people that would work up here then would

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2 have that challenge. And everybody would put
3 money to that account to be used here locally.
4 And those are the things that we set up those
5 accounts to stay local, for their intended
6 purpose.

7 And I will just share with you that through
8 the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation, as we
9 have dissolved not fire districts but previous
10 volunteer fire companies, I want to say they're
11 carrying 11 subaccounts now. So the people at
12 Sunshine Summit that want to donate and have
13 that money stay in their community, it stays in
14 a very specific account. It can only be spent
15 there with the approval of the fire foundation
16 and those people that donated the money.

17 MS. STARLIN: Thank you.

18 MR. SHELVER: Another question? Tony? I
19 think we're at a point where somebody may be
20 going to make a motion and I would suggest a
21 motion be made to approve the--

22 FEMALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] We weren't
23 going to vote today.

24 FEMALE VOICE 2: What happened to public
25 comment before you vote.

2 FEMALE VOICE 1: We weren't going to vote
3 today.

4 [Crosstalk]

5 MR. SHELVER: We've got to make a motion
6 first. We'll take public comments if and when
7 there is a motion. We're not voting today on
8 whether to dissolve the district.

9 FEMALE VOICE 2: Thank you.

10 MR. SHELVER: Period.

11 [Applause]

12 MR. SHELVER: That was not on the agenda.
13 We're here to determine whether these are the
14 terms and conditions that we will have.

15 FEMALE VOICE 2: Microphone.

16 FEMALE VOICE 3: Thank you.

17 MALE VOICE 1: What did you just say? I
18 didn't hear a word of what he said.

19 MR. SHELVER: Okay, sorry about that. I
20 said we are not here today to consider whether
21 or not to dissolve the fire district or to file
22 with LAFCO to ask LAFCO to consider dissolving
23 the district and replacing the district with CSA
24 135. But we are here today to consider these
25 terms and conditions because the last meeting

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2 the board directed that we meet with the county
3 and the county fire chief. We're not
4 negotiating with CAL FIRE. Mr. Mecham is here
5 today as the county fire chief, correct?

6 CHIEF MECHAM: Yes, sir.

7 MR. SHELVER: Representing the county of San
8 Diego and CSA 135. But it's on the agency to
9 consider these terms and conditions, and I would
10 entertain a motion that we either approve these
11 terms and conditions to move forward and set a
12 date for a public hearing on the consideration
13 of filing with that, with LAFCO. Or if there is
14 a motion to amend these terms and conditions, or
15 abandon them. That clear? Okay.

16 MALE VOICE 1: Not really.

17 MULTIPLE VOICES: No.

18 MALE VOICE 1: I make a motion to abandon
19 them.

20 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

21 FEMALE VOICE 1: Yeah, abandon them.

22 MR. SHELVER: There is a motion--there is a
23 motion to abandon the terms and conditions. Is
24 there a second to that motion?

25 MALE VOICE 2: Just to raise some stuff,

2 I'll second that motion.

3 MR. SHELVER: Okay. The motion is to
4 abandon the terms and conditions. Any further
5 discussion? All those in favor of the motion
6 say "aye."

7 MALE VOICE 1: Aye.

8 MALE VOICE 2: Don't we get to discuss it
9 first?

10 MR. SHELVER: I just asked for discussion.
11 I didn't hear any.

12 [Crosstalk]

13 MR. SHELVER: Is there any discussion on the
14 motion?

15 MALE VOICE 1: Yeah, it seems like people
16 want to discuss it.

17 MR. SHELVER: Is there discussion on the
18 motion? First from the board. First from the
19 board.

20 MR. SIEFERT: Okay, I--

21 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Nothing?

22 MR. SIEFERT: No.

23 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

24 MR. SIEFERT: I've got something right here.
25 I've been involved with this district for 39

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2 years. My family has been up here for 99 years.
3 Can I have the microphone, please? I'm coming
4 from this as a 39-year member of this fire
5 department in one way or another, either on the
6 floor or as a director of the district. My
7 family has been in this area for 99 years. We
8 have a stake here. In the county charter, it's
9 required that they have a sheriff, and in EMS is
10 required. Fire suppression is not required
11 anywhere in the county charter. And you can
12 look that up. You can't change anything. The
13 CSA 135 is not required to provide fire
14 protection.

15 1975, because we weren't required to have
16 fire protection, the county was paying one
17 million dollars a year to keep nine CAL FIRE
18 stations open throughout the year. A million
19 dollars was too much, so they went and started
20 the volunteer fire companies. Same time Julian
21 was founded, the Cuyamaca volunteers were
22 founded. 1980 something is--either '80 or '81,
23 I don't remember which, the county says, "Well,
24 we're not funding volunteers anymore. It's
25 discretionary money. We can do with what we

2 want. We're not paying for you guys. Go out
3 and form a fire protected district or become a
4 pancake breakfast volunteer fire company."

5 Julian and Cuyamaca took the steps. They
6 formed a fire protected district without going
7 to the ballot. We had that many signatures on
8 the petition to form a fire district. The \$50
9 benefit fee, 50 to \$85 benefit fee per year, per
10 structure, was passed with over 90% of the votes
11 of this--of the registered voters here.

12 Now, going back to financing this, what the
13 county is doing with 135. That's general fund
14 monies. There may be some monies coming in from
15 the cigarette tax that was passed back in the
16 late '90s. I'm not sure. There were two
17 counties that did not put that immediately into
18 the fire service, San Diego County and one
19 county up in northern California.

20 So this is discretionary funding by the
21 county. We have new Board of Supervisors that
22 within two to four years it's going to be
23 totally different from what we have sitting
24 right now. These are all city folks. They
25 don't realize--and I'll guarantee it. They

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2 don't realize the unique situation we're in, in
3 the back county here. They want to come up,
4 deposit their trash, and go home.

5 [Laughter]

6 MR. SIEFERT: And having witnessed
7 [unintelligible] up here for the past 30 years,
8 that's exactly what happens. Okay. So the
9 Board of Supervisors no longer wants to pay for
10 a county fire department. They can do that. Or
11 they can go, oh, we're going to hit you guys
12 with benefit--not benefit fees. They're going
13 to call it service fees. The benefit fee has to
14 go to a vote. A service fee does not. So
15 they'll take all the financials they've got, all
16 the personnel account fires providing, and go,
17 "Okay, well, this is what it's going to cost a
18 service fee to have fire protection back here."
19 It's just not going to work.

20 Up here we have more control. We can say
21 what we have. We can take care of our own up
22 here. And, you know, for the past 39 years we
23 have done that. We have taken care of our own
24 up here. And say that the new--the new tribe is
25 here, I'm not an active firefighter anymore. I

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2 guarantee I have as many wallet wipers
3 [phonetic] as many of the county fire folks here
4 do between National Fire Academy, other fire
5 academies. You know, we've all got our
6 training. We get our training somewhere. It's
7 up to--you know, do you guys want to keep what
8 you have or do you want to go to an unknown out
9 to the ozone. It's up to you.

10 [Applause]

11 MR. SHELVER: Any other comments from
12 members of the board? Comments on--we're
13 speaking to the motion now. All right.

14 FEMALE VOICE 1: If we go through the LAFCO-
15 -if we go through the LAFCO process, and LAFCO
16 places an order, does the order to dissolve the
17 district, the district will be gone. The board
18 members will be gone. And if the county or CAL
19 FIRE or whomever is providing services does not
20 provide what they promised they will provide,
21 what recourse do we have? Right now what we
22 have is a group of citizens that get together
23 and try to put together petitions. And it's me
24 and it's one other person and one other person.
25 And where're not rich, and we can't afford to

2 hire attorneys and go in and fight the county.

3 And we are also not going to go down to the

4 county, to the Board of Supervisors, and sit

5 there with them because that's an hour and a

6 half away and an hour--I mean it's ridiculous.

7 We--it's just too much to ask of us.

8 And so if we dissolve and go with the county

9 in the fire department, in CAL FIRE, we will

10 have no recourse if they don't keep their

11 promise or provide the services that we need.

12 Thank you.

13 [Applause]

14 FEMALE VOICE 2: Chief Mecham, with all due

15 respect, the City of San Diego had a transient

16 occupancy tax. They still do. Which comes from

17 the hotel, motels, and vacation rentals. When

18 it was started, it was designed to improve

19 tourism, widen boardwalks, fund visitor centers,

20 which we had some nice ones. They're now closed

21 down. Scrape the seaweed from the beaches,

22 etcetera. A few years ago, with one vote of the

23 city council, all the TOT money was transferred

24 to the city's general funds. You have good

25 intentions but you also are subject to the

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2 budget changes of the county supervisors. With
3 one vote, the money for the things you promise
4 could have to be discontinued.

5 [Applause]

6 MR. SHELVER: Anyone else?

7 MALE VOICE 1: For clarification on that,
8 ma'am, were you referring to the city TOT or the
9 county? We're talking--

10 FEMALE VOICE 2: [Interposing] That was just
11 an example of what happens in city and county
12 governments. One vote, things can change.

13 MR. SHELVER: Okay, okay.

14 FEMALE VOICE 3: Same things happen in the
15 volunteer departments. You've got to payroll.
16 You're going to tell me that inflation is
17 [unintelligible].

18 MR. SHELVER: Ma'am? Ma'am, this gentleman
19 has the floor, please.

20 FEMALE VOICE 4: Oh, I didn't see him. Go
21 ahead.

22 MR. SHELVER: Give him your attention.

23 MR. KEN RICE: I want to speak as a long-
24 term county volunteer. I started in '07 after
25 the fires and realized what had happened.

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2 Always worked on the wildlands side and wanted
3 to keep helping out the wildlands side as a
4 water tender driver, teaching our young guys
5 chainsaws, safety. And I went through your
6 academy in '09, number one of my academy. And
7 kept hearing there was going to be a spot for
8 guys like, like me. And you just made the
9 statement that you're working on the document to
10 keep guys like me around as a water tender
11 driver. I've been hearing this grandfather this
12 since 2009 and all of a sudden you're going to
13 make this document happen.

14 I've jumped through every, every hoop,
15 became an EMT. I didn't want the liability, I
16 like having young EMTs and paramedics in that
17 role, even though I've been an EMT since the
18 '80s. Took all your classes, certified on all
19 your equipment, and it was a hardship on my
20 family to be able to keep up jumping through
21 these hoops and get told I got the wrong boots.
22 I got this. I got to have this, I got to have
23 that. And it was just never, never ending. So
24 you're telling me you're--this mysterious
25 document that's going to happen to keep some of

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2 these guys around that just want to be able to
3 help. They just want to be able to bring you
4 water to the fire. That's all I--that's all I
5 wanted to be able to do, was help bring water to
6 that fire, and because I know the response
7 times. You know, where is the closest water
8 tender to here? Intermountain, coming up this--
9 up the mountain? I want a water tender right
10 here.

11 [Applause]

12 CHIEF MECHAM: What's your name?

13 MR. RICE: My name is Ken Rice [phonetic].

14 CHIEF MECHAM: Ken Rice?

15 MR. RICE: I've been with the Lilly,
16 Calimar, San Pasqual. I've been all over this
17 county. Wherever they wanted a water tender
18 driver, I'd drop what I was doing, whether it
19 was working in Temecula. I just...

20 [Applause]

21 CHIEF MECHAM: I don't disagree with this
22 gentleman. So I wanted to give a little history
23 of what I said. I became the chief here in 2014
24 and we were applying the same standards. We had
25 a water tender classification. We were applying

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2 the same standards to our water tender drivers
3 as we were the reserves who were responding
4 every day to calls. It did not surface in this
5 community. It actually surfaced in the
6 community of Ranchita. We had a very, very long
7 time reserve, a very valuable guy, did a lot of
8 shifts. And he came up to me and he said, "You
9 know, chief. I'm tired of going--I live five
10 minutes from the fire station and I am tired of
11 going down to the station and sitting there for
12 three days, but I'd love to be a member and
13 drive a water tender." We had a water--county
14 water tender here until January 1.

15 When I said we're establishing a position, a
16 position and a classification with water tender
17 operator, I've asked to change that name to a
18 support reserve, so you could also drive a light
19 nare [phonetic], fill air bottles, drive a stake
20 side, deliver a hose, and do that. I'll make
21 that commitment as long as you can pass the
22 medical. Oh, and by, the way, we're not going
23 to require EMT at all, the other fireside stuff,
24 the dry water tender, we're not going to require
25 CPR, public safety, first aid. For a little

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2 while then fire control. Our private hired
3 equipment water tenders that we hired again get
4 eight hours of training. So it was the
5 direction of my staff and I won't say we were
6 wrong but we were off track and we were going to
7 work on water tender. I do not need to have 200
8 hours of training, respectfully, to have
9 somebody come in and help their community. So
10 if you'd like to give me your name and you're
11 still interested in participating in our
12 program, I'll sign you up today.

13 MR. RICE: I can pass the other standards
14 but I'm fully qualified. It just--the bar just
15 kept getting raised and raised. I just
16 [unintelligible].

17 MR. SHELVER: Okay. Let's move along,
18 please.

19 MALE VOICE 4: I just wanted to make a
20 comment. I apologize. I don't have facts and
21 figures, but I just want to speak from
22 experience. I moved here from a community
23 called Quail Valley. I'm sure most of all of
24 you haven't heard of it but it's in Riverside
25 County. It's right in the middle of Riverside

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2 County. It's tucked away. It actually used to
3 be a campground for the movie stars, of all
4 things, before it got split up into properties.

5 Anyways, enough of a history lesson. That
6 community, we voted to go from a volunteer fire
7 department, which was about four blocks from my
8 house, to have CAL FIRE take over. And they
9 were three blocks from my house. My house
10 caught fire. The CAL FIRE truck that was three
11 blocks from my house, that I was paying I think
12 about 250 at the time a year to help fund, was
13 in North Riverside County helping with another
14 fire.

15 When the captain got to the scene, he
16 apologized. He said he had to violate his
17 commander's orders to come because he was afraid
18 he was going to get there and find he was take--
19 pulling out dead bodies. But he said by the
20 time he got there all he was there to do was to
21 protect the neighborhood, that my house was a
22 complete loss.

23 I don't know that that would happen here,
24 but I know it was another small town. I know it
25 was another volunteer fire district that got

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2 taken over by CAL FIRE. And I know San Diego
3 County is different. I'm just saying that I
4 want to warn you guys, if we take this step or
5 if the board takes this step that that's a
6 possibility. Thank you.

7 [Applause]

8 MS. MELANIE HARTER: Hi. Melanie Harter
9 [phonetic] once again. You know, admittedly I
10 have trouble hearing when several people are
11 talking at a time. And last month's meeting was
12 a little interesting at the end, but our board,
13 as a government agency, they're subject to
14 California government legislature that's called
15 the Brown Act. And at last month's meeting--the
16 Brown Act requires that you have an open
17 meeting, community, because their decisions are
18 based on community input, supposedly you have
19 that community input. And also obviously the
20 public has to be able to comment on an agenda
21 item.

22 When item number 14 came up, it was said
23 several times--that's what I heard--this is not
24 a dissolution. And that's all I've ever heard
25 for the last six months, that the first step to

2 negotiating with the county starts with
3 dissolution.

4 If you look at--well, one point is the Brown
5 Act was violated. No public comment was allowed
6 before you took that vote. You can cure that by
7 voiding the vote and hopefully voting, giving
8 time for public input and consideration, and
9 voting again. This is kind of the time to do
10 that but it--the recommended terms and
11 conditions that you're all looking at says
12 dissolution, dissolution. That means we're
13 done. We can't go back and we will be
14 controlled by the San Diego County Board of
15 Supervisors. That's really scary to me.

16 We are the only remaining volunteer fire
17 department in San Diego County. The other fire
18 departments that, because they needed financial
19 assistance, they couldn't get community support
20 for whatever reason, they went that route. And
21 only one of them that I know of is actually kind
22 of happy with the result.

23 Our district does more than CAL FIRE can
24 provide, with less expense. This fire fee,
25 service fee, whatever you want to call it, if it

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2 does require a vote, that means people anywhere
3 in the county, anywhere in the county can vote.
4 Yeah, let's assess Julian a fire fee. They
5 don't have to pay for it. Why would they care?

6 So I am very convinced that we are the last
7 key in the big San Diego County rural fire
8 protection district. And as soon as we dissolve
9 you are going to see the biggest fire protection
10 fee for the entire backcountry that's ever
11 existed. It is not going to be cheaper.

12 The only other thing I have to say is, you
13 know, we're talking about you don't know where
14 we live. My friends and family can't find my
15 house but the volunteers that we have, they live
16 here. They've been to Camp Marston. They've--
17 they know the back roads. They know if this
18 road is blocked more than I do because we became
19 fulltime citizens in 2015. And the alerts that
20 the county gives you will say Pine Valley or
21 whatever. And the first thing I have to do is
22 get out a Google map and find out where the heck
23 is that.

24 Our Julian alerts is the only place I get
25 information because when they post it I know

1 where they're talking about because they
2 actually let you know, if you don't already
3 know. Our system is not broken. We don't have
4 to fix it because we have people that know where
5 our gate is, where our roads are. And I know
6 CAL FIRE is really tired of hearing you can't
7 find us, but someone that's here for two years
8 maximum, we lived here--we were here for five
9 years building our house and I never could find
10 anything. I'm a little better now but two years
11 is not going to do it.

12
13 I urge you to either not vote, give us time.
14 You have community support or vote. Don't vote
15 would be great or vote sometime in the future
16 and give us time. We need to all, all,
17 including the board, we need to all work
18 together and we can do it. We proved that by
19 building this station and everything else.
20 Don't give it away.

21 [Applause]

22 MR. SHELVER: Thank you.

23 MALE VOICE 5: With deference to the board,
24 I'd like to make a statement about CAL FIRE.
25 I've been up here since '97. CAL FIRE has been

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2 to my house I don't know how many times. We
3 happen to live in a wonderful place where we've
4 been evacuated I think eight times. The boots
5 on the ground have been wonderful. As a
6 volunteer firefighter, I trained at Station 50
7 and 51 in Cuyamaca. When the wildland crews
8 were there, they were great people. A good
9 friend of ours had their house saved by Captain
10 Mopet [phonetic] in Station 50. I have the
11 picture.

12 This is not about CAL FIRE. It's about San
13 Diego County Fire Authority. The minute Engine
14 50 came up here, it was less than a good working
15 relationship. It was very hard. There was
16 never training. They never came by. There was
17 no communications. San Diego County Fire
18 Authority and Engine 50 were not a good mix for
19 this community. Chief Mecham here has said over
20 and over again he's going to take volunteers.
21 Well, I'd like to ask him how many are left at
22 Intermountain. How many volunteers do you have
23 at Intermountain?

24 CHIEF MECHAM: 35.

25 MALE VOICE 5: How many local volunteers at

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2 Intermountain are still working at that station,
3 sir? And I know the number.

4 CHIEF MECHAM: We do not have
5 [unintelligible].

6 MALE VOICE 5: You have zero, zero. How
7 many are left in Ranchita? Zero. How many are
8 left in Shelter? Zero. At Intermountain, the
9 minute the professionals came in the front door,
10 the volunteers were pushed out the back door.
11 That may change. I don't know. But the minute
12 we sign for dissolution there is nothing to make
13 that stay the way it is. They can go right back
14 to pushing us out the back door. Thank you.

15 [Applause]

16 MR. SHELVER: Ma'am?

17 FEMALE VOICE 1: Did you call on someone
18 else?

19 MR. SHELVER: Lady raised her hand.

20 FEMALE VOICE 4: Okay. First, Chief Mecham,
21 I would like to ask you, if you're able to
22 respond, to tell me the purpose of the Fire
23 District Law of 1987, because I think it's
24 important for the community to know. Volunteers
25 save billions. They save billions of dollars.

2 I have multiple firefighters in my family and
3 I'm sorry, sir, but none of them want to
4 volunteer with the county. I don't--we don't
5 have to go over the reason why. I don't think
6 it's--it's not appropriate to this discussion,
7 but volunteers save billions of dollars to
8 taxpayers. It's not good stewardship to not
9 have volunteers, especially in rural
10 communities.

11 Google it. It's right there on Google.
12 It's not hard to find. Huge studies have been
13 done. 17 out of 20 departments that have been
14 taken over state absolutely devastating broken
15 promises. I want to believe, because I'm that
16 kind of person, but when 17 out of 20 tell me
17 broken promises. And I'm like, "Well, what did
18 you do about it? Go talk to the people. Like
19 talk to them. You need to." And they say that
20 it doesn't help, that once you sign on the
21 dotted line it's too late.

22 So once again, the demand to dissolve is
23 purposeless. If you're not going to charge us
24 more money, and this isn't a way to get money to
25 fund, there is no purpose to dissolution. I

2 challenge you and this board to work together,
3 impress us, wow us. I mean we elected you and
4 you work for us, last I checked. Create a
5 unique partnership that does not take away but
6 only expands our services.

7 We live in a high burn area, probably the
8 highest one in the county, I would guess. I
9 don't know that for sure. So there is no
10 purpose to destroying this department, to
11 dismantling, to dissolution. There is no reason
12 to not work together. And I've said this from
13 the beginning, it's an artificial you against
14 them. It's like it doesn't--who created this?
15 And why do we accept it, people? Why do we
16 accept that? We don't have to dissolve to work
17 with the county. We certainly don't have to
18 dissolve to work with CAL FIRE.

19 And I don't like to make an issue out of my
20 donation or my volunteer time because it's sort
21 of against my principles, but I've brought them
22 cookies. And actually one day I stayed and cut
23 a couple guys' hair because I was on the way to
24 cut my son's hair. So I mean they're not--it's
25 not us against them. The dissolving has no

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2 purpose and no value. There is no reason. But
3 I've asked. I asked Diane Jacobs [phonetic]
4 directly, "Why do we have to dissolve? Why
5 can't we work together?" And she said, "No."
6 That was her answer. That's not good enough.

7 [Applause]

8 MR. SHELVER: We're addressing the motion
9 that's on the floor.

10 MS. DIANA HESS: Which is?

11 MR. SHELVER: Which is not all the things
12 that have been said recently, but the question--
13 the motion on the floor is to not adopt the
14 terms and conditions.

15 MS. HESS: Correct.

16 MR. SHELVER: Thank you.

17 MS. HESS: My first--Diana Hess [phonetic].
18 I've lived in Julian now for two years, so I'm
19 very novel to this whole community situation but
20 I do know that in the 20 years I've been
21 visiting Julian that the volunteer fire
22 department was always a really big part of it.
23 And the Cuyamaca station was integral; loved it
24 there and what it provided the community.

25 In regards to voting on whether or not to

adopt what the county is offering, I say no. It--if we don't pay attention to what our neighboring communities have warned us about, we're ignorant. If we listen to the county, the reports of the county not being able to keep their stations manned adequately for the four-- what I understand are the four elements to cover what kind of emergencies come up, we are selling ourselves short. If we don't have someone who can go over the side, to pull somebody out in a paramedic to a system, and someone to help with the house fire, and someone left over to help with a motorcycle down, we are lowering our level of community service here. And it impacts everything. I've heard it from everything from all of the visitors who come to Julian. They will not be served as well as they've been served, as I understand, for over 30 years.

Why in God's name would we accept something from a county that can change the rules from basis of what we've heard from everyone around us? No one is up here saying, "Go with the county. This is the best thing for you. They've got technology. They've got the

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2 equipment. They've got the people and they work
3 with the volunteers." I haven't heard anything,
4 anything like that.

5 And being new here, I'm really thinking I'm
6 looking at this with fresh eyes, people. This
7 sounds like a really, really bad idea. Please
8 do not accept the county's offer. Anyone who
9 says that we can negotiate only when you
10 dissolve what you have had and has worked on \$50
11 a year, \$100 a year, \$50 a year for all the
12 years that has been working, what are we--what
13 are we thinking? I really don't get it.
14 Please, please do not vote to accept what the
15 county is offering when our county
16 representatives can't promise what the county is
17 going to decide with the next person that comes
18 into office. Thank you.

19 [Applause]

20 MR. SHELVER: Anyone else?

21 FEMALE VOICE 5: Yeah, I have three
22 questions. First off, as Ms. Starlin asked
23 about a GSI system, San Diego County Fire
24 Authority has been here for two years. How come
25 it hasn't already been implemented? I just

2 don't understand that. And that would have
3 cleared their name. I just don't understand why
4 that hasn't been addressed.

5 In the negotiations was it even brought up
6 that we could have both? We had a San Diego
7 County Fire Authority water tender here for I
8 don't know how many years. We worked together
9 with them in a partnership. We had Engine 50.
10 We worked in a partnership with them as well. I
11 want to know why the negotiations resolve
12 dissolution and why none of them went into why
13 we can't have both, or how we can make both
14 still work. Why do we have to go to SCCFA? Why
15 can't SCCFA have to come to us?

16 And then my last--I don't know if it's a
17 question or I just want to make sure you guys
18 understand. It's my understanding that if you
19 accept the terms today, that is the--that is the
20 start of the process to dissolution. Mr.
21 Shelver said that he first asked if we could
22 approve the terms, and then we'd have a meeting
23 in 21 days. That's the process of dissolution.
24 So I just want to make sure that you guys
25 understand that by voting no on accepting the

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2 terms it's not the process of dissolution. Did
3 that make sense?

4 I just, I want to make sure the board
5 understands that if they accept the terms that
6 it is the start of the process of dissolution.
7 That 21 days is the period where you are going
8 to LAFCO, where you are finalizing the
9 negotiations. I would really hope that you guys
10 will vote no on these terms and find out why San
11 Diego County Fire Authority can--why they can
12 work--why they can't work with us, because they
13 can. There is--I don't understand why there is
14 no reason for them not to work with us. Thank
15 you.

16 [Applause]

17 MR. SHELVER: Anyone else? Mr. Green
18 [phonetic]?

19 MR. GREEN: Well, it's me again. Yeah,
20 that's true. Okay. Now, I'm going to say to
21 start off with right now I would tell you if
22 these terms are not good enough, they're not
23 good enough. If I'm--if I stand corrected,
24 chief, and correct me if I'm wrong, is that they
25 can still go back and say, "Hey, you know what?"

2 We disagree with this." This is part of what we
3 call it a negotiation. Everybody gets what they
4 don't like but everybody gets what they can live
5 with.

6 Now, I'm saying that if this isn't good
7 enough let's go back to the--to the board.
8 Let's go back to negotiating it, talking about
9 it, getting what everybody wants, getting what
10 people need. Okay? But the thing is, this
11 isn't the end all. This is just part of it.
12 That's all that I'm trying to get across to
13 ya'll. I'm not for one or the other. I'm just
14 saying right now that if these terms are not
15 good enough continue the negotiation. That's
16 what it is. Don't go up there and say one size
17 fits all because, as the chief said here and as
18 the board has said, Riverside is different than
19 we are. Absolutely.

20 In my 60 some-odd years being here in San
21 Diego, Julian is different than Riverside, up in
22 wherever else, up along the coast. It is
23 different, but the thing is that if you don't
24 like it let's go back to the drawing board.
25 Let's go ahead and see what they give us. And,

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2 yes, from what I understand on the last part
3 there, it says after everything else is done,
4 then dissolution. Not dissolution and then go
5 up there and see if they got this done. No,
6 they have to do everything else before they go
7 to this part. So one, two, three, four, that's
8 the way that looks. Am I correct there, Mr.--
9 Jack? Is that the way that's reading?

10 MR. SHELVER: I think so.

11 MR. GREEN: Okay. So that's all--that's all
12 I'm trying to get across to you guys. Don't
13 just say one size fits all. Thank you very
14 much.

15 MR. SHELVER: Thank you. Anyone else?

16 FEMALE VOICE 5: Can I ask a question?

17 MR. SHELVER: Last, last call.

18 FEMALE VOICE 5: I have a--I have questions,
19 if it's all right. I just thought of something.

20 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

21 FEMALE VOICE 1: She's somebody else
22 [unintelligible].

23 FEMALE VOICE 5: Oh, no, no, no, I'm sorry.

24 MR. SHELVER: She's up.

25 MALE VOICE 1: He's a gentleman. He'll let

2 you go first.

3 FEMALE VOICE 5: Thank you. Hi. Actually,
4 I'm--of course you know I'm not for it because
5 I've actually done my own research and I do--

6 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Just step a
7 little closer to the mike, please.

8 FEMALE VOICE 5: Oh, I'm sorry.

9 MR. SHELVER: Thank you.

10 FEMALE VOICE 5: You know I'm not for this
11 and you know my reasons for it, but we're
12 neighbors and I've never attacked any of you and
13 I'm not going to. And I was raised to respect.
14 And what I don't like is the disrespect to the
15 forestry firefighters being say--said that they
16 only plant trees. That's not fair. Those guys
17 are very, very diligent, hardworking, put their
18 lives on the line, just like every other fire
19 fighter. Two of my cousins are forestry and I
20 don't like that. That was not nice. That
21 wasn't an uncalled statement, uncalled for.

22 Now, as far as 17 of the stations that have
23 gone with CAL FIRE, 17 of them had not had--17
24 to 19, I heard 19 but I confirmed 17 have not
25 had their promises kept. I've been doing my own

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2 research. I only got involved a month ago and
3 I've been doing my own research. And the
4 person, Guy Anderson, is the contact person for
5 every single southern California county. And he
6 is not--he is not just a--that's the person I
7 personally spoke to. And where does the
8 northern--where--who runs northern California?
9 Is that Fresno? They report to Fresno.
10 Northern California Regional Chief?

11 CHIEF MECHAM: [unintelligible] and his
12 office is in Reading.

13 FEMALE VOICE 5: Is in Reading but is that
14 considered Fresno?

15 CHIEF MECHAM: No.

16 FEMALE VOICE 5: Okay. Well, who reports--
17 okay, where does San Diego report to? The
18 southern California Regional Chief?

19 CHIEF MECHAM: Chief Thom Porter, whose
20 office is in Sacramento.

21 FEMALE VOICE 5: Okay, but through the
22 Southern California Regional Chief, where is he?

23 CHIEF MECHAM: He's in Sacramento.

24 FEMALE VOICE 5: Okay, no, but the one in
25 Riverside, Southern California, they report to

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2 Riverside and Northern California repots to
3 Fresno. Those are where the offices are.

4 You're not following me? I--

5 CHIEF MECHAM: [Interposing] I can come up
6 and explain that it's not. The question is not
7 [unintelligible].

8 FEMALE VOICE 5: Okay, no. I just want to
9 make sure that everyone knows that San Diego
10 reports to Southern California Regional Chief.

11 MALE VOICE 1: Who is division three chief?

12 CHIEF MECHAM: I'm going to--I'm going to
13 address this.

14 FEMALE VOICE 5: Please.

15 CHIEF MECHAM: [unintelligible] some
16 questions.

17 FEMALE VOICE 5: Please.

18 CHIEF MECHAM: I'm going to be very clear on
19 a couple things. I have two chain of commands.
20 The issue that is here today is a county of San
21 Diego issue, period. My boss is Deputy County
22 Administrator Officer Ron Lane [phonetic], who
23 works for County Administrative Officer Helen
24 Robins-Myers [phonetic], who works for the San
25 Diego County Board of Supervisors. That--this

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2 is a county issue and that is the chain of
3 command. Within CAL FIRE in Riverside, we have
4 our southern region dispatch center which
5 coordinates state resource movement in the
6 southern half of the state. Reading coordinates
7 the north half of the state. And just in
8 December we moved over 6,000 fire engines in the
9 month of December in and out of this state. Our
10 administrative office for CAL FIRE employees is
11 in Fresno. So things like long term disability,
12 the tragic loss of Cory Hyberson [phonetic], all
13 his wife's death survivor benefits are handled
14 out of Fresno. And we have a corresponding
15 office in Santa Rosa. Those are support offices
16 that pay bills and do things. My boss with CAL
17 FIRE is Region Chief Thom Porter, who has an
18 office in Sacramento and works directly for Ken
19 Watson [phonetic]. So that, just to clarify,
20 that's our chain of command.

21 FEMALE VOICE 5: Okay. So you were--excuse
22 me. I do have a question about that. You were
23 talking about the--who was in charge for entire
24 California for certain areas. Okay? So that
25 dispatch comes out of Riverside. Okay? Please

2 could you clarify.

3 CHIEF MECHAM: So our San Diego County 911
4 Dispatch Center that also dispatches Julian
5 Borrego, La Jolla Reservation, Mercy Ambulance,
6 all of the area ambulances for the County EMSA
7 Dispatch Center is located in El Cajon, at our
8 24-hour 911 center. We have 23 employees who
9 work at our dispatch center here in San Diego.
10 Our regional coordination center in Riverside--

11 FEMALE VOICE 5: [Interposing] That's it.

12 CHIEF MECHAM: --coordinates the movement of
13 state resources, aircraft, hand crews,
14 bulldozers, across the entire state of
15 California, but they do not handle 911 dispatch
16 or anything related to San Diego. Does that
17 answer your question?

18 FEMALE VOICE 5: Kind of. That's--I didn't
19 know what it was called. I didn't know what it
20 was called but still--

21 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Can we get back
22 to the--can we get back to the agenda, please?

23 FEMALE VOICE 5: Yes, I'm sorry. Okay.

24 And--

25 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Please wrap up.

2 FEMALE VOICE 5: Yes, I have--well, I didn't
3 expect a rebuttal.

4 MR. SHELVER: We've drafted away from the
5 agenda.

6 FEMALE VOICE 5: I understand.

7 MR. SHELVER: And now we're just talking
8 about odds and ends, and we have an agenda that
9 we'd like to get through.

10 FEMALE VOICE 5: I understand. Okay.
11 And...and one other thing about the--you're
12 voting for on the agenda. It's about the--we
13 have a mortgage on the--on the building, and
14 that's one of the issues. Every one of us has a
15 mortgage and we make the payments, but we still
16 keep our homes. So and if the volunteers, if
17 we're voting on the agenda, if the volunteers
18 are under CAL FIRE, are they assigned--if
19 they're assigned under CAL FIRE and there is a
20 fire, and they're ordered to go elsewhere, is
21 that where they go? Do they have to obey?

22 MALE VOICE 1: Not necessarily. If they
23 choose to.

24 FEMALE VOICE 5: Okay, so--

25 MALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] Well, they've

2 got to follow orders.

3 FEMALE VOICE 5: Okay. They have to follow
4 orders. Okay. Well, I'm just respectfully
5 asking everyone to reconsider because the
6 addresses were clearly marked on those homes for
7 Brian Martin [phonetic] and Mr. Manganese
8 [phonetic] neighbor, who he had to direct him.
9 And it was clearly marked on the road where to
10 find them. And for Mr. Pearlman [phonetic] in
11 Ranchita where his neighbor's house burned, it
12 was clearly marked in a road and they couldn't
13 find it. So it's not an attack. And it's--I'm
14 sorry if they're tired of hearing it but my life
15 is at stake and I need to know they're going to
16 find me. And so this is important. And, Mr.
17 Shelver, thank you for letting me take the time.

18 MR. SHELVER: Thank you.

19 [Applause]

20 MR. JERRY SLACKEE: Is it just me or is this
21 the song that never ends? I'm fairly new to the
22 debate. 25-year resident of Julian. Compared
23 to Buddy, I'm a rookie but--

24 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Give your name,
25 please.

2 MR. SLACKEE: Jerry Slackee [phonetic]. I
3 know some of you. I've seen some of you. Some
4 of you are strangers. I know everybody here
5 cares about Julian. I have good friends and
6 people that I trust and respect on both sides of
7 this debate. My biggest concern, the thing that
8 I heard today that was the most compelling
9 argument was the one regarding the--this
10 property getting returned to the people that
11 donated it. The chief, who frankly I appreciate
12 taking the time to come up here and be with us,
13 said in his opinion that wasn't going to be
14 meaningful.

15 The motion on the table right now is Mr.
16 Cramer's motion that we abandon the terms and
17 conditions proposed. That is going to buy as,
18 as a community and the board, some time to
19 actually explore that issue. There is I mean a
20 lot of emotion there. There is a lot of people
21 that have opinions. There is a lot of stuff.
22 I've heard great arguments on both sides. I
23 frankly don't have a strong opinion either way
24 except that I'd be--I can certainly see this
25 property getting tied up in litigation if there

2 was an issue with that, with the property's
3 assignment to the Julian Fire District. And, if
4 that happens, we don't have a fire station. So
5 that really needs to be settled I think before
6 another step is taken.

7 [Applause]

8 MR. SHELVER: Thank you. Anyone else? Yes,
9 sir. Please, give us your name and then make
10 your statement.

11 MR. ROGER BARRENT: Hi, everybody. My name
12 is Roger Barrent [phonetic] and I'm an 18-years
13 part time resident, about half time. And I
14 appreciate the efforts of each of the parties
15 that are involved in this debate, the board in
16 particular having kind of watched and listened
17 to what's going on. I really have some
18 difficulty, however, when it comes to the idea
19 of dissolving. A great thing was created and
20 has done great things using the local community.
21 The county also, great resources. We fit within
22 that county resources. It's great to have the
23 county as a partner. CAL FIRE, another partner.
24 I can't imagine why we would want to not work
25 with each other.

2 Now, why are we where we are? It appears to
3 me that the county, Diane Jacob said no. That's
4 not good enough. We should be able to find a
5 way to work together, use our resources to help
6 each other not only here but elsewhere and
7 around the community. So I would take those
8 sets of terms and conditions under
9 consideration. I would take these new documents
10 that Captain Mecham or Chief Mecham gave us that
11 outline the standard and look at them, and
12 compare them to standards we're used to. And
13 take the time that is necessary to address these
14 things and find a way to work with each other
15 and not just accept no from Diane Jacobs. Not--
16 it's unacceptable. Yes is the answer. We
17 should find ways to work together, just like we
18 have in the past.

19 FEMALE VOICE 3: Without dissolution,
20 without dissolution.

21 MR. SLACKEE: Without dissolving, so.

22 [Applause]

23 FEMALE VOICE 6: Real quick, at the last--at
24 the last meeting we had agreed to set up an
25 evening forum for the people who can't make

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2 these morning appointments that are scheduled to
3 review what's on the table. So I really don't
4 see how you can approve what is on the table
5 right now because we have no fulfilled what we
6 agreed on at the last meeting, which was to have
7 an evening community forum, so that everyone who
8 can't make the morning meetings can be involved
9 in just what we're covering today. So I really
10 don't see how you can approve what is on the
11 table right now.

12 [Applause]

13 MR. SHELVER: Anyone else? Last call,
14 anyone else? Okay. Move forward to--is there
15 any more discussion by the board on the motion.
16 All those in favor on the motion say "aye."

17 FEMALE VOICE 1: What is the motion?

18 FEMALE VOICE 2: To abandon these
19 conditions.

20 MR. SHELVER: That we abandon the terms and
21 conditions. Anyone else have any questions?

22 FEMALE VOICE 7: I do. I just have
23 [unintelligible].

24 MR. SHELVER: The motion was to abandon the
25 proposed terms and conditions. That's what it

means.

FEMALE VOICE 7: Okay. I just have
[unintelligible].

MR. SHELVER: Okay. All right. We'll ask
for the vote again. All those in favor say
"aye."

MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

MR. SHELVER: All those opposed say "no."

MULTIPLE VOICES: No.

MR. SHELVER: No, motion fails. Is there
another motion?

MS. TUCKER: I'm going to make a motion.
Can I talk? I don't know if I'm not allowed to.
I agree that we need to have an evening meeting.
I do, but I have to say this. I have talked to
no less than 50, 60, 70 people that I--that
doesn't even come to these meetings. You guys
are doing a great job of trying to keep us
independent but you're acting like you're the
only ones. There are hundreds and hundreds of
people out there that I hear, that whole
neighborhoods that want to go with the county.
And you're acting like we're the only ones that
you're--that you have--that you're the majority.

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2 And I can't see that. I can't say that because
3 one person out of all these people I talk to--
4 and I'm not saying giving my opinion. I mean I
5 do but I just want to know what they're feeling
6 about it. A lot of them don't even know what's
7 going.

8 MALE VOICE 1: That's the problem.

9 MS. TUCKER: You know, but that's--but then
10 they're reading about it now in the paper and
11 they're doing everything they can. So an
12 evening meeting is important. I think we need
13 to have that, to have everybody look at this
14 proposition. I am going to vote yes on this
15 today, so that we can look at it. It doesn't
16 mean that we're going to dissolve today. I want
17 to look at it because everything they put in
18 here is for our community. You know, and I
19 guess nobody is speaking up. A few of you that
20 are speaking up that are in favor of going with
21 the county. A few of you are speaking up, but
22 we know so many people that we've talked to,
23 that are just not feeling the same way you are,
24 and that's the thing.

25 FEMALE VOICE 1: Where are they? Where are

they?

MS. TUCKER: So if we have a meeting where we can have people come and let's everybody get all of this out there, I'm hoping that Tony could come to that meeting and then have him explain, and then really push having everybody there. Push having everybody there. And I will try and tell these people that I've talked to that they've got to come. But you know what? Some of them won't come because they've heard of how kind of wild it gets over here, and they don't want to be around it. So I think that having a meeting--okay, I make the motion that we accept the terms and conditions on this paper.

MR. SHELVER: Is there a second?

MALE VOICE 1: Before the meeting?

MS. TUCKER: With--I'm sorry, as long as we have a meeting within the next three weeks set up for the evening.

FEMALE VOICE 3: [unintelligible] had one last night.

MALE VOICE 1: And that motion, that we vote on it after we hear what the public, the public

2 inquest.

3 FEMALE VOICE 3: Yes, but [unintelligible].

4 MS. STARLIN: I read my--I'm not going to
5 take what I'm hearing right here as my only
6 voice. I, like Aida, have been approached in
7 very civil, sweet, quiet ways, either phone
8 call, email--

9 MS. TUCKER: [Interposing] Messenger.

10 MS. STARLIN: --Messenger, what have you.

11 MALE VOICE 3: We've--with all due respect,
12 we've been attending every board meeting since
13 last year.

14 MS. STARLIN: Good, and I, I appreciate
15 that.

16 MALE VOICE 3: So what about our opinion?
17 If they're so concerned, why aren't they here?

18 MS. STARLIN: I accept your opinion.

19 MALE VOICE 3: I mean that's the issue as
20 well.

21 MS. TUCKER: But all I'm saying is there is
22 another--

23 MS. STARLIN: [Interposing] You're not the
24 only voice.

25 MALE VOICE 3: Okay. Why aren't they here?

2 The voices that care are here.

3 MS. STARLIN: Because every time they get
4 up, they get attacked. And you know what?

5 [Crosstalk]

6 MALE VOICE 3: That's not true.

7 MS. STARLIN: Look at Facebooks.

8 MALE VOICE 3: I haven't attacked anybody.

9 FEMALE VOICE 4: I was attacked.

10 MS. STARLIN: Look at social media.

11 MALE VOICE 3: We've been here. What about-

12 -

13 MALE VOICE 4: This is not Facebook. This
14 is a meeting.

15 MS. STARLIN: You know what?

16 MR. SHELVER: Please.

17 MS. STARLIN: Yes.

18 MALE VOICE 5: [unintelligible].

19 MS. STARLIN: And I'm not here to--you know
20 what?

21 MS. TUCKER: There is a motion on the floor.

22 FEMALE VOICE 4: I know. I was attacked.

23 MS. TUCKER: The board is discussing.

24 MS. STARLIN: I will second Aida's motion
25 that we have a--with Buddy's amendment or

2 whatever to it, that we have a night meeting,
3 that I don't know if we call it a public
4 hearing. I don't know what we call it but--

5 THE SECRETARY: [Interposing] Okay. There
6 is two motions. Aida made a motion to approve
7 the terms and conditions, as long as there was a
8 meeting, an evening meeting within three weeks.
9 Buddy wanted to amend the motion to not approve
10 the terms and conditions--

11 MR. SIEFERT: [Interposing] Until after.

12 THE SECRETARY: --until after. So you--what
13 are you seconding? That's what I need to know.

14 MS. STARLIN: I'm seconding Aida's.

15 THE SECRETARY: All right.

16 MR. SHELVER: Okay. Buddy, do you have a
17 motion you want to make to amend on the floor?

18 MR. SIEFERT: No, my--I'm just asking for an
19 amendment. Now that need go through a motion, I
20 don't believe it does [unintelligible] the
21 board.

22 MR. SHELVER: [unintelligible].

23 MR. KRAMER: I second the motion.

24 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

25 MS. TUCKER: Wait, does my motion--does my

2 motion go out the window?

3 MR. SHELVER: No.

4 MS. STARLIN: No.

5 MR. SIEFERT: It's amended.

6 MR. SHELVER: Under Robert's rules there is
7 an amendment to the main motion and as long as
8 the amendment--

9 FEMALE VOICE 3: [Interposing] Can you use
10 the microphone?

11 FEMALE VOICE 4: We can't hear you. Please
12 [unintelligible].

13 MR. SHELVER: Under Robert's rules, as long
14 as the amendment does not negate the original
15 motion. You can't do that by an amendment, but
16 if you can amend it to add any other conditions
17 to the main motion. Is that clear? Buddy made
18 a motion that--

19 THE SECRETARY: [Interposing] To amend.

20 MR. SIEFERT: To amend.

21 MR. SHELVER: And then the motion to state
22 that the--

23 MR. SIEFERT: [Interposing] We don't accept
24 the proposal until we have an evening meeting.

25 MR. SHELVER: We don't accept the--I believe

that's an improper--

MALE VOICE 1: [Interposing]

[unintelligible] I think you have to vote on the amendment and the original.

MR. SHELVER: Yes.

MALE VOICE 1: In order to [unintelligible] the first motion has to [unintelligible].

MR. SHELVER: That's right. We have to vote on the amendment first. If that passes, then the question is whether the amendment negates the original motion. If it does, that's an improper motion.

THE SECRETARY: So Brian seconded Buddy's motion.

MR. SHELVER: That's, that's right.

THE SECRETARY: I don't know if anybody heard that, so.

MR. SHELVER: Buddy's amendment. Okay? So we'll vote on the amendment. All those in favor--

FEMALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] And what is the amendment again?

MR. SHELVER: The amendment is that if the main motion passes that it will not take effect

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2 until we have heard from the public in an
3 evening meeting.

4 MR. SIEFERT: No.

5 FEMALE VOICE 1: No.

6 MR. SIEFERT: We will not vote until after
7 the public, the public meeting.

8 MR. SHELVER: We will not vote on the terms
9 and conditions until after we hear from the
10 public.

11 MR. KRAMER: In another meeting.

12 MR. SHELVER: In another meeting.

13 THE SECRETARY: Okay. So who is in favor--
14 who is all in--okay, go ahead. You got it.

15 MR. SHELVER: I'll take it over.

16 THE SECRETARY: Thank you.

17 MR. SHELVER: Vote on the amendment to the
18 motion that says we will postpone action on the
19 terms of conditions, terms and conditions until
20 after we've had an evening meeting. Is that
21 correct? All those in favor say "aye."

22 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

23 MR. SHELVER: Opposed say "no."

24 MULTIPLE VOICES: No.

25 MR. SHELVER: No.

2 FEMALE VOICE 1: Sustained?

3 MR. SHELVER: It doesn't mean we can't have
4 another meeting, but this would require another
5 meeting and no action taken until after that
6 next meeting.

7 MS. TUCKER: We don't [unintelligible]. We
8 include it after we have an evening meeting,
9 which is [unintelligible].

10 FEMALE VOICE 2: [unintelligible].

11 MS. TUCKER: I said we [unintelligible]
12 because--

13 MALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] You're the one
14 that wanted an evening meeting.

15 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

16 MS. STARLIN: I'm okay with an evening
17 meeting.

18 MS. TUCKER: Because my motion includes an
19 evening meeting.

20 MS. STARLIN: Right.

21 MR. SHELVER: Yeah, that's right.

22 MS. STARLIN: We're--are we on the second
23 motion and we skipped Aida's?

24 MR. SHELVER: No, we're on the amendment.
25 We're voting on the amendment and at this point

it's a no.

MR. SIEFERT: We're voting not to--

MR. KRAMER: [Interposing] Can the secretary restate the motions and amendment?

THE SECRETARY: Yes.

MR. SHELVER: Sure. Amendment, please.

THE SECRETARY: Buddy made a motion to amend the motion that Aida made--

MS. STARLIN: [Interposing] We didn't vote on Aida's motion.

THE SECRETARY: I know.

MR. SHELVER: No.

THE SECRETARY: Because there is an amendment.

MR. SHELVER: We have to vote on the amendment first.

THE SECRETARY: Buddy made a motion to amend the motion to not vote on the terms and conditions until after an evening meeting. Brian has seconded that. There is two "ayes" and two "no's" so far. When this vote is complete, then it goes to Aida's motion to be voted on.

MR. SHELVER: Correct. That's correct.

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2 Okay. Aye or nay? Tony?

3 MALE VOICE 1: The discussion is over.

4 CHIEF MECHAM: I want to--I want to, since
5 we have the motion, I want to get the
6 concurrence because I think we're in some
7 sketchy ground here with [unintelligible]. The
8 amendment that Buddy made opposes the first
9 amendment, which I'm very concerned about the
10 motion to amend that because the first motion
11 was to approve the terms and conditions, and his
12 was not to. And I'm concerned that however this
13 goes--

14 MR. SIEFERT: [Interposing] That's not my
15 motion at all, Tony.

16 CHIEF MECHAM: No?

17 MR. SIEFERT: My motion is to let the public
18 have input before we make up our minds.

19 CHIEF MECHAM: I'm not just [unintelligible]
20 but it was to not consider the original motion.
21 I just want to be clear. I have concerns when I
22 call county counsel today that we may be--there
23 is--there is lack of clarity on my part about
24 which direction we would be here, going.

25 MR. SHELVER: Okay, thank you.

2 THE SECRETARY: What is your vote?

3 MR. SHELVER: I voted no because of a
4 procedural issue. Under Roberts Rule of Order
5 you cannot negate an original motion with an
6 amendment. You have to vote down that first
7 motion and then--

8 MR. KRAMER: [Interposing] Well, unless Aida
9 wants to--

10 FEMALE VOICE 3: [Interposing]
11 [unintelligible] motion.

12 MR. KRAMER: --pull it, and then restate the
13 motion.

14 MR. SHELVER: Aida can't pull it.

15 FEMALE VOICE 3: Yes, she can.

16 MR. SHELVER: Once a--once a motion is on
17 the floor, it belongs to the floor. It doesn't
18 belong to the person who made the motion. That--
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20 MR. KRAMER: [Interposing] Well, it's--

21 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] That's very
22 basic.

23 MR. KRAMER: Tony is saying it's an illegal
24 motion. He doesn't--

25 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Well, I think it

2 is but we'll vote on it.

3 MR. KRAMER: Why would we vote on something
4 that's illegal?

5 [Crosstalk]

6 MR. SHELVER: Because you want to.

7 MR. KRAMER: I don't want to.

8 MR. SHELVER: Buddy wants to.

9 MR. KRAMER: I'd rather have clarification,
10 so everybody knows exactly what they're voting
11 on, not having--

12 FEMALE VOICE 3: [Interposing] We agree with
13 Brian, yes.

14 MR. KRAMER: --conflicting motions.

15 MR. SHELVER: I would--I would too. That's
16 why I voted no, so we could have clarity.

17 FEMALE VOICE 1: I'll vote no, so we can
18 have clarity.

19 MR. SHELVER: Okay. The amendment fails.
20 Now we're on the main motion, which is to adopt
21 the conditions.

22 FEMALE VOICE 1: For dissolution.

23 MR. SHELVER: No, we're not. God, you know
24 better than that.

25 MALE VOICE 1: Can the secretary restate the

2 motion?

3 THE SECRETARY: Aida's motion to accept the
4 terms and conditions with a three-week--with the
5 caveat of having an evening meeting in three
6 weeks for the public.

7 MALE VOICE 1: Correct.

8 MR. SHELVER: Yep.

9 FEMALE VOICE 3: [unintelligible] having the
10 vote later.

11 THE SECRETARY: No, it's not.

12 MALE VOICE 1: No, that's the correct
13 motion.

14 MR. SHELVER: The motion is only about--

15 THE SECRETARY: Thank you.

16 MR. SHELVER: --the terms and--potential
17 terms and conditions. They're not terms and
18 conditions until it goes to LAFCO. These are
19 proposed terms and conditions. If it never goes
20 to LAFCO, these terms and conditions are moot.

21 FEMALE VOICE 3: Recommended terms and
22 conditions for dissolution of Julian Cuyamaca.
23 That's what it says.

24 MR. SHELVER: So Aida's motion is just to
25 agree to these terms.

2 MR. KRAMER: Which terms?

3 FEMALE VOICE 3: The dissolution.

4 MR. KRAMER: No, just we got two sets of
5 terms here.

6 MR. SHELVER: Okay. To the original, the
7 original set.

8 FEMALE VOICE 2: The only difference between
9 the original--

10 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] The second set
11 was just for clarification.

12 MR. KRAMER: Clarification?

13 FEMALE VOICE 2: Yes. If you read them, you
14 would see there is a clarification.

15 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

16 MR. KRAMER: I understand that but--

17 FEMALE VOICE 3: [Interposing]
18 [unintelligible] have a meeting and then vote.

19 MR. KRAMER: That's not clarification. It's
20 new understanding, new negotiations.

21 MR. SHELVER: It's an item that was added
22 that--

23 MR. KRAMER: [Interposing] Right, that was
24 added.

25 MR. SHELVER: --that was supposed to be on

2 it and you can--

3 FEMALE VOICE 3: [Interposing] It says
4 dissolution.

5 MR. KRAMER: Right.

6 MR. SHELVER: If you determine that that
7 addition is not appropriate then--

8 MR. KRAMER: [Interposing] I--well, no. We
9 just got it. It's not--we can't vote on it. We
10 just got this today.

11 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

12 MR. KRAMER: This one is on the agenda.

13 THE SECRETARY: You're voting on the
14 original one.

15 MR. SHELVER: We're voting on the original
16 one.

17 MR. KRAMER: Right.

18 MR. SHELVER: Yep, okay.

19 MR. KRAMER: If you--unless you want to vote
20 on the other one, that's fine.

21 MR. SHELVER: No, we'll vote on the
22 original, the one that was in the agenda.

23 THE SECRETARY: That's the one that was in
24 the packet.

25 MR. SHELVER: That's the one that's on the

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2 floor. We're back to the original motion, which
3 was to approve the terms of conditions.

4 FEMALE VOICE 3: Of dissolution.

5 MR. SHELVER: Okay? No, not of dissolution.

6 FEMALE VOICE 3: It says so.

7 MR. SHELVER: Of these terms and conditions.

8 MR. KRAMER: It says right there.

9 FEMALE VOICE 3: Yes, dissolution.

10 MR. KRAMER: It says right there,
11 dissolution of Julian Cuyamaca Fire Protection
12 District.

13 FEMALE VOICE 3: The first line
14 [unintelligible].

15 FEMALE VOICE 4: Terms and conditions, it's
16 dissolution.

17 MR. KRAMER: Right.

18 FEMALE VOICE 3: Dissolution.

19 FEMALE VOICE 4: God, it's right here.

20 MR. SHELVER: We haven't voted--

21 FEMALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] To dissolve.

22 MR. SHELVER: --on dissolution. We're
23 voting on the potential terms and conditions of
24 dissolution.

25 [Crosstalk]

2 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

3 FEMALE VOICE 3: You're saying you're doing
4 it. Am I wrong? [unintelligible].

5 FEMALE VOICE 4: [unintelligible]
6 dissolution.

7 FEMALE VOICE 3: It's right there.

8 MR. SHELVER: You folks want to take over
9 the meeting?

10 MULTIPLE VOICES: Yeah.

11 [Applause]

12 THE SECRETARY: Listen, listen.

13 MALE VOICE 3: We're not confident that you
14 guys know what you're doing with motions.

15 THE SECRETARY: Listen, the members of the
16 community that are sitting there, when the board
17 has a motion, the board is to discuss the
18 motion. The chatter going on and all that going
19 on out there, and the arguing with the board is
20 totally inappropriate. Hold on. You guys spoke
21 your stuff whilst we were talking about this.
22 The proper way, when the board makes a motion,
23 they discuss it. That is the proper way.

24 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

25 MALE VOICE 3: No one on the board is

2 competent on how to make a motion.

3 MR. SHELVER: The board--the board has made
4 a motion and it's a proper motion. And the
5 board can vote it up or vote it down. That's
6 the way government business works.

7 FEMALE VOICE 3: But you're not
8 [unintelligible].

9 MR. SHELVER: The motion is on the floor to
10 adopt, approve the terms and conditions of
11 dissolution, if dissolution ever occurs. This
12 is not voting on whether to dissolution or not.

13 MR. HATCH: That changes the word. You just
14 changed the wording.

15 MR. SHELVER: I'm clarifying the motion.

16 THE SECRETARY: Aida's motion is to--

17 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Read the motion
18 again.

19 THE SECRETARY: Aida's motion--

20 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] So Mr. Hatch
21 [phonetic] will understand it.

22 THE SECRETARY: Aida's motion was to accept
23 the terms and conditions of the original terms
24 and conditions in the agenda packet, with a
25 caveat that there has to be a public meeting,

2 evening meeting in three weeks. That is the
3 motion.

4 MR. SHELVER: Okay. That's the motion.
5 Let's vote on the motion.

6 MR. KRAMER: Do we have public discussion?

7 MR. SHELVER: I'm sorry?

8 MR. KRAMER: Public discussion.

9 THE SECRETARY: No, we've already discussed
10 it publicly, haven't we?

11 MR. KRAMER: No, not this motion.

12 FEMALE VOICE 1: It's a different motion.

13 MR. SHELVER: We've had the--we've had the
14 discussion on the motion.

15 FEMALE VOICE 1: No.

16 MR. KRAMER: It's a new motion.

17 FEMALE VOICE 2: No, this is a new one.

18 MR. SHELVER: All right, new motion.

19 Anybody wish to speak to the motion?

20 MR. KRAMER: Yeah, can I go first?

21 MR. SHELVER: There is...

22 [Applause]

23 MALE VOICE 1: I have--I have been very
24 patient. All of the last speakers, none of them
25 spoke to the motion that's on the floor. So

2 we're speaking to all the other issues.

3 MR. SHELVER: Correct.

4 MALE VOICE 1: And you're welcome to speak,
5 Mr. Hatch.

6 MR. HATCH: Yeah. So if you read the way
7 the motion is made, it is to accept the terms
8 and conditions. The first line of the terms and
9 conditions is dissolution. So the people in the
10 audience feel that if you accept it you're
11 accepting dissolution. Did I get it right?

12 MULTIPLE VOICES: Yes.

13 [Applause]

14 MR. HATCH: Thank you.

15 MR. SHELVER: You're not correct, Mr. Hatch.

16 RICK: Let me--let me just say one thing to
17 clarify.

18 MR. SHELVER: Mr. Hatch, you just don't
19 understand the process.

20 MR. HATCH: No, no, I was trying to clarify.
21 I wasn't trying to say the process.

22 MR. SHELVER: You've got your clarification
23 wrong.

24 RICK: Jack, let me just say one thing. I
25 was the guy who chased this down. The vote--the

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2 board cannot--the county will not accept the
3 board of dissolution without the board passing a
4 resolution. A resolution is a 21-day public
5 hearing that has to be notice and then a public
6 hearing of the day of the resolution. So they
7 cannot today vote to dissolve the district. The
8 county will not accept it. I was the guy who
9 had to chase that down with our attorneys and
10 with the county counsel, to make sure they had
11 proper advice when they went into this meeting.
12 So this is not--even if they want to say that
13 they're dissolving today, they can't. The
14 county will not accept it without a resolution
15 by our board, which needs a public hearing, 21-
16 days' notice.

17 FEMALE VOICE 3: This starts the 21-day
18 period.

19 RICK: We are not doing a public hearing.
20 Again, I will say it one more time for
21 clarification. The board cannot vote for
22 dissolution today. The county will not accept a
23 vote of dissolution without a resolution. We do
24 not have a resolution on the table. We have
25 terms and conditions that the vote--the board is

2 voting to accept these terms and conditions if
3 they move forward with a resolution. This is
4 what will be in it. Part of this document was
5 the resolution. That's not here because we're
6 not talking about that.

7 MALE VOICE 1: Rick, is it an ordinance or
8 a--

9 RICK: [Interposing] It's a resolution.

10 MALE VOICE 1: Okay. A resolution does not
11 require 21 days.

12 RICK: Yes, it does. You can argue with our
13 attorney if you want but I spent--

14 MALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] I'll argue
15 because my attorney's got more experience.

16 RICK: --county's and ours, and it's the law
17 that we're referencing, not an ordinance or a
18 resolution. It doesn't matter. It's the law
19 that we're effecting, whether it has to do
20 public notice or not. Our attorney looked it up
21 and a motion of adjustment of service of this
22 magnitude for the district requires a resolution
23 and it requires a public hearing.

24 MALE VOICE 1: Right. That's an ordinance,
25 not a resolution.

2 RICK: The reason I'm talking so loud is
3 because I don't have a microphone.

4 MALE VOICE 1: Yeah.

5 RICK: So I'm not yelling.

6 MALE VOICE 1: Yeah, we'll argue about it
7 later.

8 MR. SHELVER: I--that was my opinion too,
9 that resolution does not require a public
10 hearing, but our attorney looked it up. County
11 counsel looked it up and determined that the
12 action that's being proposed requires public
13 hearing. Whether it's done by ordinance or
14 resolution, so.

15 FEMALE VOICE 2: So why don't we have a
16 public hearing [unintelligible]?

17 MR. SHELVER: I won't argue with our lawyers
18 or their lawyers. We're back to the motion
19 that's on the floor. The impact of this motion
20 is to say that if we hold a hearing, and if
21 after that hearing we adopt the resolution to
22 request LAFCO to consider dissolution of the
23 district, that these will be the terms and
24 conditions. Slackee?

25 MR. SLACKEE: I'm just asking for a point of

clarification.

MR. SHELVER: Sure.

MR. SLACKEE: I understand that there are two sets of terms and conditions. One set--

MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Yeah.

MR. SLACKEE: --and there is an older one that's under discussion right now.

MR. SHELVER: Yeah.

MR. SLACKEE: One set that's a newer one that was deemed inappropriate to discuss right now.

MR. SHELVER: Yep.

MR. SLACKEE: So, Ms. Tucker, are you suggesting we accept the old terms and conditions and abandon the new terms and conditions?

MR. SHELVER: Yes.

MS. TUCKER: Are we allowed to vote on the new one?

MR. SHELVER: No, I don't think so.

MS. TUCKER: No? And what's the big difference between the two again?

MS. STARLIN: It's a clerical error.

MS. SLACKEE: That's all I--

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2 MS. TUCKER: [Interposing] It's a clerical
3 error.

4 [Crosstalk]

5 FEMALE VOICE 1: On seven.

6 FEMALE VOICE 2: Number seven.

7 MR. SHELVER: Tony?

8 CHIEF MECHAM: Yeah.

9 MR. SHELVER: Would you like to--

10 CHIEF MECHAM: [Interposing] For the--for
11 the board president, you are correct. You can
12 only do it on the one in front of you. Item
13 seven was further clarification as to the
14 intent. So if you vote to continue with it, I'm
15 going to come back up to the mike. I'm going to
16 hand you a copy on the public record of the
17 amended, so that they could be considered at 21-
18 day notice. Because the reason you can't
19 consider them today is they didn't have the 72
20 notice. So it is the same thing. I provided
21 further clarity. Should you vote, I will come
22 up here on this mike so as a matter of public
23 record and hand the ones that I spoke about
24 today be considered at the public hearing.

25 MR. SHELVER: Yeah. And I presume that any

2 of these terms and conditions could be amended
3 at the--

4 CHIEF MECHAM: [Interposing] That is
5 correct.

6 MR. SHELVER: --hearing state.

7 CHIEF MECHAM: That is correct, at a public
8 hearing.

9 MR. SHELVER: Yep. Okay. The effect of the
10 motion then would be just to indicate to the
11 county fire authority that these are the
12 conditions that we believe we will accept. And
13 any other speakers?

14 MS. MARY CURRY: Can I just ask a question?

15 MR. SHELVER: Sure. Would you come up to
16 the mike, so we can hear? Thank you.

17 MS. CURRY: My name is Mary Curry [phonetic]
18 and I've been a resident for 17 years. My
19 question is--and it might be a stupid question.
20 Why can't this issue go to a vote in the
21 November election and let the community vote?

22 [Applause]

23 MR. SHELVER: There will be a time when the
24 community can vote.

25 MALE VOICE 1: Fire District Law of 1987

2 says that.

3 MS. CURRY: I'm sorry. What?

4 MALE VOICE 1: Fire District Law of 1987

5 says that.

6 MS. CURRY: That is has to go to public
7 election?

8 MR. SHELVER: No, that the board should
9 decide. The board is elected to make that
10 decision.

11 MS. CURRY: Okay.

12 MR. SHELVER: Thank you.

13 FEMALE VOICE 3: Quick question. Is the
14 public meeting that you're calling for in 21
15 days a hearing or an informational meeting for
16 the public that isn't able to attend in the
17 daytime?

18 MR. SHELVER: I believe it's both. I think
19 the--

20 FEMALE VOICE 3: [Interposing] It's both?

21 MR. SHELVER: I think the intent is to have
22 a public meeting and an information meeting.

23 FEMALE VOICE 4: But notice as a hearing for
24 dissolution?

25 MR. SHELVER: No, the hearing would come

later. Okay?

FEMALE VOICE 4: So then it's not--

MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Because we want-

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FEMALE VOICE 4: [Interposing] So it's not
[unintelligible].

MR. SHELVER: --to hear from the public
before we hold that public hearing.

FEMALE VOICE 4: That's good, okay.

MR. SHELVER: Okay? We just have to--when
this vote is taken, I think we need--what we
need to do is start looking at our calendars, to
see when we could have it.

FEMALE VOICE 4: But first you'll have a
public meeting?

MR. SHELVER: That's--yes, that's correct.
That was the intent of the board. That's what I
heard. Yes, sir?

MALE VOICE 3: Is it possible for you as a
board to make recommendation to enter--do a
public vote? I mean it seems like such a big
issue, listening to various people saying there
is only some people representing and some are--
don't show up because of intimidation, or very

2 few people.

3 MR. SHELVER: Yeah.

4 MALE VOICE 3: Since it's such a big deal
5 and it affects so many lives, and it's not clear
6 because [unintelligible] negated and voted again
7 and back on the agenda. It seems to be the
8 rational process would be for you, as the board,
9 to make a recommendation that it actually go to
10 the vote to the people and solve it once and for
11 all.

12 MR. SHELVER: Thank you.

13 [Applause]

14 MR. SHELVER: Okay. Let's vote on this
15 item. All in favor--okay. Go ahead.
16 [unintelligible].

17 FEMALE VOICE 5: No, I just had--I just--
18 it's just really simple, if I can. I just want
19 to know if it's the possibility of the deed
20 information today, will that give you enough
21 time to research that? Because that's part of
22 this--

23 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] That would
24 happen during the LAFCO process. If we don't
25 vote to dissolve, then there is no issue with

2 the building.

3 FEMALE VOICE 5: Okay, thank you.

4 MR. SHELVER: Yeah.

5 FEMALE VOICE 5: I just got confused.

6 MR. SHELVER: That's part of--that would be
7 part of the process.

8 FEMALE VOICE 5: Okay.

9 MR. SHELVER: And it would be LAFCO's
10 lawyers that work that out. And if they come
11 back and say that--

12 FEMALE VOICE 4: [Interposing] You can't
13 transfer the land.

14 MR. SHELVER: --you can't transfer, then
15 they have to decide whether to approve the
16 dissolution without that occurring.

17 FEMALE VOICE 5: Thank you.

18 MR. SHELVER: And with the county's--anyway.
19 All those in favor approving the conditions and
20 setting the date for a public meeting say "aye."

21 MS. TUCKER: Aye.

22 MS. STARLIN: Aye.

23 MR. SHELVER: Aye. Opposed, "no."

24 MR. KRAMER: No.

25 MR. SIEFERT: No.

2 MR. SHELVER: Buddy?

3 MR. SIEFERT: No.

4 MR. SHELVER: No? Okay. The motion
5 carries, three to two. Since we're on the issue
6 right now--

7 MALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] Can we roll
8 call the--I'd like a roll call on that vote.

9 MR. SHELVER: All right.

10 THE SECRETARY: Kirsten Starlin, what was
11 your vote?

12 MR. SHELVER: Division on house is called.

13 MS. STARLIN: Aye.

14 THE SECRETARY: Aida Tucker?

15 MS. TUCKER: Aye.

16 THE SECRETARY: Jack Shelver?

17 MR. SHELVER: Aye.

18 THE SECRETARY: Brian Kramer?

19 MR. KRAMER: No.

20 MR. SIEFERT: No.

21 THE SECRETARY: Buddy Siefert?

22 MR. SIEFERT: No.

23 MR. SHELVER: Okay. The motion is still
24 three to two. Let's decide on a meeting day.

25 MALE VOICE 1: Jack, can I clarify something

2 real quick?

3 MR. SHELVER: Yes.

4 MALE VOICE 1: Can everybody hear me? I
5 don't like to feel like I'm screaming.

6 MR. SHELVER: Here.

7 MALE VOICE 1: Just to clarify, the public
8 meeting that Aida put in her motion, that will
9 be an informational meeting. That will not be
10 the public hearing. Okay? So just for
11 clarification. So with the resolution that the
12 board has to approve to dissolve or file the
13 application, it's required that we do a public
14 hearing. This meeting that they're talking
15 about is not going to be the public hearing.
16 Okay? That's all I wanted to clarify, just
17 because in case there is confusion. Okay?

18 FEMALE VOICE 3: Can I just ask a quick
19 question? It's not related to the vote. Who is
20 going to decide who presents what information?
21 In other words, we have an information meeting
22 last night. This was another information. Who
23 decides?

24 MR. SHELVER: We'll just keep having
25 information meetings.

2 [Crosstalk]

3 MR. SHELVER: As long as somebody wants an
4 information meeting.

5 [Crosstalk]

6 FEMALE VOICE 4: What good is an information
7 meeting if you've already voted and made up your
8 mind?

9 FEMALE VOICE 3: Yeah.

10 MR. SHELVER: We haven't.

11 FEMALE VOICE 4: I thought I just heard a
12 vote, three to two, accept the conditions.

13 MR. SHELVER: That's right. That's all
14 we've made up our mind on and those are open for
15 change. Let's--

16 FEMALE VOICE 3: [Interposing] So who is
17 going to tell us--if the informational meeting
18 is going to be held under your auspices, how do
19 people--or is it just going to be like one of
20 these where anybody can come up--

21 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] It will be like
22 this meeting.

23 MALE VOICE 1: Okay.

24 MALE VOICE 2: Oh geez. You sure about
25 that?

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2 MR. SHELVER: We'll be there until midnight.
3 MALE VOICE 2: Let's have it at the brewery.
4 MR. SHELVER: We'll let everybody speak and
5 we'll have the information available.
6 FEMALE VOICE 1: We need to have everybody
7 speak. That's what we're doing.
8 THE SECRETARY: So three weeks from today is
9 April 3rd.
10 MALE VOICE 2: Let's have it on April 1st.
11 [Laughter]
12 THE SECRETARY: April 3rd is a Tuesday in
13 the evening. That's what you guys voted on.
14 FEMALE VOICE 1: Okay.
15 MR. SIEFERT: You said within three weeks.
16 MALE VOICE 1: No, we didn't vote on it.
17 THE SECRETARY: Well, within three weeks.
18 MR. SHELVER: No, we said to have a meeting
19 within three weeks, which would be--
20 THE SECRETARY: [Interposing] I'm just
21 letting you know.
22 FEMALE VOICE 1: April 3rd is the last--the
23 third--
24 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Right.
25 FEMALE VOICE 1: Okay, let's do it April

2 3rd, Tuesday evening.

3 MR. SHELVER: Okay? Everybody okay with
4 that? Tuesday, April 3rd?

5 FEMALE VOICE 2: Yes.

6 MR. SHELVER: We'll put a notice in the
7 paper.

8 MALE VOICE 1: Buddy had a question.

9 MR. SIEFERT: No, I should be able to--

10 FEMALE VOICE 3: [Interposing]
11 [unintelligible].

12 FEMALE VOICE 2: What time? What time?

13 MR. SHELVER: 7:00.

14 FEMALE VOICE 2: No, 6?

15 MALE VOICE 1: This is going to go for a
16 while.

17 FEMALE VOICE 2: 6:00?

18 MALE VOICE 2: 6:30.

19 FEMALE VOICE 2: Huh?

20 MALE VOICE 2: 6:30.

21 FEMALE VOICE 2: 6:30? 6:30?

22 MR. SHELVER: 6:30, okay. Here or shall we
23 see if we can get the town hall? It will be
24 here. It will be here. Okay?

25 FEMALE VOICE 3: 6:30, Tuesday, April 3rd?

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2 MR. SHELVER: That's correct.

3 FEMALE VOICE 2: April 3rd, 6:30.

4 FEMALE VOICE 3: Wonderful, thank you.

5 MR. SHELVER: Yeah, okay? And then we'll
6 have our regular meeting on the 10th. We will
7 hold the hearing on April 10th. We'll--

8 FEMALE VOICE 3: [Interposing] What
9 [unintelligible] hearing?

10 FEMALE VOICE 1: The hearing is the--

11 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Hearing on the
12 resolution.

13 FEMALE VOICE 1: We'll hear from the--

14 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] After we hear
15 from the public. Okay?

16 FEMALE VOICE 2: [unintelligible] 21-day
17 notice.

18 MR. SHELVER: We have to give 21 days'
19 notice, yes. If we put that on next week's--in
20 next week's paper, that will be 21 days. Okay?
21 Not until the 3rd, but to the 10th. 10th is
22 when we would hold the hearing. All right?
23 That concludes that item of business. We'll
24 move on, on the agenda.

25 CHIEF MECHAM: Mr. President? Mr.

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2 President?

3 MR. SHELVER: Yes.

4 CHIEF MECHAM: Very quick matter of public
5 record. I'm submitting revision one to the
6 terms and conditions that outlines the
7 clarification of item seven for consideration.
8 Okay?

9 MR. SHELVER: Okay, thank you.

10 FEMALE VOICE 1: The revision we already
11 got. Right?

12 MR. SHELVER: We'll have the revised terms
13 and conditions on the next agenda. Okay? Okay.
14 We'll take a five-minute break.

15 THE SECRETARY: Five minutes, Jack? Five
16 minutes?

17 [Background conversations]

18 FEMALE VOICE 1: All right. Are we getting
19 back on it?

20 MALE VOICE 1: Let's go.

21 [Background conversations]

22 FEMALE VOICE 1: Call to order, Jack.

23 [Background conversations]

24 MR. SHELVER: Buddy? Buddy, let's finish
25 the meeting.

2 [Background conversations]

3 MR. SHELVER: Okay. The meeting is called
4 to order. We're on item 12. At our last
5 meeting a motion was made and seconded and
6 passed to add two people, citizen members, to
7 the budget committee. Missy put an ad in the
8 paper asking for volunteers and we got seven
9 people who volunteered. I think unless members
10 of the board have a better idea, I'm going to
11 suggest that we just go through the names one at
12 a time, and take a vote.

13 FEMALE VOICE 1: And vote on two, right?

14 FEMALE VOICE 2: Well, do we have to have
15 two? Or do we make one? Or what do you need?
16 What is the--

17 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] The vote was to-

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19 FEMALE VOICE 2: --letter of the law on this
20 one?

21 MR. SHELVER: The vote was to add two.

22 FEMALE VOICE 2: Okay.

23 FEMALE VOICE 1: The vote was two.

24 MR. SHELVER: A person will have to get
25 three votes to be appointed to the budget

2 committee. If nobody gets three votes, we go
3 with a budget committee of Buddy and Brian.

4 MALE VOICE 1: [unintelligible] a lot of
5 money.

6 FEMALE VOICE 1: Can we--if we have someone
7 in mind, can we just make a motion? Not a
8 motion, make a recommendation for that person
9 and vote on them?

10 MR. SHELVER: Make a nomination?

11 FEMALE VOICE 1: A nomination, thank you.

12 FEMALE VOICE 2: You want to wait until
13 after and make the nomination now?

14 MR. SHELVER: That's one way of doing it?
15 Everybody okay with that? Opening up the
16 nominations from the list of people? If you
17 nominate somebody and they don't get three
18 votes, we'll move on to the next one, another
19 nomination. Okay?

20 FEMALE VOICE 3: I have a question. The
21 notice that was in the paper said that after you
22 filed your application there would be an
23 interview. Was anyone actually interviewed?

24 MR. SHELVER: That's what we're going to do
25 today.

2 FEMALE VOICE 3: You're going to interview
3 us in an open meeting?

4 MR. SHELVER: No, I don't think that's
5 necessary. We have your application.

6 MALE VOICE 1: Well, we stated it in a legal
7 document that we would interview.

8 FEMALE VOICE 1: Let's put it off until next
9 month then.

10 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

11 MALE VOICE 1: It's a legal notice in the
12 papers.

13 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

14 FEMALE VOICE 3: I'm just questioning
15 because I wasn't interviewed.

16 MR. SHELVER: Oh.

17 FEMALE VOICE 3: And I don't know if you
18 check references or--

19 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] All right.

20 FEMALE VOICE 3: So it was just a question.

21 FEMALE VOICE 1: Put it off until next
22 month.

23 MR. SHELVER: Let's put it off until next
24 month. And during this month you two can
25 interview [unintelligible].

2 MALE VOICE 1: All right.

3 MR. SHELVER: We can't--we can't have a full
4 board meeting unless we call a meeting for that.

5 MALE VOICE 1: A special meeting.

6 MALE VOICE 2: A special meeting.

7 FEMALE VOICE 1: Who is going to do that?

8 MR. SHELVER: I suggest that the two members
9 of the budget committee select the two citizen
10 members.

11 MALE VOICE 1: Okay. We'll do the
12 interviews. You want to do the interviews?

13 MR. SHELVER: Motion to make--do that?

14 MALE VOICE 1: No, no, no, we can set a date
15 during the week, yeah. We'll do it after, after
16 next Tuesday.

17 MR. SHELVER: Okay.

18 FEMALE VOICE 1: This person here would be
19 really good [unintelligible].

20 MALE VOICE 1: We'll just get
21 [unintelligible].

22 FEMALE VOICE 1: It's a motion. It's a
23 motion.

24 MALE VOICE 1: It's probably pretty clear
25 [unintelligible].

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2 FEMALE VOICE 1: Yeah.

3 MR. SHELVER: Is there a motion to--

4 [Crosstalk]

5 MR. SHELVER: Then they interview them all
6 and we'll come back next month and they'll make
7 their recommendations and the board will vote.
8 Okay? And if the two that you recommend get
9 three votes, they're elected. And since you
10 will be interviewing all of the candidates--

11 MALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] We can make a
12 recommendation that way.

13 MR. SHELVER: If one of the two, or two of
14 the two that you recommend don't get three
15 votes, then you can recommend somebody else.
16 We'll go right through the list.

17 MALE VOICE 1: That's fine.

18 MR. SHELVER: Until we--yeah, and you--when
19 you interview, you could probably just list them
20 numerically.

21 MALE VOICE 1: Yeah.

22 MR. SHELVER: How you--how you rank them.

23 MALE VOICE 1: Right.

24 MR. SHELVER: Okay. Is that--

25 FEMALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] So they'll

2 [unintelligible], right?

3 MR. SHELVER: Is that an acceptable process?

4 FEMALE VOICE 3: Yes.

5 MR. SHELVER: Okay, good.

6 MALE VOICE 2: Just a question?

7 MR. SHELVER: Yes.

8 MALE VOICE 2: So we're not going to start
9 looking at the timeline? The first budget
10 meeting will be in May.

11 MR. SHELVER: Yep.

12 MALE VOICE 2: What's the timeline to get a
13 budget approved?

14 FEMALE VOICE 1: It's April. There has to be
15 a public notice in April, May. And it has to be
16 voted on, passed by--adopted, whoever it is, by
17 June. So your budget starts July 1st.

18 MALE VOICE 2: So we can have a special
19 meeting on the 30th of June to adopt the budget?
20 Or they--it's 30 days more than that, which
21 would be the 31st of May.

22 FEMALE VOICE 2: So if they get it done
23 before April's meeting--

24 MALE VOICE 2: [Interposing] And it has to
25 be--

2 [Crosstalk]

3 FEMALE VOICE 2: It will still--there will
4 be still plenty of time.

5 MALE VOICE 2: The timeline for this thing,
6 because I've had to do budgets now for 30 years
7 both with the department and the water district.
8 You can do that on the last day of the month of
9 June and it's effective, but you've got that 30
10 day--

11 FEMALE VOICE 2: [Interposing] Really, once
12 you get going on it, it's pretty fast.

13 MALE VOICE 2: Right. We should have a
14 tentative budget by May and that--

15 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] Well, we have
16 the final budget by May.

17 FEMALE VOICE 1: That's right. Final, final
18 budget by May.

19 MR. SHELVER: The tentative budget should be
20 by April.

21 MALE VOICE 2: Yeah.

22 MR. SHELVER: So that board members can
23 consider changes to that budget. And just for
24 information, I'm sure you've all read it but I
25 made copies anyway for the budget committee of

2 the section in state law that says if the
3 district board determines that the amount of
4 revenue for the coming fiscal year will be
5 inadequate to meet the amount of expenditures
6 needed to protect life and property, the
7 preliminary budget shall propose methods of
8 raising adequate revenues or reducing services.
9 We don't have the ability to raise revenues, so-
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11 MALE VOICE 1: [Interposing] But we can
12 reduce services.

13 MR. SHELVER: Your challenge is
14 [unintelligible] budget.

15 MALE VOICE 1: So just a question. You said
16 that we have to have an approved budget by May?

17 MALE VOICE 2: No, the approved budget, we--
18 May will be a public hearing for the budget.
19 Brian and [unintelligible] don't have all the
20 wrinkles worked out. So you guys in June, you
21 vote for it.

22 MALE VOICE 1: Okay. So April's meeting, do
23 we have to have a budget to go--a preliminary
24 budget?

25 MALE VOICE 2: Yeah, preliminary by May.

2 MALE VOICE 1: But you're not going to--but
3 you're not going to establish your--

4 MALE VOICE 2: [Interposing] See once--okay,
5 once we present it in May, we have a May board
6 meeting, that's it. That's the final budget is
7 in May. 30 days later we have the hearing for
8 it and the vote for it. If you make any changes
9 between May and June, you start the whole
10 process all over again.

11 MALE VOICE 1: Got it. So April we're going
12 to present a preliminary budget.

13 MALE VOICE 2: Yeah.

14 MALE VOICE 1: But we don't have the budget
15 committee until April.

16 FEMALE VOICE 1: Right.

17 MALE VOICE 1: That's kind of where I'm
18 confused.

19 MALE VOICE 2: Well...

20 MALE VOICE 1: Well, give us the authority
21 to put the people on the thing and we can get
22 started. We make the choice. Why does it have
23 to go to a board vote?

24 FEMALE VOICE 1: Because it takes three
25 votes.

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2 MALE VOICE 1: No, why does--no, can't we
3 choose our own committee? I mean--

4 MR. SHELVER: [Interposing] I think we can
5 do that.

6 FEMALE VOICE 2: I never did.

7 MALE VOICE 1: It's the budget. It's not--

8 FEMALE VOICE 2: [Interposing] I was on the
9 committee, but I was always chosen.

10 MALE VOICE 1: Are we going to taint that or
11 whatever?

12 FEMALE VOICE 3: [unintelligible]. Yes?
13 No?

14 MR. SHELVER: You want to speak to this
15 issue?

16 FEMALE VOICE 3: Yes, I do.

17 MR. SHELVER: All right.

18 [END RECORDING]

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