

**JULIAN CUYAMACA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
4-3-18**

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(Off the record comments)

MALE VOICE 1: Thank you. It is the hour that was set for this adjourned meeting to let you know how we are going to proceed with this meeting. It is an adjourned meeting from the last meeting. We did have one item that we didn't finish in the last meeting. So we will take that up. The other items on the agenda that we are taking care of at the last meeting, we will not re-visit them, but we will start off with the oral communications. We had oral communications at the last meeting, but we are going to do that again tonight because we set this meeting for the purpose of hearing from community members who are not able to come...have not able to come to big-time meetings. So we will begin with oral communications. There is someone still signing up, so I don't have the list.

FEMALE VOICE 1: Ingrid England.

MALE VOICE 2: Ungland.

INGRID UNGLAND: Hello everybody. This is the rational for joining the fire authority.

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Scientific experts indicate that the current period of time (s.l. generated) by our mental change is unparallel over the 100 million years due to ocean warming. California wild fires over the last 15 years have been increasing pretty more deadly, destructive, and costly. This year, the cost is already over 2 billion dollars.

We live in a tinderbox area just waiting for ignition. Unified commands combine modern resources and staffing from County station federal organizations that are now proven to be the methods to meet predictable disasters. All modern firefighting organizations utilize trained volunteers fire fighters just as the military use reserve units and National Guard. Any independent orders would demonstrate that rural areas cannot generate adequate resources that regards to funds, personnel, and technology to sustain an organization required to meet current and future needs. The reality of emergency medical services, resources, funding, area of other responsibilities show serious deficiency in required response. Obtaining fire

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insurance, reasonable insurance rates, housing sales and mortgages all are interdependent events. All are dependent upon fire safety preparation and fire protection resources. All must meet the criteria established by outside agencies.

All communities, the rural or urban, heavily depend on federal county and state agencies and interactive economies such as trade, business, tourism and other commerce. The reality is that in our rural community, it is no longer structured economically or by infrastructure to be interdependent. Most jobs are off the mountain, independence in (Inaudible). We cannot exist in isolation. I strongly believe we must join the San Diego Fire Authority in order to preserve Julian and its surrounding communities today and forever, thank you.

MALE VOICE 2: Mr. Ben Tolak.

MR. BEN TOLAK: Good evening. My name is Ben Tolak. Some of you know the name and our family has been in the back country since I think it was before back country. I live over Pine Valley. I served on the Pine Valley Fire

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2 Protection District Board for over 30 years. I
3 have been the Chair for probably over 20. I
4 came here this evening like for a couple of
5 reasons.

6 The first one was to offer the Board help if
7 you decide which way you want to go. I am not
8 here to encourage you to go either way. That is
9 a decision the community has to make just like
10 we did in Pine Valley, but I am...we do have some
11 concerns about as a citizen and traveling
12 through here knowing what the level of services
13 on either side of the Julian district, but
14 regardless of that.

15 Anyway, I wanted to just give you a little
16 history of what Pine Valley is because I have
17 heard some different things going on out there
18 about Pine Valley and some people aren't happy,
19 some are, and all that, but six, seven years
20 ago, we started the process, contracting with
21 Cal Fire for the staffing fire station. We are
22 an all-volunteer district. We have been a
23 volunteer district since 1946 when the district
24 was formed, but what was happening was just...it
25 was back of this day and age, people were

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getting more involved with families and just some of the volunteers just didn't have the time to serve and respond to calls. So the...it was getting close to where we maybe going to miss a call or something. We didn't want to do that. So the county was offering us in the form of a brand to fund with Cal to provide Cal Fire staffing or the money to do that.

We looked at it to stay independent, but there was just no way we could come up with \$750 or \$800,000 a year that it would require to do that. So the county offered to us. We decided to (Inaudible) to accept that and started. We were then sued by a couple of the volunteers. They wanted to go for a public vote. It went to court. The judge ruled in their favor that said no, you really need to let the public vote on whether the contract with the Cal Fire for staffing. We went to public vote that fall and the community got overwhelming support to the board in their decision and so we started a Cal Fire staffing month or two after that and with that, Cal Fire staffing helped Pine Valley ever since.

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As far as the process that was going on was this consolidation thing with not only Pine Valley, but rural fire protection district and Julian. I remember coming over here three or four years ago here in Julian district on the county who proposed the consolidation thing. I went to rural board meetings because I wanted to be sure the county was telling us all the same thing and they weren't trying to sort us off and bend their hurdle or whatever.

So I came over, met with your folks and your board and stuff. At that time, I made a decision to stay independent. That is a community decision. That is the route that you went. We voted to go ahead and start the consolidation process along with rural and we worked on our applications. We worked a little bit with rural to make sure that we are, kind of, all on the same page and on to...we were supposed to dissolve at the same time. We were afraid that...we weren't sure what the county was going to do. We wanted to be sure we have things in our terms and conditions to protect our district, to protect our employees that we

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had and things like that.

What happened was we even started on a project about 10 years ago, to go to a new station and it has been an ongoing process and with regard to the point where three or four years ago, the (Inaudible) supervisor, Dan Jacob and she said we will get you the money to build your new station and do it the way you want to do it. So we said okay great because we just didn't have the resources to do it. We couldn't...there wasn't enough money (Inaudible) or anything like which you guys have done.

So anyway, we started on that, started that process, and this consolidation thing started well in our terms and conditions. We have written in there that because we are concerned, the county may not build a station even after we dissolve. So on our terms and conditions, we have that the county would allocate the money. They would choose a contractor and the contractor would be signed to build the station. That took a little longer than we anticipated because of all those water, the new storm water things and all of that. So actually, we

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dissolved the body a year-and-a half...well,
almost two years ago now. We finally
dissolved...last August 8th was our last board
meeting, and the county had met that terms and
conditions that they would...the money was
allocated. They have started construction of
our new station, it is moving along.

So anyway, it took a little longer than we
want, but we did end up dissolving and joining
the county fire authority. We have now...I have a
paramedic staffed engine in there that also is a
heavy rescue apparatus in there. We re-did our
training facility, which was in the back of the
station or behind the post office in Pine Valley
if you are familiar with Pine Valley. The crew
has moved back there temporarily until a new
station is done and then they will move forward
and that will become a training facility.

So it took a lot of negotiation, it took a
lot of meetings. You have to write down
everything you want and...but the county is more
than willing to negotiate with you. They are
more than willing to work with you and once it
gets to last hope and you...if it gets to that

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point, then a kind of last hope, kind of, takes over and then you are headed down that road.

So...but that is as far as Pine Valley.

Our board was looking, you know, the thing we had to look out for was our community, the level of service for not only our community, but the people that come visit the community, and that was one of the main things. I have been on the volunteers forever. I hated to see that happen, but the county did take over one of our volunteers just finally just a couple of months ago, served on through all of this stuff, and he finally just retired just because of age and whatever just you know it was time, but we have been more than happy with how it ended up.

There have been no complaints recently. I know from the community and the level of services has been fantastic and it has been great working with the Cal Fire guys, but you just have to spell out everything you want and they will work with you. So, thank you and again, I can't tell you which way to go. It is your community's decision, but as far as Pine Valley, we have been more than happy, so thank you.

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2 MALE VOICE 2: Were you guys an
3 independent...?

4 MALE VOICE 1: Yes, I am sorry.

5 MALE VOICE 2: Were you an independent fire
6 district?

7 MALE VOICE 1: Yes, we were. We were
8 formed in 1946.

9 MALE VOICE 2: Okay, okay.

10 MALE VOICE 1: It was an independent state-
11 recognized Fire Protection District.

12 MALE VOICE 2: Okay, thank you.

13 MALE VOICE 1: What you guys are.

14 MALE VOICE 2: Hmm...mm, thank you.

15 MALE VOICE 1: Any other questions for the
16 members of the board. Thank you Mr. Tolak very
17 much.

18 MALE VOICE 2: Roberta (Inaudible).

19 ROBERTA: I am kind of nervous. I came up
20 here starting about November...September, November
21 because I had concerns about the paramedics in
22 the EMT and I was told that that is a county-
23 funded entity of the volunteers and so when
24 everybody is worried about losing that, I was
25 totally wouldn't do that. We went with the

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volunteers or whatever. So I was very pleased to realize that and what everyone else needs to know is that you won't lose your EMTs and your volunteers. It is contracted and the contract is coming up. So it can't change. You might not have the same contract that you have right now with your volunteers. So even if the county takes over and it changes, it could change anyway. It depends on the contract and who does the best bidding. Do you understand that?

So everybody is afraid that they are going to lose their volunteers, paramedics, you won't. They could probably go right, move right over to the others and so they try to work with the people that are EMTs. Also going with another issue is with the board. Whether you go with the county or whether you stay with the volunteers, you do have to take into consideration the whole area. I am not just saying the few people that want to hold on to the past so tightly. You must consider everybody. I am talking about the weekenders. I am talking about the day trippers. I am talking about the hikers. We all need to think

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of everybody up here.

So when you are...when they are so concerned about their area, they are taking...considering the shop owners and everyone else that needs service when a person is up here visiting, they don't care where they come from. They just want someone there quickly that knows their stuff and that can take care of them. They want someone there that maybe can take care of the little cabin that they are...put up, you know, start fire by accident...heaven help them that they don't, but...so they need to know that someone is going to be there that is qualified and that would be there in a timely manner.

That is all I have to say and whether you go with the county or whether you go with the volunteers, I will support you because it is important to know that, but I do feel that everybody should support them with whatever decision they should make and quit being bullies and threatening everybody. I have got my own (Inaudible). When I go to post office, I am afraid I am going to run into somebody that is going to (Inaudible) at me because I don't agree

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2 with them. It isn't democracy. People should
3 be able to disagree. We should be able to get
4 it wrong and still disagree. That is what
5 America is founded on. So people, (Inaudible),
6 thank you.

7 MALE VOICE 1: Thank you (Inaudible). Phil
8 Grimm.

9 PHIL GRIMM: One more thing real quick...like
10 real quick. (Inaudible) and I will speak loud
11 as you are out here. We were concerned about
12 the public what had complained about fire
13 services is where they would go. I of our terms
14 and conditions, we asked the Fire Advisory
15 Committee be applied and the county did do that.
16 We are...we had our second meeting. We have
17 another meeting, our next meeting is next
18 Monday. So there is a county-wide Fire Advisory
19 Committee and we answer directly to the Board of
20 Supervisors. We don't answer to the Board of
21 Fire Authority or the Cal Fire...(Inaudible)
22 director or the supervisor. There is an
23 advisory commission established in the county
24 for CSA 135. So...

25 FEMALE VOICE: That is good.

MR. GRIMM: And that was something we were concerned about it even as a citizen, they wouldn't have...they got to report supervised meetings like I just want to throw that I am sorry (Inaudible).

FEMALE VOICE 1: Where are those meetings held?

MR. GRIMM: We usually meet...the last two meetings we had down at (Inaudible) at the county (Inaudible), but the next one, we are having at (Inaudible) 1 or 1:30 I don't remember and we are meeting at the Cal Fire Monte Vista because what we are doing is getting all of the people who are on the committee an education on what the county fire board in CSA 135. So we are meeting at Monte Vista and we are going to get through (Inaudible).

FEMALE VOICE: Thank you.

MR. GRIMM: ...in this fashion...and work this fashion. That is also with warehouses that they...the shipping all the fire hose, (Inaudible), and all that stuff.

But there is an advisory committee out there working. Whether...no matter how and what happens

1 here, you should (Inaudible) and more than
2 welcome to come to that meeting and it is a
3 public meeting, public committee (Inaudible)
4 board of supervisors.
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6 MALE VOICE 2: Thank you for that, Mr.
7 Grimm, thank you.

8 MALE VOICE 1: Good evening everybody and
9 those that do not come to these meetings before,
10 welcome. What my talk is on I am going to start
11 off with is...and I am going to try and
12 (Inaudible) we are on the tales (Inaudible) is
13 that you have this bullying, this stalking and
14 say hey, you know I hadn't seen your car parking
15 or you driving, so you must not live here or
16 that blaming that somebody on line is actually
17 (Inaudible) I just don't think the gentleman has
18 that much time on his end to be able to beat
19 everybody and so the thing is that has to come
20 to a stop. So you know let's...we can agree to
21 disagree, but let's speak friendly about it,
22 okay, and we should be able to go to church and
23 still shake each other's hands and say God bless
24 you and pass the ammunition or whatever.

25 Okay, so the thing is I would like to bring

a (Inaudible) here is that we are appearing on the 25th of March, we had an emergency call. I had a number of elderly people that I know who probably said did you get that call and I said what's going on? You know, the thing is emergency is there is a rollover of (Inaudible) 79, having trouble at 78. There is a fire in Kentway, that's an emergency. The thing is something that is going on three days down the road is not an emergency. Keyword - emergency. It is not...if that is not what is gives for let's not...let's not put the emergency in it.

The other thing is that I like to point out is that I felt a little bit odd that this petition that everybody is running around, God bless you, go ahead and put your petition at it, but going into a business where people are on the track working and having their names on it already and then say let's sign this petition. Now where they are going to get time to sit there and read it. Two, if they are too busy and one...and the thing is we are a small community. If you brought in a petition to me and I am working there, I am going to take well,

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1 you know, if I don't sign this thing, it is not
2 what you say it is the point that it is coming
3 out at. These people are afraid to be able to
4 just tell and say, no, I don't want to sign that
5 because I disagree with you. Oh yeah, I will
6 sign that, but the thing that comes to me on to
7 we are making...or we are being made here you put
8 these people in a very awkward position because
9 with the situation that is going on now is
10 (Inaudible). I hate to say it. I would be
11 afraid too. I would sign it just because I
12 don't want to be getting myself fired. We are
13 having my business sitting on there being
14 (Inaudible).

16 Okay, the other thing is and this is the
17 main thing I am going to put it up. \$200 for
18 partial...for partial, okay. You have the...say,
19 well it is...it is going to be this much. Okay,
20 that doesn't have, point being made. You can
21 have 2000 on two different parts, you are paying
22 \$200 per part. Now then it will be brought up,
23 permit (Inaudible) not that word, so forgive me,
24 but the thing is \$300, \$400 until they get to
25 the operation cost that operates the business.

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Again, I already paid for Cal Fire through my public tax. I don't want to tax pay twice for the same service and I wouldn't get the same service. Now it is your test no matter how anybody wants to call it and that includes what the county is giving you.

The other thing is that in 2003, everybody talks about the Cedar Fire. The Cedar Fire came at...what came out of the Cedar Fire was a commission that was brought out...that stated a number of different issues. One of those issues was bring the military on board, that the military during that fire volunteered to bring-- to bring the CH-53, 46 is the help to put out the fire very huge, okay? But Cal Fire basically I don't know who runs the Cal Fire so many, (Inaudible) make a decision at that time said they would not be able to communicate with one another. Now that and so now the military has been flooded although it did not (Inaudible) do that just that job.

The other thing is that because of the (Inaudible) all this other stuff there is another thing which was brought up that they

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wanted to solve the territory thing...the county because this is all this part of...territory this part of the state. So they wanted to have the personnel (Inaudible). They wanted to have that control to be able to do all that stuff, and then, you go on to the cost of equipment, personnel, and the upkeep of this (Inaudible). This (Inaudible) is not cheap (Inaudible) and \$1000 per year for a fire chief, (Inaudible), you are out of luck. I don't dream it, but the thing is this community just can't afford it. It is not that the guys don't do a fantastic job. You guys do, but it is just the fact that we just can't afford it. I'm (Inaudible) and even this amount of money is too much for me. When you say it is only \$32, (Inaudible). We already know this, doesn't it? But I would like to finish out here, I would like, you know, to bring out a (Inaudible) by referring to the Julian newspaper, a letter to the editor on the 28th of March. They had a letter to the editor. That was (Inaudible) the article that he put out and also (Inaudible) so they...I must perform on time and that (Inaudible) in time that says

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2 4:48. Okay, but it was from and we have a
3 sister...what's your last name?

4 FEMALE VOICE: Oh my God!

5 MALE VOICE: Yes, okay, (Inaudible) in
6 that...in the...we felt similar to the other and
7 then, I would like to also I would like to
8 invite everybody to (Inaudible), from the Julian
9 and Cuyamaca area citizens for the Cal Fire San
10 Diego County. Great (Inaudible) and hit the
11 point just what this young man over here had
12 said about what was going on and that is what I
13 would like to guys to just agree. Agree with me
14 or disagree with me, but the thing is I would
15 like people to look at...people who had actually
16 been in your shoes that you guys deal with.
17 Thank you.

18 MALE VOICE: Thank you, Mr. (Inaudible).

19 BOB DYLAN: My name is Bob Dylan and I lived
20 in Pine Hills in Julian for 32 years. I know
21 that you are a representative board and I
22 recognize you were elected to govern this fire
23 department; however, I do not believe that there
24 is a single voter in my community who thought
25 you people would yourselves dissolve this

district and dispose our assets. The
(inaudible) action here is to put this issue on
the ballot and allow me and my neighbors to
vote. I am going to go back to October the
25th, 2003, the time is 05:37 p.m. There are
two helicopters with water buckets hovering over
a small bush fire in Ramona. The forest service
chief decided to call off these two fire buckets
and suspend all firefighters. The next morning,
the first was out of control. I was (Inaudible)
along home in (Inaudible) Road in Pine Hills the
same morning and I saw the smoke coming from
Ramona, and I was sure that was coming to
Julian. Shortly afterward, we were asked to
evacuate. My neighbor refused to leave his home
to fight the fire. I questioned that neighbor,
Lance Edwards. After we were allowed to back to
our home, I asked him what happened and why
their homes...why were our homes standing and
other homes were burned down. Lance told me
about the heroism of the Julian fireman, this
Julian volunteer fireman. He said at the time
he was approaching, a sheriff drove by his home
with a loud speaker yelling get up and get out

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now. Lance yelled back I am not going. I am going to...I am going to save my home. The same sheriff had seen a lot of fire trucks parked along Highway 78 and they were out-of-state trucks and some were for the fire trucks. These firefighters chose not to come up and confront the fire. The sheriff decided to call the Julian fireman to come up because he wanted the local men that love their country, that love Julian and they cared for the people, and this is their home. Those brave independent firemen answered the call knowing that there was dangers and other trucks stayed behind when they didn't want to come up. The Julian Fire Department saved our homes and including mine and some others and they were dedicating (Inaudible) community and that's why I think that was the difference because they loved our community. In conclusion, I ask you five people to allow voters to decide whether to continue the Julian Fire Department to remain independent and this would be a decent and honorable action to take.

PS: There were 15 lives lost in the Cedar Fire. Let's not make that same choice again and thank

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you very much.

MALE VOICE: Thank you, Bob.

MALE VOICE: Thank you, Mr. Dylan. Greg Headley.

GREG HEADLEY: Hi folks. I will be great. My name is Greg Headley. I have owned property in Julian for 18 years and have been a resident here for 11 years. After much research and hard work for communities of Julian and likely, I am out to join together to form JCFPD. In 1984, 71.5% of the voters passed a proposition to impose a benefit for you to support the JCFPD district. It seems to me a (Inaudible) amount of three individuals would make such a momentous decision to dissolve the district. I believe the right thing to do is to place the issue on the ballot and allow the community to vote. If we really do have a (Inaudible) majority in favor of accepting the county's offer, their votes would be final and I would accept that. Thank you.

MALE VOICE: Thank you, Mr. Headley. Alan Marvin.

ALAN MARVIN: I was a volunteer here in the

'07 fires and I was...served on the board for five years and I am here to urge the board to go with the county because things have changed and there is a lot of differences between volunteers and the county. One, it starts when the fire bell goes off or the volunteer's pager goes off. The volunteers have to, you know, they have...they go out on normal lives. They are doing this, that, and the other and they have to come in to the station, then go out to the fire to look at the...at the county and the Cal Fire. They may end in the station with the full crew 24x7. They are out the door in three minutes or so. Time is a critical factor in a fire. Fire burns as fast as it can and in that 15 to 20 minutes can make the difference between safe in the house and not safe in the house. There are many, many more reasons why I would urge the board to go along with the county, but let's not go into all that tonight, so thank you.

MALE VOICE: Thank you, Mr. Marvin. Michael (Inaudible).

MICHAEL (Inaudible): Hi, my name is Michael (Inaudible) and just have to say a few words

here. I am totally for keeping the volunteers here. I have seen the volunteers at their best and I have seen Cal Fire at the worst. As a matter of fact, I just read an article online about Cal Fire. It was by an independent news to the California and they give Cal Fire, California police award. They were saying things...it was a very, very long article, but I am just going to say a couple of things about what they said about Cal Fire. They said they have (Inaudible) grades, first for misguided priorities, second for poor performance, and third for increased budget. So they also recommended...they recommended because the Cal Fire was reported that they should keep it as a local control, which is (Inaudible) volunteers private ownership and also accountability. I am very disappointed what is going on here. I think that before this all started, we had a (Inaudible) situation. Cal Fire is for land fires and our volunteers are for (Inaudible) fires. We had the best of both and if you don't know it, Cal Fire is not going away. They are here. That is a state mandate thing...mandate

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1 thing. They are not going away. The other
2 thing I would like to say is I am very
3 disappointed in the...they took three votes for
4 Jack to get his way and I truly believe that I
5 was on the board of the Chamber of Commerce, you
6 don't know that, did you? It was voted on once
7 and Jack was the only one that voted.
8

9 FEMALE VOICE: It is wrong.

10 MICHAEL (Inaudible): Yes, it is, I was
11 here. Yes, I was here.

12 FEMALE VOICE: (Inaudible).

13 MICHAEL (Inaudible): Second...the second
14 vote, there was in a second, so they didn't vote
15 on it, and in a third vote, the two of the
16 members were coerced by Jack, and they both were
17 going to go with the Cal Fire. I am kind of
18 disappointed from the two that they voted...they
19 changed the vote. I mean that is...when I was in
20 the Chamber of Commerce, if my board voted
21 against me, it was their wish. That is what the
22 board is for and I think the one vote...one vote
23 should have happened and I think that we should
24 have stayed with the volunteers, thank you.

25 MALE VOICE: Karen Keeper.

KAREN KEEPER: Hi, my name is Karen Keeper. I have...I am an employee here since 2003. I work on the paramedic on the ambulance. I can't speak in board meetings, in duty...on duty with my uniform. (Inaudible) would not allow me to speak, so I have to speak as a citizen. I have heard several things today that just are not accurate. It is not \$200 per parcel. It is \$200 per structure on a parcel is what we are asking and that is going to provide a paramedic on an engine stepped full time and we were slumming in Julian and Cuyamaca and helping (Inaudible). I was looking at our staffing. Alan Marvin, actually it is not true. We are staffed every day and this is December staffing alone. This is every day what we have...every day. You can see they are here at the station. They don't drive in from home. They are here, there are back there. They are...they are inside, inside the station. They are here 24 hours a day. They get out of bed...they get out of bed the same time I get out of bed when I go on a call with an ambulance...with the ambulance call. They get out of bed and they hit the road and

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1 they go on a call just as fast as anybody else
2 is.
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4 MALE VOICE: And they are not volunteers?

5 KAREN KEEPER: And the reserves. We have
6 reserves and volunteers, we have both. We have
7 both and in our...one of our captains sleeps on
8 the couch or the chairs every night, so when he
9 stays here. They are here. They are here. I
10 was looking at our staffing from January,
11 February and March. We are staffed every day.
12 We have had an average of over two staffing. We
13 have 69 days and 3 months that we have more than
14 two on a staff. 21 days, we have five on a day
15 and then one day, another day of six and seven
16 on a day. So if you say the county engine that
17 they are promising you is \$4000 a day that would
18 come out for three months or \$276. They are
19 going to come and when they are done with phase
20 four here, they are done in Riverside, they are
21 done with phase four. They are not going to
22 waste time. Chief Meecham says it is going to
23 be free. It will not be free. They can impose
24 a fee, a fire fee without a vote, so you are
25 going to continue paying your benefit fee that

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1 you are paying for this department right here
2 and you are going to pay a fire fee and when
3 that is not enough, you are going to be charged
4 what they are doing on Riverside, a cost
5 recovery plan of \$390 an hour for their
6 paramedic engine. That is what you are going to
7 be charged and that will have it because they
8 cannot keep up with the expense of Cal Fire
9 employees and I am not saying new things
10 (Inaudible). I would love to have these, but
11 the next four-and-a-half years, this year,
12 Riverside said we have a crisis and they have to
13 go to the cost recovery plan and they have three
14 more years, three-and-a-half more years to go to
15 the... don't know what they are going to do, but I
16 want to talk about that. I also want to talk
17 about the training of our department. People
18 are saying that we are not trained and I will
19 say it again. In 2015, we had 271 hours of
20 training on the books. In 2016, we had 275
21 hours and in 2017, 332 hours. Well, everything,
22 I am here, the guy in training, every single
23 day. (Inaudible) bed fire requires 240 hours a
24 year. We are trained, we are trained and we are

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2 staffed. Our reserves are minimum, the EMT,
3 their paramedics too, they work in their
4 professions, and they come up here to do this to
5 further their career and to serve this
6 community. That is what they do. The data that
7 Chief Meecham gave I am investigating actually
8 about the...said our ambulance compliance was 76%,
9 which is failing the county. Eleven calls were
10 missing out of that, 11 compliance calls were
11 missing out of that report and I am
12 investigating on that with two agencies right
13 now. So I don't...I don't... the data that gets
14 is...I am sorry and he says that they can get to a
15 call three-and-half minutes quicker. I don't
16 trust that at all, so I support the volunteers.
17 I may not be here next year, living in
18 California, but I support the volunteers. I
19 work with them on the ground down out there
20 working with everybody that we run on and they
21 are excellent and for them to be slandered and
22 the department be misrepresented that we are not
23 staffed and that they have come from home to
24 respond to you and then how much this is going
25 to cost is ridiculous and the other thing too

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1 that (Inaudible) out of this department, which
2 the community right now is doing initiatives
3 and they are all putting down on the ballot to
4 raise it to 200, not 200 more dollars than you
5 are paying, but 200 and it goes up as cost of
6 living. It is like 3% or something a year,
7 whatever. That is for household. That is it.
8 So if you call 911 and the county can't afford
9 to pay for the engine here, then it is going to
10 be coming out of your pocket. The other thing
11 to what has been...we can talk about what has been
12 known. The engine that was here for two years,
13 it responds out...it goes out of Julian and
14 Cuyamaca, it goes into the desert all the way to
15 the (inaudible) county line and it goes all the
16 way to the Borrego Springs line border,
17 (Inaudible) who is here. If we are not here,
18 who is here and one of these brush engines are
19 on (Inaudible) who is here. I have seen them go
20 to Pine Valley to cover, just to cover, not to
21 account, to cover when they on busy calls
22 because there are on a high probable place. Who
23 is going to cover you? Who is going to cover
24 the business like you were saying...I forgot who
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1 was saying it...who is going to cover the
2 businesses, the tourists, the hikers, who is
3 going to cover all of them, and I heard in a
4 mountain station going to Ramona, multiple,
5 multiple times in Ramona because (Inaudible)
6 going off. Who is covering in a mountain? That
7 problem is what needs to be full (Inaudible) and
8 now there is two. So, I believe in this
9 department and I believe if we get this benefit
10 be passed, get it on the ballot, get it passed,
11 then we can do amazing things with the money.
12 We have done...(Inaudible) for \$50 a year for
13 parcel already. It is unbelievable and we are
14 (Inaudible) at financially and we are going to
15 respond to your calls and when county fires are
16 already pulled out, now like you all know, they
17 stopped their (Inaudible) way to prevent, and I
18 worked so, I love these guys, these Cal Fire
19 guys, we work with them all the time, but they
20 said in your station at Cuyamaca, we are ordered
21 not to respond to any calls in the district. If
22 there is somebody that stopped breathing that is
23 minutes from down from Cuyamaca, there you go.
24 Why would they do that? So and (Inaudible) the

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(Inaudible) chief was threatened to not help us. They are closest to resource. This is ugly and this is stuff that I am going to get out there because I got to do it on uniform and then our Chief refused to sign our (Inaudible) with the closest resource. It is just...it is...it is...it is just terrible.

MALE VOICE: Thank you, Ms. Keeper.

(Inaudible).

MS. EVA HATTS: Over the last 15 years, I have watched strangers, friends, democrats, republicans, the young, the old, and downright good people come together as a community to fight for our community fire department. The dirty politics have gone to both sides of us at one point or another, myself included and I apologize for being involved in it. I have spent thousands of hours on this topic. I have attended countless meetings. I have held two community meetings of my own. I have reached out to over 417 people in the last three weeks, all of which are not already involved in this issue and I reached up to 3,407 people on one single Facebook post. I have the data to prove

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1 that it is all local traffic. I had yet to find
2 the sign-up majority made of Julian and Cuyamaca
3 locals. I am not talking about the tools on
4 Facebook. I am talking about I had not found
5 this sign-up majority of people that live in
6 Julian and Cuyamaca. I have found that almost
7 every new phase I have confronted is full of
8 confusion and under the impression that this
9 board has already made a decision and the
10 (Inaudible) can't do anything about it. The
11 community members do not believe that their
12 perspective is being taken into consideration
13 and, therefore, you do not see them at these
14 meetings. This is opposite of what local
15 control is about. I stand with JCFPD and I
16 support working with San Diego County Fire
17 Authority. I have nothing against the boots on
18 the ground. With as long as we do not resolve
19 the district and this...my decision is based fully
20 off the facts of this issue. The key one thing
21 that the San Diego County Fire offer of only two
22 firefighters and a possible reserve is just not
23 adequate service for our area and that is
24 according to Cal Fire's very own standards under
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1 the Riverside Fire Department. Two people
2 cannot do over the side LARRO. You need to wait
3 for three or four more San Diego County Fire
4 engines to arrive to get that person out of
5 their car that's down on the hill in, on
6 Springview. Do you want to wait for 30 minutes
7 while Cal Fire gets the guys together to
8 respond? That would—if we have one LARRO
9 incident—which is low-angle rescue—that would
10 take almost every engine within 30 to 40 minutes
11 of our area away from their communities, and
12 they would be here, and they would only be on
13 one incident. That is a serious concern,
14 especially as a business owner who's trying to
15 promote year-round tourism. This vote directly
16 affects too many lives to speculate what our
17 community wants. Let us vote. If the
18 community, as a whole, voted to go with SUCFA, I
19 would totally accept that because then I would
20 know that's what they truly wanted. I have even
21 considered joining SUCFA myself, and would
22 encourage others to do so as well, because we
23 all know—God knows too—they need some help.
24 This is—this is a community decision. Please
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let us vote. Thank you.

[Applause]

MALE VOICE: Thank you, Ms. Hatts. Jonathan and Linda K. Harden?

MR. JONATHAN HARDEN: Good evening. Excuse me. Good evening members of the Board, members of the community. I stand here tonight—I don't have facts and figures. I just speak from experience. The first experience I want to speak from is a very positive one. Although I've lived here in Julian on and off over the past 15 years, since before the cedar fire, I wanted to thank the members of the volunteer fire service. Because of an error made while I transitioned into this community between my doctor in Riverside County and my doctor here in Santee, I was accidentally overdosed on medication. And they not only made sure that I made it to the hospital in time to save my life, they also made sure that I was stable enough to do so without Life Flight. So I just wanted to thank you guys for doing that. And I know a lot of people have stood up here and have talked about, you know, people doing this and that and

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1 the other, and I just wanted to start out with
2 something positive. The second thing I wanted
3 to mention—and this, of course, is no fault of
4 the, as people have mentioned, the boots on the
5 ground—was when I did live in Riverside County,
6 I lived in a small community called Quail
7 Valley, and I know Quail Valley is much smaller
8 than Shelter Valley. Excuse me. Quail Valley
9 went through a similar transition. We had a
10 volunteer fire department. The volunteer fire
11 department dissolved, turned over to Cal Fire.
12 Cal Fire was working with Riverside County at
13 the time, made the transition. We got assessed
14 fees, rather large ones. I can't tell you
15 exactly because my paperwork was lost when our
16 house burned to the ground. I lived two and a
17 half blocks from the fire station, and
18 unfortunately our Cal Fire's team was allocated
19 to the north end of the county. And because so,
20 it took them over 15 minutes for the first
21 engine to arrive.

23 MS. LINDA HARDEN: Actually, I want to
24 correct that. I think it was more—it was more,
25 it was at least 30 minutes before anyone

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2 arrived. And I'd like to also share that—I'd
3 like to share that—ooh, that is loud—I'd like to
4 share that the captain two blocks away at our
5 fire station with Cal Fire knew us. He knew
6 that we had had medical problems. He disobeyed
7 his commander's orders because he—it was close
8 enough that he could see the smoke and fire from
9 our home from where he was deployed. He
10 disobeyed orders because he said, in his words,
11 that he felt had he not come, he would have
12 carried us out as casualties. As it was, the,
13 our neighbors heard us screaming for help and we
14 had to rescue ourselves with the people from our
15 community. And we lost everything. And I
16 don't—I want to say I don't want you guys to go
17 through that. I don't want anyone to go through
18 that. And we—and as John said, we were here in
19 '03 and '07, and we know how bad it can be. And
20 I hope, in my view, from this—I'll let John
21 continue, but I hope that we'll choose the
22 loving choice. And I wish with all my heart
23 that we could get along enough to have Cal Fire
24 and our Julian volunteers work together for the
25 best outcome. Go ahead, John. I'm sorry. I

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just needed to get that out.

MR. HARDEN: But I've seen things turn ugly too, and to kind of build on an assertion that Ms. Starlin and Ms. Tucker made at the end of last board meeting, that for every one of us who are attending the morning meetings and making a loud assertion that for every one of us, there was someone out there making the assertion that the volunteers should go, there's people out there making the assertion that—I mean, sorry—that the volunteers should stay, that there's people out there saying that the volunteers should go. That I'd like to strongly urge the Board that this is too important a decision to turn over to just a few of you. It needs to go to the voters. Thank you.

[Applause]

MALE VOICE: Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Harden.

MS. HARDEN: I'd like to share one other item, and that is the need for local—and I've said it before, and there is a letter on Facebook that I've written. You can check it out. I won't go into much more detail. But without an immediate response, I have three

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hours to live if I go into adrenal failure,
which can happen due to mental, physical, or a
combination of mental or physical stress. I
don't want to die because someone can't find my
house. Or if I choose to go and enjoy this
beautiful community that I love, and I chose—we
chose to come here because we knew that this
community was home to people that understood
fire. There are so many people out there that
also do not want to die. And I urge you with my
whole heart, as a person of faith, to please
choose a loving choice. Think—don't think of
money. Money is not the issue. It can be
found. We all know money is out there
somewhere, and I, and many may disagree with
that. But think of your family, think of your
children, think of the grandparents, think of
the people that you care about, and think of the
people that come to be guests of our community.
Thank you for letting us both speak.

[Applause]

MALE VOICE: Thank you. Monica Golina?

MS. MONICA GOLINA: Hello everyone. I
wanted to introduce myself to the Board because

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I figured that I may have, I may just seem like another JCFPD t-shirt-wearing woman. My voice represents the voice of five adults. Here they are.

[Applause]

MS. GOLINA: The Golina family. My husband, Michael, and I moved to our home in Kentwood 2 on April 26th, 2004. We've lived in Julian for a longer period of time than any other residence. For 14 years, Michael has commuted down the mountain, been gone 12 hours, so that we could live here in Julian. I've been employed in Julian and I've worked at three different jobs here. I worked at Julian Junior High when Ida was there. I worked at Books and Nooks in Winona, and I worked eight years at a boutique hotel. Ours is a family home. My two adult sons, Mike and Joe, have lived here six and three years each respectively, and they commute to Ramona. Our daughter lived here and worked in town for years, and she is returning this fall to be married in Julian. These are four new voices for the Board to hear. And I want you to realize that. I've been waiting and

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1 speaking since I started coming in summer, but
2 I'm speaking for five folks. The Golina family
3 supports an independent Julian Cuyamaca Fire
4 Protection District. As our representatives, I
5 expect you to remember our position in your
6 decision making. We are requesting that you
7 work to support our fire district. The vote in
8 September was to remain independent. Why do you
9 now want to give up our functioning department
10 of 34 years and \$6 million in assets for the
11 plan that the county is offering. I would like
12 an explanation and I would also like to vote on
13 this. This is too important for five people to
14 decide. Thank you very much.

15 [Applause]

16 MALE VOICE: Thank you. Bill Liberg
17 [phonetic]? Bill Liberg is up next.

18 [Applause]

19 MALE VOICE: Kathy, you're next.

20 MR. BILL LIBERG: I'm certain that nobody,
21 nobody is happy about the acrimony that's come
22 about as a result of differences of opinion on
23 this. I'm certainly not happy about it, and I
24 don't know anybody who is happy about it. If
25

1 the Board votes this evening to dissolve and go
2 forward, the acrimony is not going to go away.
3 It's very likely it's going to-

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5 MALE VOICE: [Interposing] It's not on the
6 agenda.

7 MR. LIBERG: Oh, it isn't. Okay.

8 MALE VOICE: Next Tuesday.

9 MR. LIBERG: All right. Next Tuesday. I'll
10 speak as if I were talking next Tuesday. But if
11 they vote next Tuesday, then the acrimony is
12 almost certainly going to increase. Every board
13 meeting that you guys have, every LAFCO hearing
14 that people that can go to, people are
15 passionate about this. But I would offer to you
16 that there's a way to stop that right now, stop
17 the acrimony. And the way to do that is simply
18 to allow the people to vote. We're going to
19 have a referendum in November.

20 [Applause]

21 MR. LIBERG: It's going to be on the bell.
22 I would respectfully ask the board members who
23 are pondering the solution to let the people
24 vote, and this is going to be the way to do it,
25 and it'll take all of the pressure off of you

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2 and the community can breeze easy for a while
3 and we'll meet in November. Thank you.

4 [Applause]

5 MALE VOICE: Thank you, Mr. Liberg. Kathy
6 Goddard?

7 [Applause]

8 MS. KATHY GODDARD: Hi. I'm a Cuyamaca
9 homeowner, and I've lived in Cuyamaca for 40
10 years. I have always supported the Cuyamaca and
11 the Julian volunteer firefighters, and I still
12 support the volunteers. We will be having the
13 Cuyamaca pancake breakfast again this year on
14 May 27th.

15 [Applause]

16 MS. GODDARD: So let me know if you would
17 like to help.

18 [Laughter]

19 MS. GODDARD: I voted for the fire district
20 board members because I thought that you
21 supported our volunteer firefighters also. This
22 meeting tonight is so you can get the
23 community's opinions, and that's fine. But I
24 would also like to hear the Board's reason for
25 changing your votes. Why do you want to turn

everything-

[Applause]

MS. GODDARD: Why, why, why, why do you want to turn everything we have worked for over to the county? I really want to hear from you. And please let the voters decide in the November election. Thank you.

[Applause]

MALE VOICE: Thank you, Ms. Goddard. Jim Lasone [phonetic]?

[Applause]

[Whistling]

MALE VOICE: Geez, he's got a fan club.

MR. JIM LASONE: I'm Jim Lasone and I'm a past board member of this fire board. I've been associated with it one way or the other for several years. I was one of the founding members of the Board when it was first put together. And I came here in 1974 and I commuted back and forth to San Diego where I worked as a firefighter for San Diego City. So when I retired, it was a natural thing for me to want to get involved with the fire service here. I can tell you from my experience, that there

1 have been a lot of people who have put a lot of
2 hard work over the many, many years to get this
3 fire board, or the fire district rather, in the
4 shape it is. I can tell you right now Buddy
5 Sheaf [phonetic] is one. He's got almost 40
6 years in service in the community.
7

8 [Applause]

9 MR. LASONE: A lot of people don't remember
10 Marie and Larry Hutchinson.

11 [Applause]

12 MR. LASONE: But I do. They were
13 instrumental in keeping this thing going for
14 many, many years. I am not really sure of what
15 exactly the current proposal from county fire,
16 or the County Fire Authority is. But I can tell
17 you from my personal experience—I heard Mr.
18 Tullock [phonetic] talk about the cooperation
19 with them, and I think that's great, and if
20 that's the way they're doing business, I think
21 it's wonderful. But from my own experience, we
22 had a couple of members from the County Fire
23 Authority come to one of our board meetings and
24 tell us what they wanted to do for us. They
25 were going to come in and they were going to

1 take over certain parts. They were going to
2 leave certain other things to us as a local fire
3 authority, and it sounded pretty good. So I
4 asked them if they would present that to us in
5 writing. When we got the written reply, it
6 didn't sound a whole lot like what they had
7 represented. And on two different occasions,
8 going back 12, 14 years or whatever it was, I
9 had occasion to talk to our supervisor, Diane
10 Jacob, and I asked her both times, I explained
11 to her the meeting we had in Julian for a new
12 fire station, and her response both times was,
13 well, what have you done for yourself. That's a
14 fair question. Well, the answer is this fire
15 station.

16 [Applause]

17 MR. LASONE: They—in the past, the county
18 has supported this fire district with cash,
19 ambulance, and I'm not really familiar with
20 anything new. But at the same time, when I hear
21 that they are going to withdraw that help unless
22 we play ball, I have to question that. Is that
23 a little bit like blackmail?

24 MULTIPLE VOICES: Yes.

[Applause]

MR. LASONE: I like Diane Jacob, by the way. As to the cost, I don't know of any place where you can get free fire protection. It's going to cost whether you go with the present situation or whether you're going to cut. And if the county tells you that don't worry, we're going to cover this and that, I would think I'd want to know a little bit more before I trust that. I've seen in the past where they have not really fulfilled the promises they made. As the voters here imposed, self-imposed a fire tax deed. They're the same people that voted this Board into office, and all of the other Boards that have been in this office. That's why I urge this Board as strongly as I can. Reconsider your vote if you're going to vote against this proposal, because the people that put you in office are the ones that you truly should be representing. Now, if the majority of people go along with what you're saying, then you are representing them. But I haven't heard anything said about who knows exactly what the majority is. Has anybody on the Board made an attempt to

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1 find out truly what the people in the community
2 want? I haven't heard anything like that.

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4 MR. WAYNE: I have.

5 MR. LASONE: You have, Wayne?

6 MR. WAYNE: I've talked to about 400 people
7 so far and I'd say at least 300 were for, are in
8 favor of retaining what we have now. They don't
9 trust the county either.

10 MR. LASONE: Yeah. Well, with that in mind,
11 I would—I think the, putting this thing in a
12 vote in the public is probably the only thing
13 that makes sense. If in a disaster, I don't
14 care if they said they're not going to help or
15 not. I absolutely guarantee, and I just can't
16 imagine any fire authority standing by and
17 watching this town burn, okay? And as far as
18 the Board reconsidering its vote, I'd ask you
19 very strongly reconsider if you're thinking
20 about voting that way, because once this fire
21 district is gone, it is not coming back. Thank
22 you.

23 [Applause]

24 MALE VOICE: Thank you, Mr. Lasone. Brian
25 Ross? Brian Ross?

[Background Conversations]

MALE VOICE: Brian, how you've changed.

MS. HEATHER: I know, I know. I've already spoken before, so I wasn't going to speak today, but something happened that changed my mind, which I will detail. Easy is not right. There is no ethical or practical reason to ask us to solve. We can work together. We should work together. And we have no need to dissolve to work together. We can't go back if we dissolve and, or if we decide that it didn't work for us later, it'll be over, it's done. There's no going back. We dissolve. That's it. The county can—and I am assured that they will—place fees on us. Not taxes, but fees. So that will be without input from the community. We will pay. And it won't be \$200. Nice thought, but it just won't be. Volunteers save billions every year. Volunteers have saved billions for us. We just didn't know it, and we maybe didn't even stop to appreciate it. We haven't negotiated, as Pine Valley did. We let them state the terms, and that was it. And I personally have spoken to people from 17 departments where there

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1 have been serious issues or failures. Every
2 department has lost all but a very few
3 volunteers, and the stats just don't support
4 that they'll stay. I know that no one can stop
5 the unprofessional behavior. I asked—I asked
6 Meachum [phonetic] directly, and he told me that
7 because the Cal firefighters are union, he can't
8 stop or even influence that professional
9 behavior. He can say something and he promised
10 that he would. But that's all he can do.
11 Here's the reality. The conflict is
12 intentional. We're tools, folks. That's what
13 we are. But we can make a choice to not
14 participate in the divide and conquer behavior.
15 I love my community. I have no reason to fight
16 with them or participate in the acrimony. When
17 people tell us things like, people will die—and
18 by the way, this is documented—and we'll respond
19 slowly. That turns our community against each
20 other. It creates fear. And that is absolutely
21 deplorable. True, it's not stoppable, but we
22 will live with the consequences, and it won't
23 just be for now. Do you really think that the
24 bigwigs are taking over Julian's Fire out of the
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2 goodness of their heart? Come on, people. The
3 answer is no. And I challenge each of you,
4 including myself, to stop the behavior. We are
5 all individually responsible. So I have to read
6 something that's going to be a little tough for
7 me, but I'm going to do it anyway because I
8 think it's important. I've been very vocal.
9 There's some things I haven't participated in,
10 but I have been very vocal. And I've watched a
11 lot of mistreats go out. Today I knew we were
12 coming to this meeting and something happened.
13 I got a message on my cell phone. This is what
14 the message said. We know who you are and we
15 know who your family member in the fire service
16 is, and they can't and won't save you. You're
17 on the wrong side. We—when we win and a fire
18 comes, you will burn. Don't evacuate. We'll be
19 outside listening.

20 [Background Conversations]

21 MS. HEATHER: And I have the message, and it
22 has been reported. Now, even more, I hope that
23 we can have both and end the acrimony. I'm sure
24 you can understand we need to be firm that we're
25 better together. Our community deserves

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1 increased service, not to pay higher costs for
2 less service. This is not funny, people. This
3 is very, very serious. I'm disgusted, and I
4 didn't tell you the end of the message, but it
5 said, shut the F up or else you'll find out what
6 happens. And I'm going to tell you this. I
7 will not shut anything up. That only made me
8 more determined to speak, because I wasn't going
9 to. That's not acceptable.

11 BACKGROUND FEMALE: No, it's not.

12 MS. HEATHER: And if my house does burn
13 down—and it may—and it's possible that maybe
14 someone will stand by, I'll live with that
15 because I'm doing the best that I can to protect
16 my community, and I will continue to do so.
17 Thank you.

18 [Applause]

19 MALE VOICE: Thank you. Ben Edwards?

20 MR. BEN EDWARDS: My name is Ben Edwards. I
21 had a stroke, so sorry. But you know, come on,
22 people, like seriously think about first and
23 then act. So, you know, I don't understand the
24 reason why people are going that way, but people
25 act first, then, you know—I don't know. I'm

2 really upset because, again, some are and all
3 has been there like ever. I'm born here. And
4 firefighter or EMT and, you know, now lines
5 member and people really awesome community.
6 Think, then act.

7 [Applause]

8 MALE VOICE: Thank you, Mr. Edwards. Toni
9 Carter? Toni Carter?

10 MS. TONI CARTER: I really don't have
11 anything to say except I'm thankful the threats
12 were made against me and disparaging remarks
13 weren't as bad as what happened to Heather,
14 because it's not been pleasant. But the only
15 thing I want to say is the terms provide for one
16 truck, two or three staff. We already have
17 multiple trucks, fully staffed, more than three
18 or four each and every day. With one truck, a
19 back-up would be 30 minutes away to cover our
20 station, which leaves the responding station
21 unstaffed until another truck arrives. I just
22 don't understand, and the Board hasn't expressed
23 why do you want to do this. And that's it. Oh,
24 and I'd like to vote.

25 [Applause]

MALE VOICE: Thank you. Thayer Bramm
[phonetic]? Thayer Bramm?

[Applause]

MR. THAYER BRAMM: Hello, everybody.
Typically I write up a big piece of paper and go
blah, blah, blah. But now I'm just going to do
blah, blah, blah in my heart and out of my head.
What we have here is a small community that
survives and has lived on volunteer
firefighters, and its love and its compassion
for its community and people. That's history
that you can't ever take away. You can't take
away the love, the sweat, the tears, and
everything it took to build it and grow it. You
can't give that away. If you do, in my heart,
in my eyes, that's sinful and that's wrong. Let
the people have the opportunity to vote for this
station and vote for whatever it needs to vote
for. All right? Let them vote. Number—that's
just my biggest heart is let people vote. I
went to Rose, France this weekend and visited my
grandpa, my great-grandpa, my uncle, my aunt,
and my mother that I couldn't go visit in
Colorado that's buried and in the ground. They

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served this country to allow us to vote. And that is all I'm asking. Let us vote, whatever it takes. Let the community vote. That's number one. Number two, no matter what you, what happens with this department, I think this department should stay. It's part of the community. I don't care if it survives on 500- or let's say it survives on \$60,000 a year or \$100,000 or 100-whatever it takes, do not get rid of something that is embedded in this community. If, for some reason, we took the idea that we can support this building, we can support more staff, we've got enough people in this community and outside of the community that can come and do reserve time and be part of this thing. Do not kill something that you cannot revive. If you do, in my opinion, you're being unrespectful parents to the community, and we're trying to be good parents. So don't neglect the community. Let the people vote. And just be fair about it. Let us get up here and vote for this place. And that's what I got to say. My heart's always been in community service, and there's plenty of people here and there's plenty

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1 of resources. There's people outside of here
2 that couldn't even make it tonight that have got
3 thousands and thousands and thousands of hours
4 on how to make this thing work, thousands of
5 hours—research, time, development. And has the
6 Board put that much time into it? I don't know.
7 Some of them may, some haven't. But if you're
8 just going to—but you've got to participate.
9 But there's people out here that have thousands
10 of hours to figure out how to make this run, and
11 it can run. And the county, once you give it to
12 the county, their vote is their vote on raising
13 taxes. Right now this community has the
14 opportunity to vote on its taxes, and once it's
15 gone, we can't stop them from raising their
16 taxes, and they will. So let's just keep it
17 ourselves, no matter if it's—maybe 200 ain't
18 enough. Find out where it needs to be. But
19 please give this community the opportunity to
20 vote. That's how all you guys got here is
21 because we all voted.

22 [Applause]

23 MR. BRAMM: So let us vote, please.

24 [Applause]

MALE VOICE: Thank you, Mr. Bramm.

MR. BRAMM: Thank you.

MALE VOICE: Patrick Reitz [phonetic]? I have two Reitz's signed up, Patrick Reitz and Chief Reitz. Is there--

MR. PATRICK REITZ: [Interposing] I am one and the same, sir.

MALE VOICE: --a Chief Reitz?

MR. REITZ: I am one and the same.

FEMALE VOICE: One and the same, okay.

MALE VOICE: [Unintelligible] sign up twice.

[Background Conversations]

MALE VOICE: Okay.

MR. REITZ: Good evening.

MALE VOICE: Chief, thank you.

MR. REITZ: Mr. Chair, Board, citizens of Julian Cuyamaca Fire Protection District. Mr. Chair, would you indulge me and tell me what the rules are for your public comment period? I don't know what they are and I would like to know before I start.

MALE VOICE: We really have no rules.

[Laughter and Applause]

MR. REITZ: Even better, okay.

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MALE VOICE: I'm sorry. The rules are that we will-

[Music Playing]

MALE VOICE: --for 15 minutes. We're an hour and a half-

[Laughter]

MALE VOICE: The rules are that each speaker will be allowed three minutes.

MR. REITZ: That's the rule I'm looking for, sir.

MALE VOICE: Okay.

MR. REITZ: Thank you very much. I'll try to keep my comments to three minutes.

MALE VOICE: I have been reluctant to gavel anyone down, so we've let people speak more than-

MR. REITZ: [Interposing] Well,--

MALE VOICE: --three minutes.

MR. REITZ: --I'm from the evil Riverside County to the north, so I have some different opinions. However, my name is Patrick Reitz. I'm the fire chief for the Idyllwild Fire Protection District. Some of you may consider Idyllwild your sister city on another mountain.

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We are not unlike you. We are a small fire protection district, and we serve a community that is tourism based. And we have been around since 1946. This is my—I'm going on my—I will be celebrating my 31st anniversary in emergency services. I am a firefighter. I am a paramedic. And I am relatively new to the state of California. This is the fifth state I've worked in and, but this is the third fire department—Idyllwild is—that I have been the chief of. And I'm very proud of my history and what I have done with my other departments. I am not your chief. I am not a member of your community. But I was asked to come down from Idyllwild, make the trip, and give some thoughts as to what it is that you're going through. And I love the passion. I love the fact that you're a community that truly believes in community. The—I can sit here and give you my professional opinion on what needs to take place. I can tell you what doesn't need to take place. But I don't want to talk about that. What I really want to talk about is I want to talk about local control. And I am a big believer in small

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government and local control. Look at all you folks here tonight. Do you honestly believe that you could go to the county, that you—and no disrespect to San Diego County, please understand; I just know how big our counties are and how many residents we have—on any one single issue, with a group this size, and make an impassionate plea to change a vote? Do you think you can do it Sacramento? Do you think you can do it in Washington? Ha, yeah.

[Laughter]

MR. REITZ: Okay. The reality is that you, as a local constituency, have the say of your Board. Your Board is members of this community. Do you think you can go to your assemblymen, you can go to his house, you can approach him when he's having a cup of coffee?

FEMALE VOICE: She comes to us all the time.

MR. REITZ: And that's great. But the reality of it is can you see that person every day? Can you see that person even once a week? And I know in Riverside County, that's an impossibility. It is local control. It is local say. This is not about personalities, and

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2 I don't want to talk about math and doing the
3 numbers. I'm not here to tell you, Board, how
4 to do your job. I am not here to tell the chief
5 how to do his job. And citizens, I am certainly
6 not here to tell you how to do your job, other
7 than be good citizens. We could sit here and
8 talk about staffing. We can talk about who does
9 what, who doesn't, who's better, who's not. I
10 can tell you this; that if you lose local
11 control, you lose control. You lose the ability
12 to negotiate. You lose the ability to control
13 your costs. There are always going to be
14 winners. There are always going to be losers.
15 I can tell you that when it comes to, in this
16 case, county government coming in and assuming
17 control, you can go around your own county and
18 you can talk to folks who are very satisfied and
19 it works for them, and you can talk to folks who
20 are ever sorry, ever so sorry that they ever
21 made the move. So it has to be a community
22 decision. I understand this is San Diego County
23 and not Riverside County, and we can talk
24 Riverside politics after the meeting if you
25 really have a year to talk.

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2 [Laughter]

3 MR. REITZ: Local government is about
4 accountability. And I'm probably—I heard a lot
5 of your speakers tonight, and I'm really just
6 summing up what a number of you have already
7 said. You can make a difference. Your board
8 members got on this board to make a difference.
9 You elect—they were elected by folks that think,
10 or at least kind of think, like they do, at one
11 point in time. And I can't tell you how
12 important it is. And that's why I expressed to
13 my board, especially when they're trying to make
14 a decision and it's a divided board. It's okay
15 to be a divided board. It's okay to have good,
16 positive discussion about a differences of
17 opinion. It is important to do that, and that's
18 what separates us from almost every other
19 country in the world is that we can come and we
20 can settle and when the vote is done, the vote
21 is done and we move on and we go ahead, but
22 where else can you make a difference except at
23 local government level. I know local government
24 officials that have left because they wanted to
25 have bigger political aspirations. They left

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1 local government to go, they left city
2 government to go to a county government. They
3 left county government to go up to the state
4 house, and guess what? Their voice is muted and
5 their vote is almost worthless. Nowhere can you
6 make a difference like you can in your local
7 community, and board, I do commend you for your
8 service, regardless. IT's not an easy job, but
9 when you do lose this, you can't get it back.
10 When you divest and you lose your resources,
11 you're done. This is a tactic that has been
12 used by private entities, particularly in the
13 ambulance industry, and I told you I've been
14 doing this a little bit of time, and I've
15 watched the ambulance industry do this time and
16 time and time again. They come in. They make
17 promises to their community, they divest their
18 resources and then they can't get their
19 ambulance back because the ambulance service
20 came in, took possession of everything and they
21 turned around and they can't afford to get it
22 back. The cost of doing business for a fire
23 truck goes up between eight and 20 percent a
24 year. So, if you decide you want to start a
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1 fire district, look at today's cost and you just
2 can't do it. Again, this is not really about my
3 opinion. This is about the voters, residents
4 and the taxpayers, and I'm going to tell you
5 folks that if you are going to step up and you
6 want to keep your district, and again, I am not
7 here to tell you how to do things, and this is
8 not about Cal Fire or San Diego Fire Authority
9 coming in, I'm just telling you, voters, that if
10 you want to come in, if you want to save, then
11 you better be prepared. You better be prepared
12 to do the hard work and step up, and not just at
13 a meeting, and voice your opinion. You need to
14 step up and you need to be prepared to respond
15 with your votes, your checkbook and the hard
16 work that needs to be done. If you want to stay
17 a volunteer community, then you'd better figure
18 out who's going to volunteer and not point at
19 the other guy going, I can't do it. I'm too
20 busy. So, there's a lot of things that I could
21 say right here, but I'm going to close and I'm
22 going to thank the board for their time and
23 their attention to this matter about the issue
24 and that you give serious consideration to what
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1 has been said by all parties tonight, and that
2 you do not, do not stop gathering your facts
3 until you vote. Thank you very much for your
4 time.
5

6 MR. SHELVER: Thank you, Steve. Uh, Laurie
7 Foss?

8 MS. FOSS: Hi. Most of you, um, might know
9 me, but I just wanted to speak to a couple of
10 issues about the division in the community and
11 to assure people that if anyone is anyone is
12 feeling that they are threatened, then they need
13 to report this, because it is important, but
14 also, if somebody has your name and address,
15 it's because it's on a list for the voter
16 registration. It isn't that they're stalking
17 you, it is, it is on a voter registration list
18 and last time because we put PO Boxes and not
19 addresses, they were disqualified, so if
20 somebody knows your address, it's on the voter
21 registration list that we have to check. No one
22 is stalking-

23 [unintelligible background voice]

24 MS. FOSS: It's on the county website.

25 [unintelligible background voice]

MS. FOSS: Was yours alone or--

MR. SHELVER: Please, please give her the courtesy of letting her speak.

MS. FOSS: Thank you sir. Thank you, sir. I promise you, if somebody is driving up and down somebody's street, they live there. There's no other way to get home. That's it. And then also, too, there was an issue with, two issues. One of them is when Chief Meacham was here, he told us that we would not be implementing the Riverside cost recovery plan, and that would be a two person plan where OSHA requires two in, two out for safety, fire fighters and civilians in order to have survivability. Well, Chief Meacham was, he was in here on the 13th, promised that we would not have that in San Diego County. That was only in Riverside County, but it's happening in Palomar. It was in the Ramona Center, when they were touting the remodel of a building on Palomar [unintelligible] Station, but their plan was to have two people, one paramedic and one firefighters. That was it, and he promised us that that would not happen here, and that's the

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Riverside Cost Reduction Plan, and he said it wouldn't happen here. IT takes months for a permit. How could he not know that when he was sitting here and that was the plan for Palomar and they're already going to remodel. We know the county hasn't gone through a fire, but it takes months and months for permits. How could he not know that and state that it wouldn't happen here when it was already in the plans to happen in Palomar. Now, that was, that was a huge issue. And my other issue is, and a lot of people don't like this brought up, is the ability of an unfamiliar entity to find the home in an emergency. We had this happen on Camp Marston on July the sixth of last year where Cal Fire could not find Camp Marston and it was over 20-some-odd minutes that they could not find and the child was not breathing, had to be air lifted. It is not hard to find Camp Marston, and that's where children are. And then it happened with Brian. They couldn't figure out that there are two Pine Hills Roads. Now, I think we need to correct this problem before we vote because if they can't find us, how are they

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going to help us, and I'm not saying, it's not their fault because they promote and transfer each time they promote someone, transfer out of the district. Then they get someone else new. How are they going to learn our, and then they pulled over into Wyanola Pizza, thinking it was the Vintage Barn. Yeah, it looks like a barn, but only someone local would know that Wyanola Pizza is a barn, but it's not the Vintage Barn where the emergency was. Now, that is something that is really important, and we've got six, seven camps here for kids. We've got five church camps. We have so many different residents up here. We have 10,000 tourists on a snow weekend. If they can't find us with an address, how are they going to find an accident on the road? Now this, this is for all of us, and I promise you, no matter what's going on in this room, if any single one of us had an issue and we were in trouble, every single one of us would risk our lives to help our neighbor. It doesn't matter what's happening in this room, the division, arguing, the bickering, all of this garbage. If anyone, everybody, we would do

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1 anything for our neighbors and when you're a
2 part of the community, that's what we do, and
3 that includes you. We would give up our lives
4 for you. We would help you. That's the
5 community on, but anyway, that is my concern is
6 them not being able to find us. Correct that
7 please before you vote because that, that's
8 irrevocable, and the Riverside Cost Reduction
9 Plan that was not supposed to be implemented in
10 San Diego County. He sat there and told us
11 that, but it is. It's on Palomar Mountain and
12 it's in the Ramona Sentinel right now. So
13 that's it, okay? Thank you very much, you guys.

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15 MR. SHELVER: Thank you. The last speaker
16 is Patrick Walker.

17 MR. PATRICK WALKER: I'll talk about
18 Riverside and I'll take any questions, if that's
19 okay with you guys, if you like. A lot of
20 things have been said. I'll start with
21 something. I'm not a fire chief. I'm a fire
22 captain. I am the boots on the floor. I still
23 work actively as a fire captain. I've talked
24 about Cal Fire being a wildland fire agency
25 only. Totally incorrect. Sixty percent of Cal

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1 Fire is a municipal fire. I work at a fire
2 station where we have a three person paramedic
3 and a four person ladder truck. That ladder
4 truck does not go to wildland fires often.
5 Still goes if we need it, you know? I have no
6 issue nor do I want to get rid of your
7 volunteers. We always get along with your
8 volunteers. James Stowers and I have worked for
9 years down in the desert off-road programs. I
10 grew up here in the back country. Somebody said
11 didn't look like I did. I don't know what that
12 means, but I live in the city of San Diego now
13 where I enjoy four person staffing five minutes
14 from my house. Those individuals that are
15 sickly, that's stuff we need to look at. Not
16 the response from your fire department, but your
17 distance for a hospital, because that's what
18 counts. Regardless of who provides the service
19 up here, you're still 45 minutes, an hour from
20 the hospital. I understand those concerns. You
21 talked about Quail Valley. I'll talk about
22 Quail Valley. Quail Valley was a volunteer fire
23 company. It was always Riverside Fire Company.
24 The difference is, what you were talking about
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1 is Riverside came in and made it a paid fire
2 station, so I am sorry that I lost your house,
3 but I noticed on your thing it said that Cal
4 Fire may have been responsible for that. I
5 don't agree. We weren't responsible for that.
6 Yes, multiple emergencies happen. We can't be
7 everywhere, every time. You talk about the 2003
8 Cedar Fire, how nobody was there, we abandoned
9 you. I was that 2003 Cedar Fire here in Julian.
10 Steve Rutger died down the street. To say that
11 we abandoned you guys, that is completely
12 inaccurate. Whoever's saying that is spouting
13 that out. Our folks are getting drug through
14 the mud on social media, in person. Miss
15 Tucker's son in law, daughters, that kind of
16 stuff. That does not need to happen. This is
17 not Riverside County. We are not doing a cost
18 reduction or a cost per call fee that we just
19 talked about, that's not happening in Palomar
20 either. The two-in, two-out, that was when
21 there was nobody inside of the structure, that
22 if a house is on fire and nobody is inside of
23 it, we cannot go in there without two people
24 outside. Now, if there is somebody inside, we
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1 can go in there. You're not going to have two
2 people. That's what I don't understand. The
3 county planned to set it all up, that's
4 everything you have right now, plus paid
5 staffing, so why tomorrow would it be just the
6 paid staffing, all the volunteers go away. I've
7 heard all night, all year about their dedication
8 to the community. Why would they leave? They're
9 going to be part of the reserve program if they
10 pass a medical, physical, background check,
11 which is only right.

12 [background voices]

13 MALE VOICE 2: Let the guy talk. Let the
14 guy talk.

15 MR. SHELVER: Mr. Brown, would you give him
16 the courtesy? He gave you the courtesy when you
17 were speaking.

18 [background voice]

19 MR. WALKER: You know, we go back to 2003.
20 That was 15 years ago. You got a whole other
21 county fire program. This program just took off
22 in 2009. You know, all these fire stations from
23 Ocatia Wells, Shelter Valley, which I
24 transitioned personally over to our staffing.
25

I'm very aware of that place. We increased staffing as needed, so there's questions about that. You know, you're surrounding in Julien by county paramedic engines. All can be within Julien within 20 minutes. They're not going to abandon Julian. You know, we have, here—

[unintelligible background voices]

MR. WALKER: Intermountain, Shelter Valley, Ocatia Wells. Any of those can move.

[unintelligible background voices]

MALE VOICE 2: Let the man talk. He let you talk.

[unintelligible background voices]

MR. WALKER: I can take questions after I'm done. Thank you, Mr. Graham. The medical responses, you know, where, do you want to bring it to about November? I understand that. That's a decision for you guys to make, but while you're looking at it, what do you do between now and November when that ambulance is down the hill and there's no paramedic engine up here. The county provided a paramedic engine. We have the paramedic engine, we have one, two, three additional Cal Fire engines here, and our

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employees have been consistently discounted about their qualifications, their abilities. There's a young lady over here, I don't know where she was at. She was just up here talking about she got a threat on the phone. Is she still here? All right, well I'll tell you this. I don't know if that was directed towards Cal Fire, the Union, any of our members, volunteers or a public member. If that is found out that is one of our folks. I'll personally, I'll give you my word, that person is ejected from our unit. You can take whatever action you want to take on it. We do not do that. That has happened to me. That has already happened to my wife, and it continues to happen, but here's the difference between me and everybody else. I don't care. You can do it day and night. This is the union office. I stepped into it voluntarily. People said stuff about me on Facebook, you know, they, they, I have an alter ego, Mr. Grimm and others. I can't be everywhere I'd like to be. Right now, I'm on medical leave because my wife is high risk pregnancy waiting for a baby to pop out, so I, I

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can't be all these places, at once. I'll close it up here, because I can keep talking about this all night. I'm very passionate about this and enjoy everybody else's passion, but I have zero tolerance for the name calling of our folks. You know, there was never an issue, and you can look back at those guys in our back room in those uniforms, there was never an issue between the Cal Fire Firefighters and the Julien Volunteer Fire Fighters until this issue occurred. It was not created by us. We did not go hey, we don't like you. It was not like that whatsoever. You did not see us talking about those folks on social media that I'm aware of, but you see a lot of slander some words coming towards me, towards my fire fighters telling them to make, file complaints with Chief Meacham all the way up to the director of the department, a 25-page complaint sent the director, the governor, the attorney general's office and all that, our union leadership about me. For what? Being a union officer? For standing up and representing my 450 members here in San Diego County. I appreciate everybody's

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passion, but at the end of the day, look at both sides. You know, make the right decision, but I'm telling you, I'm opposed to this saying, we get along with the volunteers. I apologize to all these board members who have been drug through this and especially Judge Marinelli. That man has done wonders for this fire department here in Julien. That guy was a phenomenal fire fighter his whole career, so thank you very up. If it's okay with it, I'll take any questions, as long as you don't call me what you called me last night, okay? Let's keep it civil.

MALE VOICE 3: Can you tell me how many volunteer fire fighters are left in San Diego County from Palomar, Shelter, Intermountain, Warners, how many are left?

MR. WALKER: I believe just over 100.

MALE VOICE 3: There's 100 reserves. How many volunteers at those stations?

MR. WALKER: Those volunteers are reserves.

MALE VOICE 3: There's none from Palomar. There's none from Shelter. There's none from Intermountain. There's none from Warner. I

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1 don't know how many is out there. There's none
2 left. You're promising something that hasn't
3 happened.
4

5 MR. WALKER: Let me, let me make it clear.
6 I'm not promising you anything. I'm the union
7 vice president. I don't represent the reserves
8 or volunteers, so you can direct that question
9 towards the county.

10 MALE VOICE 3: But you just stated we can
11 all join in and be a happy family, so that's
12 why-

13 MR. WALKER: We can. I just don't know the
14 reserve fire fighters. Yes, ma'am?

15 FEMALE VOICE: How many have been able to
16 have been inundated into the county? The
17 reserves and the?

18 MR. WALKER: Transitioned over?

19 FEMALE VOICE: Transitioned over from the
20 volunteers to?

21 MR. WALKER: Almost all the biggest hurdle
22 has been physical constraints. We couldn't pass
23 the physicals.

24 FEMALE VOICE: But the younger ones that
25 they've gotten in, they've been able to?

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MR. WALKER: They've been able to come in and many have gotten jobs. That's what happens to these younger guys, they come in, younger guys and gals, they get experience, they apply and they come over.

FEMALE VOICE: 2: But do you have a number? A particular number? Because I think that's what she was asking.

MR. WALKER: Like a percentage rate? I don't-

FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, that would nice to know.

[unintelligible background voices]

MR. WALKER: Yeah.

[unintelligible background voice]

MR. WALKER: And that-

[unintelligible background voice]

MR. WALKER: Like I said, I don't represent the reserves, but I disagree with that remark.

FEMALE VOICE: But I do agree that they can't pass the physical. That is kind of a bigger.

MR. WALKER: That is a very big deal, because that's what we're there for. What we're

1 talking about is fire responses. That's only
2 less than one percent of the responses total.
3 It's all medical responses we need to be
4 concerned about. You know, the fire responses,
5 and I'm telling you, we're not turning our back
6 up. We're not going to a person's house because
7 they don't support us. It's not like the
8 [unintelligible]. I got burned in the Cedar
9 Fire. That's just what I do, so I take that
10 issue personally, if we're not damning anybody.
11

12 [unintelligible background voice]

13 MR. WALKER: I didn't receive that message.
14 I was on strike team.

15 [unintelligible background voice]

16 MR. WALKER: I was on strike team. We
17 stayed here. We were never ordered out.

18 [unintelligible background voice]

19 MALE VOICE 4: [unintelligible] was Chris
20 Coronet's truck. He stayed the night, um,
21 [unintelligible] and the volunteers actually
22 passed the [unintelligible] leaving.

23 MR. WALKER: Okay.

24 MR. SHELVER: Mr. Walker, thank you for your
25 presentation.

MR. WALKER: All right.

MR. SHELVER: We're going to move on.

MR. WALKER: Thank you.

MR. SHELVER: That concludes all communications, all 15 minutes of it. You don't have a sense of humor. Um, we'll move now to the continuation of the old business from the meeting earlier this month. Budget committee formation. We have to have a budget presented by the May meeting. The board, at the last meeting, delegated to the board members of the budget committee to interview the folks who had volunteered and they agreed to do that and to come back at this meeting so we can select the two citizen members for the budget committee. Buddy and Brian, you were given that assignment. Brian, do you have a recommendation to make?

BRIAN: Tony Harter.

MR. SHELVER: Okay. I think we were going to have two.

BRIAN: [unintelligible]

BUDDY: My question on having, the more you get, the more complicated it gets, as you know, doing budgets, so we would like to keep it to

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three total.

FEMALE VOICE: 3: We always have four.

BUDDY: Huh?

FEMALE VOICE: 3: Every budget committee I've been on is always at four.

BUDDY: Well, I've been doing budgets here for 30 years, with JCSD for 32 years. Three people.

MR. SHELVER: Okay.

BUDDY: And that's up to the rest of the board. If you want to do four, that's fine.

[unintelligible background voice]

MR. SHELVER: Two board members, two citizen members.

FEMALE VOICE: 3: Is what we were talking about.

MR. SHELVER: Is what we agreed on at the last meeting. Now, if you want to change that, somebody make a motion and we'll change that.

BUDDY: Go ahead.

BRIAN: [unintelligible]

BUDDY: You want to put Jacqueline up? Go ahead.

BRIAN: Yeah, Jacqueline and, uh-

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BUDDY: Right.

BRIAN: So the other person he wants to put on is Jacqueline Egenberry.

FEMALE VOICE: 4: And you interviewed all those who put in their applications, correct?

BUDDY: We went through this right here.

BRIAN: We discussed it.

FEMALE VOICE: 4: Right, but last board meeting, I thought we talked that you were going to interview them. That was something you brought up about interviewing them.

BRIAN: Right, right. Well, we decided the applications were thorough enough we probably didn't have to interview them, and we did talk to some of them.

FEMALE VOICE: 4: Okay, and why didn't you choose [unintelligible]

BRIAN: Because, I think it's conflict of interest. She works for the department. It's just like the volunteers, you're saying you can't get paid and volunteer at the same time, and it's the same thing here. I think she's paid. She shouldn't be volunteering, so.

MR. SHELVER: Okay.

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[unintelligible background voice]

MR. SHELVER: Yeah.

BRIAN: Well, it's a standard we hold for the firefighters, so.

MR. SHELVER: I'm sorry. I didn't hear that.

BRIAN: I said it's a standard we hold for the fire fighters. They can't get paid on one side and volunteer on the other in the same department, so she basically is an employee of the department and you're asking her to volunteer for free, but doing the same job.

MR. SHELVER: She's a consultant. All right. Let's vote on the two who have been recommended. Um.

FEMALE VOICE: 5: I'm going to do a roll call for everybody to vote. So, Jack Shelver, what is your vote on the first recommendation of Tony Harter.

MR. SHELVER: No.

FEMALE VOICE: 5: Ida Tucker?

MS. IDA TUCKER: I'll vote yes.

FEMALE VOICE: 5: And Kirstin?

KIRSTIN: No.

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2 FEMALE VOICE: 5: And Buddy?

3 BUDDY: Yes.

4 FEMALE VOICE: 5: And Brian?

5 BRIAN: Yes.

6 FEMALE VOICE: 5: Okay.

7 MR. SHELVER: Motion carries.

8 [applause]

9 [unintelligible background voice]

10 FEMALE VOICE: 5: And then—

11 MR. SHELVER: On the nomination of

12 Jacqueline Egenberry. Start with somebody else.

13 FEMALE VOICE: 5: Roll call, Kirstin?

14 KIRSTIN: No.

15 FEMALE VOICE: 5: Ida?

16 MS. TUCKER: No.

17 FEMALE VOICE: 5: Jack.

18 MR. SHELVER: No.

19 FEMALE VOICE: 5: Brian.

20 BRIAN: Yeah.

21 FEMALE VOICE: 5: Buddy?

22 BUDDY: Yes.

23 MR. SHELVER: All right, uh, we'll move to

24 the, uh, list of other folks. Anyone wish to

25 nominate any of the other volunteers.

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BRIAN: We can go with three, committee of three.

FEMALE VOICE: 4: I still don't understand, usually we have chief is part of this, and he's being paid. Why, I mean, that's not conflict of interest.

BRIAN: Well it's his job. He's not volunteering for that. That's his job.

FEMALE VOICE: 4: But Rebecca also-

BRIAN: It's like when we said Jason Kuiper can't work on the ambulance and get paid and volunteer on the fire side.

FEMALE VOICE: 4: That's true. That's [unintelligible]

BRIAN: But chief has said before he can't volunteer because he doesn't want to volunteer his time for a job that he's getting paid for, so we're asking Rebecca Lures to do the same? I just don't feel good about it. I, you know, I think we've done the budget enough times with two or three people. I don't think we need her. That's my opinion.

MR. SHELVER: Okay.

FEMALE VOICE: 4: Go with three?

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MR. SHELVER: Go with three. Okay.

BRIAN: It's not-

MR. SHELVER: And, uh.

BRIAN: --groundbreaking stuff.

MR. SHELVER: And we'll have the preliminary budget on the 10th, May 10th.

BUDDY: Yes. Yep.

MR. SHELVER: Okay. Um, that's the only item of business that we were carried over.

[unintelligible background voice]

FEMALE VOICE: 5: Yeah, it's due April 10.

MR. SHELVER: June.

MALE VOICE 4: We have to give a preliminary and then we do a review and then a final, so he's being heard three times.

FEMALE VOICE: 5: So April has to be preliminary.

MALE VOICE 4: If you want to have it done for July 1. For the June.

BRIAN: We can call a special meeting to review it.

BUDDY: Yeah, we can do that.

MALE VOICE 4: [unintelligible] so we can have it ready for July, if we follow that

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2 timeline-

3 BRIAN: [unintelligible]

4 MALE VOICE 4: [unintelligible] because
5 there's got to be input and they have to review
6 it at the main meeting a chance to review it and
7 approve it and vote on it at the May meeting and
8 the June meeting.

9 MR. SHELVER: They said they'll have it by
10 the May meeting.

11 MALE VOICE 4: That doesn't give us, that's
12 nothing.

13 BRIAN: We can do a special meeting if we
14 have to.

15 FEMALE VOICE: 5: April. It has to be in
16 April.

17 MR. SHELVER: Not May 10. I'm sorry. The
18 April meeting.

19 BUDDY: We may have to do that, because I'm
20 not here in, as I told you, I'm out of here for
21 a week starting tomorrow.

22 FEMALE VOICE: 5: So can we do a special
23 meeting?

24 MR. SHELVER: We'll call a special meeting.
25 Okay.

BRIAN: We'll get it done. We're tasked with it. We'll get it done.

MR. SHELVER: We'll call a special meeting sometime between--

BRIAN: April 10 and--

MR. SHELVER: April 10 and May, I think it's the eighth.

FEMALE VOICE: 5: I believe that is.

MR. SHELVER: But we can have a meeting to present it and we can discuss it at the meeting.

BRIAN: Right.

MR. SHELVER: May meeting. It'll work.

BUDDY: Always does. That's it.

MR. SHELVER: Work with the chief on getting a time and a place, or a time, the committee meeting. That's all the business we have for tonight, correct? A motion to adjourn?

[unintelligible]

MR. SHELVER: Second?

BUDDY: Second that.

MR. SHELVER: Buddy seconds. All in favor of adjourning the meeting, say aye.

ALL: Aye.

MR. SHELVER: Opposed say no. Motion

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2 carried.

3 [unintelligible background voices]

4 [END RECORDING]

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