

WEST POINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING, APRIL 12, 2021
MINUTES

7:00 P.M. West Point Station and on Zoom call in

Directors Steve Schoenthaler, Bryce Randall, Greg Pryor, John Hesketh and Julia Marsili were present. Chief Fullerton administered the Zoom Call with approximately 10 participants.

Steve made introductions of the Directors, staff and Supervisor Jack Garamendi. He then explained the need for Measure C to pass. He also explained that a request can be presented to the district for exemption of the tax on contiguous properties with the same owner. Bill stated that parcels with a value less than \$10,000.00 are also eligible for an exemption.

Some people stated they have not received their ballots yet. Bill said the County will register people for voting until 4/19.

It was confirmed that the existing tax of \$78.50 is in addition to the new Measure C tax of \$180.00 for a total of \$258.50 per year.

Questions were taken from the public and zoom callers. Jack Garamendi reiterated the funding changes facing the local fire districts. Greg informed everyone that he and Jack have attended meetings with the State Insurance Commissioner to advocate for the rural property owners on insurance matters. The ISO rating was explained and how it affects rural community's insurance coverage. Discussion took place regarding the need for medical responses as well as fire responses.

Julia confirmed that the "elevator clause" for increasing the special tax has been removed. She stressed that all ballots must be postmarked by May 4, 2021 to be counted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill M. Jenkins, Clerk