Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES
ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Thursday, February 6, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.
City of Pasadena – City Hall
Pasadena, CA 91101

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Justin Jones, Chair (Not Present)
Kim Bowman, Vice-Chair
David Perry, Member
Sheila Rossi, Member
Zizette Mullins, Member

Excused: Daniel Brotman, Member

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Eaton Fire Recap

Introduction by: Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director, AVCJPA
Presenter: Fire Chief Chad Augustin, Pasadena Fire Department
Staff Recommendation: Receive and file
AVCJPA Executive Director Joaquin T. Siques introduced the item.
Pasadena Fire Chief Chad Augustin provided a recap of Eaton fire that took place on January 7th, in Altadena and north Pasadena.

Chief Augustin outlined the events leading to the Eaton Fires, noting the anticipation of severe wind conditions in Pasadena, prompting the Pasadena Fire Department and other City Departments to upstaff resources, coordinate with partner agencies. and activate the City's Emergency Operations Center. The Eaton fire started shortly after 6 pm and rapidly spread due to the high winds, ultimately burning over 14,000 acres, destroying more than 9,400 structures and resulting in the loss of 17 civilian lives.

Chief Augustin Praised the efforts of Pasadena PD, FD, and partners, particularly in saving lives, including those from convalescent homes, with transportation playing a key role in evacuations. The coordinated response, which included the Federal and CalFire Incident Management Teams, proved crucial in both firefighting and preparing for recovery, with the Pasadena Convention Center and Rose Bowl opening to house evacuees. The Rose Bowl also served as a base for over 3,400 responders. Pasadena worked with CalFire to prepare for mud and debris flow, and is now transitioning into the clean-up phase, helping residents who lost homes.

Chief Augustin thanked partner agencies, the city's leadership, and the community for their unwavering support. His key takeaways:

- The importance of collaboration between Police and Fire Departments.
- The value of high-performing executive leadership.
- Strong relationships between City departments and partner agencies, emphasizing the support from neighboring Fire Chiefs (e.g., Chief Barone, Chief Fish, Chief Alvarez).

Chief Augustin expressed gratitude to all involved for their dedication and coordination during the disaster.

Vice Chair Bowman expressed gratitude to Chief Augustin for his leadership and the dedication of his team throughout the incident. He also thanked Chief Augustin for his presentation.

Member Perry acknowledged their close work with Altadena during the incident and shared that the situation personally affected Supervisor Barger. He conveyed her gratitude for the heroic efforts of all surrounding firefighters, emphasizing the strong partnership and collaboration among agencies.

Member Mullins echoed the appreciation for the hard work performed by all involved. She raised the question of whether the fire chiefs from Glendale, Pasadena, Burbank, and LA County would meet to discuss future collaboration. She specifically suggested the need to review what went well, what could be improved, and how to better protect homes in future incidents.

Member Rossi expressed her personal gratitude, as Altadena was her first home. She hoped that the lessons learned from this incident could improve cooperation between surrounding cities and enhance inter-city collaboration.

Vice Chair Bowman acknowledged the hard work of many inter-agency firefighters, noting that he was personally evacuated from La Cañada. He quoted, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of solution," stressing the importance of having

conversations about preventive measures. He once again thanked Chief Augustin for his leadership and efforts.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2024
Staff Recommendation: To Approve Minutes of December 5, 2024

B. Treasurer's Report through September 30, 2022
Staff Recommendation: Receive and file

C. Check Warrant
Presenter: Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, AVCJPA
Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

MOTION
Member Mullins moved and Member Perry seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS – None

VIII. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Reports from AVCJPA Appointees
1. SCAG Transportation Committee - None
2. SCAG Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) - None
3. SCAG Community, Economic & Human Development Committee - None
4. League of California Cities – L.A. County Division- None

B. Report from AVCJPA Representative to Metro TAC
Presenter: David Kriske
Staff Recommendation: To receive and file
Mr. Kriske provided an update on several items being discussed, including the Metro Public Safety Committee's security and police force's ongoing efforts to hire a new Chief. He also touched on the work being done to improve safety data collection throughout the county and discussed transportation and safety plans from Paris that could be used to assist with the upcoming Olympic Games. Additionally, gave a brief update on State Route 14.

C. Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral)
Presenter: Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director
Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File
Executive Director Joaquin T. Siques informed the body of the Measure M Multiyear Subregional Program & Subregional Equity Program funds approved on January 15th by Metro's Planning & Programming Committee and the full board on January 23rd; advising that funding requests can be modified in future years as needed.

IX. REMAINING PUBLIC COMMENTS – IF ANY – None

X. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS (For written or oral reports by Members; no discussion or action to be taken)

XI. ADJOURN

On the Order of Vice Chair Bowman, Member Mullins supported the motion and Member Perry seconded, the motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m.