

## Oceano Community Services District

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## AGENDA FIRE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

1655 Front Street 6:30 P.M.

August 12, 2008

Oceano Tuesday

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vacant

Barbara Mann, Director

Patrick J. O'Reilly, General Manager

Fire Chief, Mike Hubert

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
  - a. July 22, 2008
- 4. Report of the Fire Operations
  - a. Operations/Review \*
- 5. New Business
  - a. Weed Abatement

Consider request from Property Owner Skip Zener concerning Weed Abatement Charges.

b. Pay Periods for Reserve Firefighters \*

Consider recommendation of General Manager to pay reserve firefighters on the same schedule as full time employees.

- 6. Old Business
  - a. Public Facility Fees\*

Review status of Public Facility Fees.

b. Alley Signs \*

Discuss status of project to install "No Parking" signs in alleys.

c. Sale of Excess Equipment \*

Discuss status of projects to sell excess equipment.

d. Strike Team Assignment\*

Discuss use of full-time Firefighters for "Out of County" Strike Team Assignment.

- 7. General Manager Items/Discussion\*
  - a. Other

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## 8. Written Communications

Adjournment

\* Oral Presentation/Discussion

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July 23, 2008

Patrick O'Reilly 1655 Front St Oceano, Ca 93475

## Patrick,

Thank you for your help. Here is what I would like you to pass onto the board. I have three contentions with this fee: ( 2008 Fire Hazard Reduction Charges for APN: 062 041 032 )

- 1. The need to have the work done at all
- 2. That the work was done before notifying me
- 3. How the fee is calculated
- 1. I was at the property in the spring because of work being done to prep the property for the construction we hope to start soon. At that time the lot was mostly bare soil. We had two dwellings demolished and we have had soil tests done. I have worked in fire many years ago and I am aware of the importance of this. At the time I was at the property I did not see it as a hazard. There has been no rain so I did not think rapid growth would be a problem. The photo (which was included with the bill) was taken of the lot prior to the work done is far from clear as to the condition of the entire lot.
- 2. If I had been notified I could have seen what condition the lot was in and either disputed the need for clearing the weeds or done the work myself.
- 3. The cost of \$452.00 to mow a 100' by 100' lot is absurd. I asked for a copy of the work bill and that could not be found when I was there on July 18<sup>th</sup>. I was told that the policy in billing the property owner/ tax payer is to double whatever the Service District is charged. This seems so wrong! There is a set administration cost and that is what should be added to the work bill.

Sincerely,

D&Z Holding

Skip Zemer

General Manager

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