Board of Directors Meeting October 18, 2023 **NLTFPD** NORTH LAKE TAHOE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 1 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES** 2 3 October 18, 2023 4 5 **LOCATION:** 863 Tanager, Incline Village, Nevada. 6 7 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Vice-Chair McKay called the meeting to 8 order at 12:00 p.m. 9 10 *Roll Call of the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District Board of 11 Directors: Upon roll call, the following Board Members were present: Greq 12 McKay, Vice-Chairman; Denise Bremer, Secretary-Treasurer; Director, 13 Charley Miller, Director; James Costalupes. Absent: Chair Susan Herron. 14 15 *Guests present: Fire Chief Ryan Sommers, NLTFPD; Assistant Fire Chief 16 Russell Barnum, NLTFPD; Chief Financial Officer Jackie Signorelli, NLTFPD; 17 Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant Andreina Quiroz, NLTFPD; PIO Tia 18 Rancourt, NLTFPD; Logistics Manager Alan Green, NLTFPD; Battalion Chief 19 Shayne Reed, NLTFPD; Battalion Chief Jed Horan, NLTFPD; Battalion Chief 20 Jeff Sambrano, NLTFPD; Engineer Brett Jacobsen, NLTFPD; FF/PM Scott 21 Kesler, NLTFPD; FF/PM Michael Peck, NLTFPD; FF Thomas Rores, NLTFPD; 22 FF/PM Sam Piper, NLTFPD; Engineer James Nelligan, NLTFPD; Engineer Todd 23 Bassett, NLTFPD; Captain Jake Fonken, NLTFPD; Captain Justin Ashby, 24 NLTFPD; FF/PM Shane Schuster, NLTFPD; Captain Jeff Byrne, NLTFPD; 25 Engineer Taylor Thompson, NLTFPD; Jen Horan, Visitor; Taryn Fonken, 26 Visitor. 27 28 Approval of Agenda: Vice Chair McKay advised that due to Battalion Chief 29 (BC) Carol Green inability to attend today's Board meeting the first agenda 30 item would be removed from the agenda. 31 32 With no additional changes, Vice-Chair McKay called the question. 33 34

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Secretary-Treasurer Bremer made the motion to remove BC Green's agenda item due to her inability to attend.

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Director Miller seconded the motion.

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Amended agenda approved.

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*NRS 241.020 RE: Public Comment. This is a Time for the Public to Comment on any Matter, Whether or Not it is Included on the Agenda of this Meeting:

1 No Public Comment.

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CONSENT AGENDA: Approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes of the August 23, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting.

Review of Accounts Payable for August 2023.

Review of Accounts Payable for September 2023.

Approval of the August 2023 Monthly Management Report.

Approval of the September 2023 Monthly Management Report.

NEW BUSINESS

 1. Recognition of Battalion Chief, Carol Green's 24 years of service and retirement from North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, presented by Chief Sommers.

2. Badge Pinning Ceremony for new Battalion Chief, Jed Horan, and Captain Jacob Fonken, presented by Chief Sommers.

Chief Sommers stated that the retirement of BC Green initiated promotions and invited newly appointed BC Jed Horan and family to join him before the Board.

Newly appointed BC Horan started with North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District (NLTFPD) in 2008 when he was hired as Firefighter/Paramedic (FF/PM), BC Horan promoted to Captain in 2016, currently overseeing all the technical rescue, discipline, as well as Operations (OPS) supply and equipment. Chief Sommers thanked BC Horan for the work he has done, congratulated BC Horan for his promotion to a management level and recognized him for a job well done. BC Horan was pinned by his wife and children.

Next, Chief Sommers asked newly appointed Captain Jacob Fonken and family to join him before the Board. Chief Sommers advised Captain Fonken has been with the district since 2013 when he was hired as FF/PM, he became Acting Engineer in 2020, and Acting Captain in 2021. Captain Fonken is responsible for all water rescue disciplines and was instrumental in the spec and purchase of the current district boat. Captain Fonken was pinned by his wife and children.

Vice-Chair McKay excused guests to celebrate and enjoy desserts in

the kitchen.

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3. Discussion of and Possible Action on a proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District (NLTFPD) and the Tahoe Association of Chief Officers (TACO), executed by the NLTFPD and TACO effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an estimated fiscal impact of \$0.00. presented by Chief Sommers.

Chief Sommers stated he would be turning this agenda item to Assistant Fire Chief (AFC) Barnum but wanted to comment that between AFC Barnum and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Signorelli along with the BC's have done most of the work on this, and said this is more of a "me too," to protect the future people occupying the positions for the district which is why it is a zero cost to the district. Chief Sommers added it is the same practice, it is now just in writing. Chief Sommers turned the meeting to AFC Barnum as he has done most of the work on this and is deserving of the credit.

AFC Barnum alluded to what Chief Sommer stated and reiterated that the emphasis for this was from his position was successorship. AFC Barnum stated that for someone coming into a BC position, leaving a contracted position into a non-contracted position can be intimidating. AFC Barnum recognized that the district has always taken care of their employees after they retire and there has never been any fear that employees leaving would lose their benefits, and said that by implementing this contract, that would be put into writing, and reiterated that it is strictly a "me too," reflecting what is currently done. AFC Barnum recognized Chief Sambrano for being instrumental in this process as it takes the right people in the right place for this to work out and said that he knows that when Chief Sommers was a BC, he looked into doing this, as well as his predecessor and reiterated that having the right people in the right places has allowed for this to be put together. AFC Barnum advised he is open to any questions or concerns the Board may have.

Chief Sommers commented that in working with Legal Counsel on this, it is understood this agenda item is for discussion for possible action, however this agreement would be signed by the Fire Chief, not the Board and said this is more of an advisory to the Board of the existence of this agreement.

AFC Barnum added that with Chief Sambrano being involved, therefore it is the Tahoe Association of Chief Officers, or TACO.

1		Vice-Chair McKay inquired if there were other districts in the basin
2		doing the same thing.
3 4		AFC Barnum advised almost every fire district has a Supervisory
5		Contract that separates the Supervisory staff.
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7		Vice-Chair McKay commented that this puts in writing some
8		protections that everyone else normally enjoys.
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10		AFC Barnum stated that was correct and added that the only other
11		neighboring district that does not have something like this is Tahoe
12		Douglas Fire Protection District (TDFPD) and advised they are
13		currently in the same process we are and said they have worked
14		together through the process.
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16		BC Sambrano joined the meeting and stated he would be available
17		to answer any questions.
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19		Vice-Chair McKay asked if there were any questions from the Board,
20		no questions and advised Chief Sommers could sign off on the
21		agreement if it required nothing from the Board.
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23	4.	Discussion of and Possible Action Regarding the Board of Directors
24		Performance Evaluation of Fire Chief Ryan Sommers and Possible
25		Action to provide an increase in his annual compensation, presented by Chief Financial Officer Jackie Signorelli.
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28		CFO Signorelli referred the Board to page 21 of the Board of Directors
29		(BOD) packet.
30		(DOD) packet.
31		CFO Signorelli explained page 21 contained Chief Sommers Summary
32		of Annual Evaluation, overall performance level, of 4.7, an increase
33		from the prior year from 4.68. CFO Signorelli then referred to page
34		24. Salary Comparison and explained this page contains the analysis
35		of where Chief Sommers salary stands compared to other Fire Chiefs
36		in the area, along with Chief Sommers current salary, CBA increase,
37		budgeted increase, as well as different parameters. CFO Signorelli
38		noted Chief Sommers historical salaries were also listed and advised
39		that whatever was decided today, would be retroactive to Chief
40		Sommers contract date of September 21st.
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42		CFO Signorelli turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair McKay.
43		Vice-Chair McKay stated that Chief Sommers performance evaluation
44		was graded very high as his performance speaks for itself; in his

1 2	opinion as exemplary, but Vice-Chair McKay would like to hear from other members of the Board, their thoughts, and what others may
3	propose for a difference in compensation.
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5	Director Miller asked Vice-Chair McKay if he had spoken with Chair
6	Herron about this.
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8	Vice-Chair McKay stated he had not as that would be pre-
9	deliberation. Vice-Chair McKay knows Director Miller means to know
10	what Chair Herron's thoughts were, as far as what is fair, and Vice-
11	Chair McKay reiterated she had not shared that with him.
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13	Director Miller commended Chief Sommers for a very successful year
14	and said he has been impressed in the time he has worked with Chief
15	Sommers. Director Miller thanked Chief Sommers and said he
16	appreciates him.
17	Chief Sommers thanked Director Miller.
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20	Secretary-Treasurer Bremer complimented Chief Sommers for doing
21	a good job as always, and said she knows last year was difficult with
22	the survey and recognized Chief Sommers for handling it gracefully
23	and improving what needs to be improved.
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25	Director Costalupes commented he personally believes Chief
26	Sommers is worth a raise as he believes salary increases should not
27	be based on time but rather performance. Director Costalupes
28	commented that Chief Sommers has earned increases every year and
29	this year is no different in his opinion, and although he does not want
30	to appear greedy, he would like to begin the bargaining conversation
31	at a 5% increase, although there are Chiefs that are paid more in
32	bigger divisions like Reno, Sparks, and North Tahoe (NT), Director
33	Costalupes said he would be curious about other Board members feel.
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35	Director Miller stated he would endorse 5%.
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37	Secretary-Treasurer Bremer said her opinion was leaning more
38	towards 8%.
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40	Vice-Chair McKay commented that another factor to consider was
41	that the CBA was given 6%, and said performance based is correct
42	and said he would like to see more than 6% if Board agreed.

 Director Miller said he would agree with 6% to match the district.

1	Director Costalupes asked Vice-Chair McKay his opinion.
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3	Vice-Chair McKay replied he could go a notch above 6% and
4	reiterated he would defer to the body.
5	Director Costalupes stated that we get what we pay for and
6	recognized that Chief Sommers is out negotiating deals all the time,
7	dealing with Federal money, recognizing that Chief Sommers has his
8	fiduciary responsibilities in order, and said Chief Sommers does not
9	cross that line, and said he would go to the 8%, and said he was
10	starting at 5% to initiate conversation, but would agree with
11	Secretary-Treasurer Bremer.
12	Contract Tours and December 1 forms I work in the increase Chief
13	Secretary-Treasurer Bremer made a formal motion to increase Chief
14	Sommers salary by 8% for the year 2024.
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16	Director Costalupes seconded the motion.
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18	Vice-Chair McKay stated the motion had been moved and seconded
19	and asked for any further comments.
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21	Director Miller commented that he is new and did not want this to
22	reflect on Chief Sommers, but he would like to remain at 6%.
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24	Vice-Chair McKay called the question.
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26	3 to 1, motion carries. Vice-Chair McKay congratulated Chief
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40 41	*Fire Chief Report presented by Fire Chief Sommers.
41 42	The Chief Report presented by the Chief Sommers.
42 43	Chief Sommers expressed his gratitude to the Board for his review.
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Chief Sommers reported the following:

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Evacuation Forum will be held tonight, at the Chateau, and thanked Public Information Officer (PIO) Rancourt, Fire Marshal (FM) James, and AFC Barnum for their assistance in putting the forum together as he believes it will be very well attended forum. Chief Sommers inquired if there would be any BOD attendance at the forum and reiterated Chair Herron would not be attending.

There has been a significant internet and cell phone outage in town with both Spectrum and Verizon. Residents are upset, and he has been receiving calls about this issue. Chief Sommers advised there is a working relationship with NLTFPD, Verizon and Spectrum and with Washoe County Emergency Management and Spectrum to determine and solve the cause of the outage as this is not the first time this has happened. Chief Sommers confirmed the outages do not bring the district to a standstill, but it does put a dent in our daily operations and while we can still respond to calls, he is more concerned about the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) because as soon as internet is lost, so is the ability to dial 911. Chief Sommers stated test calls were made from true Verizon customers phones and said 911 did go through but anything internet based becomes inoperable and reiterated this is being worked on.

Chief Sommers and Chief Lindgren from Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District (TDFPD), had a significant meeting with the new State Insurance Commissioner where they educated him on the programs both Fire Districts (FD) are doing on the Nevada (NV) side of the lake and said the Commissioner was rather impressed and in awe as he had no idea how much work was being done in the area to improve forest health, lower wildfire threat, but also helping homeowners with vegetation removal around their homes and providing guidance to hopefully regain home insurance coverage. Chief Sommers believes this meeting made some headway and was left that the Commissioner will be doing more research and would get back to them as a continual work in progress. Chief Sommers stated that with the tight deadlines of ten days that are being given by insurance companies to homeowners to clear the vegetation around their homes and the inability to hire a contractor for immediate work, Chief Sommers believes the district may need to entertain the possibility of having a crew sent to assist homeowners in this situation. Chief Sommers said for now this is just being looked into and advised the district is not there yet, and advised that the district is not here to compete against the for profit companies that do this for a living but if those companies cannot get out there in a timely manner due to scheduling or labor shortages, NLTFPD will need to step up and assist in order for homeowners to be able to obtain insurance renewals. Chief Sommers asked that if there is any input from the BOD, he be contacted.

Chief Sommers advised Division Chief (DC) Powning is not present at the BOD 1 meeting as under Chief Sommers' direction, DC Powning is attending an NV 2 Energy meeting with all the FD's and NV Energy. Chief Sommer reported that 3 the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), has put a complete stop to funding the 4 NV Energy, sending every single FD in a tail spin, and said that if today or 5 tomorrow NV Energy decided not to fund this project; first, they would be in 6 violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Private Contractors, 7 but secondly, NLTFPD would survive with our current workforce for about 18 8 months before having to find a different source. Chief Sommers advised 9 NLTFPD owns the Type 6's and said it would just be about where we land with 10 true staffing numbers. Chief Sommers stated other districts are not as lucky 11 as they do not have any other source of revenue, where NLTFPD has the hand 12 crews that go out and bring revenue that can be shared. Chief Sommers 13 reported that when NV Energy funding is lost come January 1, due to not 14 having a signed contract in place, agencies will be laying off employees. Chief 15 Sommers explained that Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) 16 will be laying off 44 employees, as they approached this differently, and made 17 every single employee full-time, whereas NLTFPD did not, we kept seasonal 18 employees seasonally. In turn, this allows us to push out employment and 19 have more work done on NV Energy land and keep the robust fuels program 20 going. Chief Sommers reported he met with the Governor's Chief of Staff 21 regarding this and said the Chief was surprised at the PUC's action, as well as 22 that NV Energy has filed a motion to reconsider with a possible hearing today. 23 Chief Sommers advised DC Powning is not at the hearing but rather at a 24 meeting directly with NV Energy, as the goal is to have a single contract with 25 one point of contact for the funds, to be able to pull this off with the PUC. 26 Chief Sommers explained the PUC is upset about the various contracts, with 27 various different administration and reimbursement fees from NV Energy. 28 Chief Sommers said he can go into more detail as it is scattered what other 29 FD's put in for reimbursement. Chief Sommers reassured the BOD that our 30 contract is not and has not been in question unlike other FD's. Chief Sommers 31 advised it is the responsibility of the PUC to conduct an audit which they did, 32 and it resulted in \$135 million in findings, causing the PUC to freeze 33 everything. Chief Sommers advised there were some personnel changes 34 within NV Energy that most FD's feel this is a direct result of and is hopeful 35 that is being addressed by NV Energy side, and that we will have better luck 36 when dealing better with the PUC in future and reiterated that the person from 37 NV Energy is no longer dealing with the contracts only the PUC. Chief Sommers 38 stated he can update the BOD if they feel at any time with email or as Chief 39 knows more progress as lots is happening. 40

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End of report.

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Director Costalupes asked Chief Sommers the motive that prompted the PUC's

involvement although he understands every FD is different and they all cannot pay the same rates as other departments.

Chief Sommers replied that he believes this will end up with one pay rate across the board, if it is not one pay rate per employee it will be one administrative rate that will be accepted as there currently there are variating rates between the departments.

Director Costalupes commented that the ultimate goal is to protect the environment, not to fund a FD, and it may be right to take less profit or overhead, for the ultimate goal as he deals with this on a personal level and knows rules cannot just be made up.

CFO Signorelli commented that in comparison to construction, we were billing what would be in construction, time, and materials. Labor rate and the cost behind the direct cost, turning into overhead rate attached to the labor, and now that will be built in and we will be dealing with one rate, not all line-item details and changing the philosophy behind how the billing is done.

Director Costalupes stated he is in hopes that the sight of the ultimate task is not lost and be singular minded to protect homes and residents.

Chief Sommers added that the Vice-President (VP) of NV Energy's Fuels Mitigation, immediately presented a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the PUC as if a private contractor was going to be doing the work and not the FD, and there was an 800% increase in the monies from the FD versus a private contractor.

Director Costalupes commented we do not want another Lahaina or Paradise incident.

End of report.

*Chief Officers Report presented by Assistant Fire Chief Barnum.

Assistant Fire Chief (AFC) Barnum reported the following:

Fleet- the boat and jet ski will be taken off the water this week. Currently winter conversion is happening.

Training focus was on extrication, and it was timely as coincidentally we received an extrication call, and the responding crews did well. There will be a 1A 1B, an engineer's bootcamp with NT and resources will be combined as it is a difficult class to put together because of the number of resources and

time, engine company evolutions, brush truck, ladders, time consumption 1 however we will be partnering with NT to do this every other year 2 consecutively to coincide with engineer testing. 3 Academy, AF Barnum could not be any happier with the three cadets, all he 4 hears are good things and they will be on the line December 22nd. 5 6 *Prevention Report presented by Fire Marshal James. 7 8 Fire Marshal James report was submitted as part of the Board packet and 9 Chief Sommers is available for questions as FM James was out of the unable 10 to attend this month's meeting due to being in a class. 11 12 *Fuels Management Report as presented by Division Chief Powning. 13 14 Chief Sommers reported on behalf of Division Chief (DC) Powning: 15 16 Crews have been busy at the end of the season responding to fires, Rifle Peak 17 was just sent to Colorado this morning. Slide Mountain will remain in town 18 working on state and federal lands. 19 20 Continuing efforts with the Southern Nevada Public Land Management 21 (SNPLMA) Round 18 defensible zone. 22 23 NV Energy crew work is completing residential pull grubbing and assisting with 24 helicopter operations, that will resume at end of this or next week near the 25 Thunderbird Lodge. 26 27 Crews have begun work on Incline Village General Improvement District 28 (IVGID) land and Second Creek, also assisted IVGID with projects near the 29 sewer plant. 30 31 Chipping and Defensible Space Inspections (DSI) efforts continue with 32 stopping requests on October 29, 2023, for the season. 33 34 Prescribed fire season preparation will commence, and permits will be 35 obtained. Weather permitting, burns will commence with Thunderstory, next 36 to the Ponderosa Ranch, Woodcreek and or Third Creek Drainage depending 37 on the best opportunity with the weather. 38 39 Seasonal employees will be laid off November 18, 2023. 40 DC Powning and Chief Sommers continuing the contract agreement and 41

negotiations with NDF and NVE.

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Vice-Chair McKay stated he sees the crews around town and is very impressed with what has been accomplished as well as with the crews on the line and complimented them on a job well done.

*Chief Financial Report presented by Chief Financial Officer Signorelli.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Signorelli advised that the finance report was included in their BOD packet and is available for questions but wanted to note the following:

CFO Signorelli met with Pool/PACT confirming the meeting was very helpful as they are working on a lot of the improvements. The next meeting will be in January. Reno Orthopedic Clinic (ROC) has been added to the 24/7/365 triage aside of Swift.

Human Resources (HR) Systems Operations Assessment was completed. Ultimately, improvements are needed. On the Information Technology (IT) side, IT Manager Alan Green is working on the changes; on the Financial/HR/payroll it is the long game, possibly three years, as the software modules and systems need to be analyzed to see if they work together, then implementation.

FM James and CFO Signorelli began the 5-year committee, there is a Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) survey to assist with compiling the 5-year plan and they will report the results once complete.

CFO Signorelli expressed gratitude for the transition with Business Manager Cary, has been positive with good operations. Administrative Assistant Andreina Quiroz has completed four years of service, and Accountant Tracy Collins has completed 17 years. CFO Signorelli added that Admin. Assistant Andreina has taken on Spanish interpreter for the district. Interpretation was done during COVID, and will be available at the public forum tonight, as well as translating marketing materials and it has been very helpful having a Native Spanish speaker.

Director Costalupes inquired on the audit memo. CFO Signorelli stated it is the standard operating memo and said the audit should be completed in a few more weeks.

Vice-Chair McKay inquired if there is a placeholding budget for next year's budget after the IT assessment for the three-year plan as it seems like there is no one size fits all yes.

- 1 CFO Signorelli confirmed there are some hits and misses, noting Tyler Program 2 hit all points and IVGID is currently using it and CFO Signorelli will work on
- 3 receiving recommendations and referrals. Tyler is the only one that currently
- fits the full suite, while others require build-on, so we need to find what matches.
- 6 CFO Signorelli confirmed she had already budgeted \$70,000 for this year for part of the software.

9 Director Miller commented that Tahoe City Public Utility District is going 10 through the same process, and he will send CFO Signorelli the contact 11 information for TCPUD.

13 CFO Signorelli thanked Director Miller.

Vice-Chair McKay commented that it is a very extensive upgrade, very comprehensive, capital and personnel intensive as well.

CFO Signorelli agreed it could be labor intensive and the struggle with how ready the Admin. office is to gain efficiencies from the software platforms, there is extra energy that goes into doing an implementation, and the logistics of how other daily duties will be executed.

Vice-Chair McKay recommended not to be over reliant on technology.

CFO Signorelli agreed and added she is working to have full visibility, with real time data available so every person knows where the budget is sitting to help build trust.

End of report.

*Public Education Information Officer Report presented by PIO Rancourt.

PIO Rancourt advised her report was submitted as part of the BOD packet and is available to answer any questions.

Additionally, PIO Rancourt thanked Andreina for assisting with translating the Emergency Preparedness Spanish flyers, as the booklets are gone, they are outdated and have been replaced with a tri-fold flyer. The flyers will be available tonight, with other sign-up documents and templates, and PIO Rancourt expressed her excitement for the forum tonight and thanked the BOD for their support.

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Local 2139 Representative VP James Nelligan thanked the BOD for their support and reported the Union is looking forward to having the new hires join the crews in December.

VP Nelligan reported a letter of intent to negotiate was sent to Chair Herron, and due to being an offset schedule given the one-year contract extension, the union will be holding officer elections end of month however they will not be meeting after election.

VP Nelligan reported the Union, is under the IAFF as a 501-C5 which limits the capabilities they can do. The Union has set aside \$5,000 to create a 501-C3, and he will be running for office, and taking the task of forming the new foundation, member of the Local Union will be forming the Board and the foundation will be Incline Village Crystal Bay Firefighters Foundation, a charitable organization, to better reach the community and take over fundraising efforts.

End of report.

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Chief Sambrano, thanked the BOD for working through TACO and formalizing something that needed to be done and help the successorship plan for the future.

Meeting Adjournment 12:50 p.m.

Andreina Quiroz, Secretary

Susan Herron, Chairman