

DEPARTMENT: Fire Protection BY: Dan Tinnel PHONE: 966-4330

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Recommend changing title of Fire Warden to Fire Chief. The attached offers information regarding this change.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

No action has been taken on this issue. Board created position in October 1991.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1) Not change the title

COSTS: (X) Not Applicable

- A. Budgeted current FY \$ _____
- B. Total anticipated costs \$ _____
- C. Required add'l funding \$ _____
- D. Source: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required

- A. Internal transfers \$ _____
 - B. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____
 - C. Reserve for Contingency \$ _____
 - D. Description: _____
- Balance in Reserve for Contingency if approved: \$ _____

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 92-292
 Ord. No.: _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____ Abstained: _____
 Approved () Denied
 (X) Minutes Order Attached

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S

RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- For Policy Determination
- Submitted With Comment
- Returned for Further Action

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS
County of Mariposa, State of CA

By: _____
Deputy

Comment: _____

A.O. Initials: 

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: DAN TINNEL, FIRE CHIEF
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RE: CHANGE OF TITLE

mwj/BL

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
ADOPTED THIS Order on June 9, 1992

ACTION AND VOTE:

10:47 a.m. Dan Tinnel, Fire Warden;

A) Resolution Amending the Job Description by Changing the Title of Fire Warden/Emergency Services Officer to Fire Chief/Emergency Services Officer; and Discussion of Related Retirement Issues

BOARD ACTION: (M)Taber, (S)Baggett, Res. 92-292 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous. (M)Baggett, (S)Radanovich, direction was given that Dan Tinnel be held harmless personally for any rate change from firefighter into regular safety employee until rate change occurs through the PERS process/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Personnel
Auditor
County Counsel
File

The recruitment for the position I hold was for a Fire Warden/Office of Emergency Services Officer. I recommend that the title of the position be changed, by resolution, to Fire Chief/Emergency Services Officer. I feel the change is needed for the following reasons:

1. The term Fire Warden is antiquated. I researched the issue with Office of Emergency Services and their opinion was that the term was used during the first half of the century to appoint volunteers in counties to take charge of fires in rural areas.
2. The term "County Fire Chief" is the modern way to identify the professional that is in charge of a fire department.
3. From first arriving in Mariposa, I have been regarded by volunteer fire companies as the Fire Chief. It is their unanimous request that Fire Chief be my official title.
4. Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) does not recognize the title Fire Warden for public safety retirement. The name change would simplify dealing with PERS concerning retirement benefits.
5. There is some question as to legal (Uniform Fire Code/ State Fire Marshal) authority of a Fire Warden vs. a Fire Chief to administer and enforce the fire codes.