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Committee Members Present

Capt. Joe Long (Chair)
John Schneider

Committee Members not Present

Dave Connolly

Staff Present

Allen Garfinkle, Executive Director;
Kelly Dolcini, Staff Services Analyst

Others Present

Ray Paetzold
John Cinderey
Capt. Dave Weiss, SFBP

Public Present

No members of the public attended the meeting.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting was chaired by Capt. Long, who called the meeting (open session) of the Pilot Power Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of the January 15, 2013 Pilot Power Committee Meeting.

As no members of the current Pilot Power Committee were present at the previous meeting, the minutes were acknowledged.

3. Review results of most recent retirement survey available.

The committee reviewed and discussed the results of the retirement survey compiled in January, 2013. There was a discussion of the correlation between eligibility to retire and actual retirement. Committee members, with participation from the audience, determined that pilots

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tend to postpone their retirement when they reach eligibility. They usually cite good health, children in school, or enjoyment of their profession as reasons they choose to continue piloting.

4. **Assessment of the adequacy in current number of pilots and pilot trainees, projected needs through December 2014, including reviewing the most recent 7 CCR subsection 237(d) data.**

Upon review of the 237(d) data, Capt. Long commented that there were currently 58 pilots, with three in the trainee program. There are currently 60 authorized and the committee determined that it is not necessary to increase the number of trainees at this time.

5. **Discussion and assessment of the adequacy of the current number of authorized pilots. Possible recommendation to the full Board to increase the number of authorized pilots.**

The Committee discussed the current number of authorized pilots and the recent spate of minimum rest period (MRP) exceptions. There was concern at the May Board meeting that the number of MRP exceptions indicated a need for and increase in the number of authorized pilots. Capt. Long and other members of the SFBP represented in the audience explained that there had been a training class taking place as well as several pilots who were on medical leave, which contributed to the surge. Adjusting the number of authorized pilots is a huge undertaking and occurrences like this are rare.

MOTION: Chairman Long moved to make no change to the number of authorized pilots. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ACTION: The committee unanimously approved the motion on a voice vote.

The Committee will revisit the matter at its July meeting, once June, 2013 retirement survey results have been received

6. **Public comment on matters not on the agenda.**

Mr. Paetzold addressed the committee to give some background on its purpose.

7. **Proposals for additions to next Committee meeting agenda.**

Mr. Garfinkle asked the Committee whether they thought it would be appropriate to bring in stakeholders and river pilots from the Ports of Stockton and Sacramento to discuss the sufficiency of the current number of river licensees. Chairman Long noted that there was a

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balancing between to have a certain number of river commissions granted and the number of available jobs to remain recent on the work. It was determined that this would not be necessary at this time and the item will be removed from the agenda.

8. Adjournment.

Capt. Long adjourned the open session of the Pilot Power Committee meeting at 2:39 p.m.

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