

Aptos fire chief gets \$25,000 to quit his job

Embattled Aptos-La Selva fire chief Charles Streeter will receive \$25,000 from the fire district in exchange for his resignation.

The agreement was signed last night following a closed-door personnel session held by the district's five directors.

Streeter was asked by the fire district board of directors to resign Jan. 23 after they accused him of violating district policies by purchasing two four-wheel-drive vehicles and other equipment without first obtaining competitive bids.

Streeter refused to submit his resignation and board members placed him on administrative leave with full pay while they continued to huddle with attorneys for the district and Streeter.

The board made Battalion Chief Chuck Monard acting chief.

The resolution and general release unanimously approved by the board last night calls for Streeter's resignation, effective March 1, in exchange for the \$25,000 lump sum payment.

By signing the agreement, Streeter is giving up any rights of reinstatement to his job as fire chief and also gives up his right to sue the district in the future.

The district is also agreeing not to sue Streeter and also to seal his personnel file and, unless Streeter agrees, not to disclose to any future employer the reasons why he left the fire district.

—Bob Smith