



**Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 8, 2025 7:00 P.M.
Scotts Valley City Hall
One Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley CA 95066**

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1. Opening Business

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- 1.3 Roll Call

2. Public Comment (GC §54954.3)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on any matter that is within the subject matter of the jurisdiction, and either on the agenda or not on the agenda. To ensure fair and equal treatment of all who appear before the Board, and to expedite Agency business, speakers will be limited to three minutes. The three-minute per speaker time limitation may be extended for good cause by the Board President, or by majority vote of the Board Members. Anyone wishing to be placed on the Agenda for a specific topic should contact the Fire Chief's Office and submit correspondence at least 10 days before the desired date of appearance. Any matter that requires Board action will be referred to staff for a report and action at a subsequent Board meeting.

3. Agenda Amendments (GC§54954.2) – Discussion/Action

4. Consent Calendar

(Consent calendar items will be considered and enacted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on items unless a Board Member, Staff, or member of the public requests the removal of the item for separate action.)

- 4.1 Minutes: Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2025
- 4.2 Minutes: Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2025



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- 4.3 Approve SVFPD Claims Disbursements for the Month of September 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 in the Amount of:

Payroll and Benefits:	\$ 732,519.04
General Fund:	\$ 49,245.12
Capital Outlay:	\$ 27,211.86
SCHMIT:	\$ -1,443.68
TOTAL:	\$ 807,532.34

- 4.4 Approve Fire Chief Contract Amendment
4.5 Approve Revised Salary Schedule

5. Discussion Items

- 5.1 La Madrona Fire Station Planning / Safety Measures to Address Seismic Concerns for Firefighters at Fire Station One, located at Erba Lane
5.2 Shared Services Update

6. Action Items- Discussion/Action

- 6.1 Adopt Resolution 2025-14: A Resolution of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Granting a Utility Easement to Pacific Gas and Electric Company
6.2 Adopt Resolution 2025-15: Establishing Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2025/2026
6.3 Adopt Resolution 2025-16: Empowering the Fire Chief to Advocate for State Legislation that Supports the Mission and Interests of the District

7. Board of Directors and Administrative Reports – Information/Discussion (No action will be taken on any questions raised by the Board at this time.)

- 7.1 Board of Directors Report – Directors
7.2 Fire Chief / Administrative Report

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Incident follow-up- Thank you email from Patrick Winters (Division Chief- Central Fire)
8.2 Email regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems- Becky Steinbruner



8.3 Prevention follow-up- Thank you email from Benjamin Lopes

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

10. Closed Session: Government Code §54957

10.1 Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel – Threatened/Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code sections §54956.6(d)(2) and §54956.6(e)(1): 1 case

11. Open Session: Government Code §54957.1

11.1 Report on closed session item 10.1

12. Adjournments

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Note: Certain supporting documents for items on this agenda may be distributed at the Board meeting. Copies will be made available to the public at that time in accordance with Government Code Section 54957.5.



**MINUTES OF THE
SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING OF
September 10, 2025**

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (SVFPD) was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at the City of Scotts Valley Council Chambers. President Cosner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

President Cosner called for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence in special remembrance of the upcoming September 11 anniversary.

1.3 Roll Call

Director(s) Present: President Adam Cosner (AC)
Vice President Kris Hurst (KH)
Director Daron Pisciotta (DP)
Director Mike Weave (MW)
Director Ron Whittle (RW)

Director(s) Virtual at Alternate Location: N/A

Director(s) Absent: N/A

Fire District Staff: Chief Correira
Battalion Chiefs LoFranco and McNeil
Administrative Services Manager Rodriguez

2. Public Comment (GC §54954.3)

No public comment(s) made.

3. Agenda Amendments (GC§54954.2) – Discussion/Action

No agenda amendments made.

4. Consent Calendar

4.1 Minutes: Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2025



4.2 Approve SVFPD Claims Disbursements for the Month of August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025 in the Amount of:

Payroll and Benefits:	\$ 726,881.26
General Fund:	\$ 55,588.24
Capital Outlay:	\$ 13,107.50
SCHMIT:	\$ 2,914.12
TOTAL:	\$ 798,491.12

Board Comment/Questions:

Director Hurst requested a name correction in the August 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve Consent Calendar Items 4.1-4.2 with requested minute edit was made by Director Hurst, seconded by Director Pisciotta, and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

5. Discussion Items

5.1 La Madrona Fire Station Planning / Safety Measures to Address Seismic Concerns for Firefighters at Fire Station One, located at Erba Lane

Staff reported the RFP for architecture and engineering services has been awarded. Architects will begin as-built drawings. After permitting, a second RFP will be issued for construction. The goal is to return firefighters to the station by spring, pending timeline and permitting.

5.2 Shared Services Update

Staff reported that efforts continue to focus on training, with no additional updates at this time.

5.3 Station 3 - Community Room Remodel

Staff presented an update on the Station 3 community room remodel project. The goal is to reopen the room for public use with its own secure access, restroom, and ADA-compliant entry. Plans include separating the community space from the rest of the station, adding an all-gender restroom, and installing an electronic access system. The project has been in planning for over a year, with permits in progress through the County. An ADA specialist has been consulted to ensure compliance, including construction of an accessible ramp, which will make one apparatus bay unavailable for vehicle use (but still usable for storage). Estimated project cost is \$90,000–\$100,000.



The Branciforte Advisory Commission has unanimously recommended using Barnes Family Trust donation funds to support the remodel and related building improvements. If approved, the project could include additional site and building updates with any remaining funds. The Board provided feedback, expressed support, and raised no objections. Staff will proceed with permitting and return with final cost estimates and approvals once bids are obtained.

6. Action Items – Discussion/Action

6.1 Approve Revised Policy 2100: Policy For Conducting Board Meetings

Board Comment/Questions: None

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve Revised Policy 2100: Policy For Conducting Board Meetings as presented was made by Director Weaver, seconded by Director Pisciotta, and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

6.2 Adopt New Policy 1001: Fire Chief Performance Evaluation

Staff presented a new policy outlining the process, scope, and timeline for the Fire Chief's performance evaluation. The policy was drafted in collaboration with the Board President, District Counsel, and staff, and is based on a model from another fire district. It provides flexibility for the Board to conduct or outsource the evaluation and does not include an evaluation form, which would be developed separately.

Board Comment/Questions:

Board discussion focused on ensuring the policy aligns with the Fire Chief's employment agreement and does not conflict with existing contract language. Staff agreed with the importance of keeping the policy and contract consistent and supported obtaining legal review to confirm alignment.

Public Comment: None

The Board referred the policy to the Organization & Personnel Committee for further review and legal input before bringing it back for consideration.

6.3 Approve Letter to State Representatives Regarding Tax Apportionment Reform

Staff presented a proposed letter to state representatives advocating for changes to the allocation of Proposition 172 public safety sales tax funds, which currently direct the majority of revenue to counties rather than local fire districts. The letter, modeled after one used by neighboring agency (Central Fire District), aims to support fairer tax apportionment and keep the issue visible with legislators. Staff also reported recent meetings with Supervisors Koenig and Martinez and with Senator Laird's staff (through CSDA) regarding these funding inequities.



Board Comment/Questions:

Directors discussed the long-term revenue loss caused by ERAF/Prop 172, noting the nearly \$1 million annual impact to the District. They expressed support for continued advocacy, suggested in-person meetings with legislators to strengthen the message, and agreed the shorter version of the letter should be sent.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve Letter to State Representatives Regarding Tax Apportionment Reform (shorter version) as presented was made by Director Weaver, seconded by Director Whittle, and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

7. **Board of Directors and Administrative Reports – Information/Discussion**

(No action will be taken on any questions raised by the Board at this time.)

7.1 Board of Directors Report – Directors

Director Weaver expressed appreciation to Captain Todd and her crew for their assistance during a recent call to his residence.

Director Pisciotta reported that the City’s State of the City Address is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, at 5:00 p.m.

7.2 Fire Chief / Administrative Report

Battalion Chief LoFranco provided the following updates:

Strike Team Deployment:

BC Stubendorff is serving as a strike team leader trainee under Pat Winters (Central Fire) with Captain Sundermier, Engineer Vandiver, and Firefighters Pisciotta and Lackey staffing the District’s engine. The team moved from the TCU Lightning Complex to the Garnet Fire.

Tanker Spill Response:

The District responded to a major tanker spill on Highway 17. Special thanks were given to partner agencies including Felton Fire, CHP, AMR, CAL FIRE, OES, EPA, Fish and Wildlife, and Santa Clara County Fire Special Operations. A formal thank-you letter will be sent on the District’s behalf for their assistance.

Administrative Services Manager Rodriguez provided the following update:

Audit:

The District’s annual audit process has begun, with the auditor onsite this week.

Chief Correira provided the following updates:

Upcoming Report:

A written Chief’s Report will be provided at next month’s meeting.



Union Event:

The firefighters' union is planning its annual pancake breakfast; details will be shared by the union at a later date.

Felton Fire Parcel Tax Proposal:

BC LoFranco shared that the news reported Felton Fire is pursuing a special election on December 9 for a proposed parcel tax of approximately \$700 per parcel on 4,400 parcels, projected to generate about \$3.1 million annually. Chief Correira added details from a recent Fire Chiefs meeting, noting the funds would support hiring staff to maintain minimum two-person staffing seven days a week. The effort follows recent LAFCO discussions on service options. Felton Fire currently has about 12 volunteers working per diem and several more in training. If the measure fails, the district may need to explore alternative service models (e.g., CAL FIRE or nearby agencies).

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

There were no requests for future agenda items.

9. Closed Session: Government Code §54957

9.1 Labor Negotiations: Government Code §54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiators, Directors Cosner and Whittle
Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief

At 7:52 p.m. Board President Cosner announced the Board Closed Session for the purpose listed in Item 9.1.

10. Open Session: Government Code §54957.1

10.1 Report on closed session item 9.1

At 8:11 p.m., the Board reconvened to Open Session and President Cosner reported on Item 9.1. Information was received, and direction was given. No action taken.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Attest _____

Adam Cosner
Board President

Mark Correira
Board Secretary



**MINUTES OF THE
SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING OF
September 23, 2025**

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (SVFPD) was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at the City of Scotts Valley Council Chambers. President Cosner called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

President Cosner called for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence to follow.

1.3 Roll Call

Director(s) Present: President Adam Cosner (AC)
Vice President Kris Hurst (KH)
Director Daron Pisciotta (DP)
Director Mike Weave (MW)
Director Ron Whittle (RW)

Director(s) Virtual at Alternate Location: N/A

Director(s) Absent: N/A

Fire District Staff: Chief Correira
Fire Marshal Collins
Administrative Services Manager Rodriguez

2. Public Comment (GC §54954.3)

Becky Steinbruner renewed her request for the District to transition to a district-based elected Board of Directors, noting the idea had paused due to active consolidation discussion with Central Fire District. She also urged the Board to consider stricter fire code provisions for lithium-ion battery energy storage systems, citing upcoming state code changes, a pending Santa Cruz County ordinance for grid-scale battery energy storage systems in the County, and reported fire alarm failure rates in battery storage cargo containers. She offered to provide supporting information to the Chief and Board.

3. Agenda Amendments (GC§54954.2) – Discussion/Action



No agenda amendments made.

4. Public Hearing/Action Items- Discussion/Action

- 4.1 Introduction of Ordinance 2025-2: An ordinance of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District adopting the 2025 edition of the California Fire Code, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; repealing the Previous Adoption of the 2025 California Fire Code and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith. (First Reading)

Fire Marshal Collins introduced Ordinance 2025-2 for adoption of the California Fire Code with local amendments. This was the first reading, and staff requested waiving the full reading of the text due to time constraints. Collins explained that most amendments were carried over from previous code cycles, with only minor numbering changes due to state updates.

Board Comment/Questions: None

Public Comment: None

Motion to waive the reading of the text was made by Director Pisciotta, seconded by Director Weaver, and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

**Public Hearing for the adoption of Ordinance 2025-2 set for November 12, 2025.
Ordinance 2025-2 available for public review upon request to administrative staff.**

- 4.2 Adopt Resolution 2025-11: Notice of Intent to Adopt the 2025 California Fire Code with Amendments and Prescribing Regulations Governing Conditions Hazardous to Life and Property from Fire and Explosion and for Providing for the Issuance of Permits and Establishing Certain Fees

Board Comment/Questions: None

Public Comment:

Becky Steinbruner asked whether the amendments add sprinkler requirements for ADUs. Fire Marshal Collins confirmed there were no new requirements were added. However, language was added only to clarify existing provisions. In response to what changes were made, Collins noted that the memo in the Board packet lists all changes and updates. Becky also asked why a special meeting was needed. Collins explained that county deadlines and the coordinated adoption process required action before the date of the next regular meeting.



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Motion to Adopt Resolution 2025-11 as presented was made by Director Weaver, seconded by Director Whittle, and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

4.3 Adopt Resolution 2025-12: Resolution Finding Modification of State Housing Law by Ordinance 2025-2, Reasonably Necessary Because of Local Conditions

Board Comment/Questions: None

Public Comment: None

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2025-12 as presented was made by Director Hurst, seconded by Director Pisciotta, and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

4.4 Adopt Resolution 2025-13: Notice of Intent to Consider a Negative Declaration for an Ordinance Adopting the 2025 California Fire Code with Amendments Prescribing Regulations Governing Conditions Hazardous to Life and Property from Fire and Explosion and for Providing for the Issuance of Permits and Establishing Certain Fees

Board Comment/Questions: None

Public Comment: None

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2025-13 as presented was made by Director Weaver, seconded by Director Whittle, and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

5. Request for Future Agenda Items

There were no requests for future agenda items.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Attest _____

Adam Cosner
Board President

Mark Correira
Board Secretary

Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (SVFPD)

Date: October 8, 2025
To: Board of Directors
From: SVFPD
Subject: Approve Claim Disbursements

SVFPD Claims have been approved for payment out of SVFPD Funds totaling \$ 807,532.34

These payments have been approved by the Board of Directors during their meeting on October 8, 2025

September 2025/2026 F.Y.

685010- Payroll and Benefits:	\$ 732,519.04
685010- General Fund:	\$ 49,245.12
685030- Capital Outlay:	\$ 27,211.86
685040- SCHMIT:	\$ -1,443.68

ATTEST _____
Adam Cosner
Board President

Mark Correia
Board Secretary

Actual Transactions

Transaction Type = Actual; Revenues/Expenditures = R,(E); Chart Fields = GLKey,Character,Object
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GL Key: 685010 – SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROT SVC												
Character: 50 – SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEF												
Object: 51000 – REGULAR PAY-PERMANENT												
2026	03	9/03/2025	PAYPERIOD 18		Expenditures	685010	50	51000	-165,602.06	PAYPERIOD 18PAYDATE 09052025		
2026	03	9/04/2025	DU118800	DU118800	Expenditures	685010	50	51000	825.00	Baymonte CPR CK#235166	C99999	
2026	03	9/04/2025	DU118800	DU118800	Expenditures	685010	50	51000	2,271.20	E2546 Ssus Work Reimb CK#6049	C99999	
2026	03	9/17/2025	PAYPERIOD 19		Expenditures	685010	50	51000	-164,116.17	PAYPERIOD 19PAYDATE 09192025		
2026	03	9/25/2025	DU119334	DU119334	Expenditures	685010	50	51000	8,294.27	Vandervoort Reimb. INV#932025	C99999	
Total 51000 – REGULAR PAY-PERMANENT									-318,327.76			
Object: 51005 – OVERTIME PAY-PERMANENT												
2026	03	9/03/2025	PAYPERIOD 18		Expenditures	685010	50	51005	-11,445.04	PAYPERIOD 18PAYDATE 09052025		
2026	03	9/17/2025	PAYPERIOD 19		Expenditures	685010	50	51005	-90,944.65	PAYPERIOD 19PAYDATE 09192025		
Total 51005 – OVERTIME PAY-PERMANENT									-102,389.69			
Object: 51010 – REGULAR PAY-EXTRA HELP												
2026	03	9/03/2025	PAYPERIOD 18		Expenditures	685010	50	51010	-3,938.05	PAYPERIOD 18PAYDATE 09052025		
Total 51010 – REGULAR PAY-EXTRA HELP									-3,938.05			
Object: 51035 – HOLIDAY PAY												
2026	03	9/03/2025	PAYPERIOD 18		Expenditures	685010	50	51035	-13,349.98	PAYPERIOD 18PAYDATE 09052025		
2026	03	9/17/2025	PAYPERIOD 19		Expenditures	685010	50	51035	-13,349.98	PAYPERIOD 19PAYDATE 09192025		
Total 51035 – HOLIDAY PAY									-26,699.96			
Object: 51040 – DIFFERENTIAL PAY												
2026	03	9/03/2025	PAYPERIOD 18		Expenditures	685010	50	51040	-8,523.03	PAYPERIOD 18PAYDATE 09052025		
2026	03	9/17/2025	PAYPERIOD 19		Expenditures	685010	50	51040	-8,523.03	PAYPERIOD 19PAYDATE 09192025		
Total 51040 – DIFFERENTIAL PAY									-17,046.06			
Object: 52010 – OASDI-SOCIAL SECURITY												
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Object: 52015 – PERS												
2026	03	9/03/2025	PAYPERIOD 18		Expenditures	685010	50	52015	-35,484.28	PAYPERIOD 18PAYDATE 09052025		
2026	03	9/17/2025	PAYPERIOD 19		Expenditures	685010	50	52015	-35,811.32	PAYPERIOD 19PAYDATE 09192025		
2026	03	9/17/2025	SD17RETCORRECT		Expenditures	685010	50	52015	-51,850.25	SD17CALPERSB.GREENI7990659	V116512	17194
2026	03	9/18/2025	JSD17RETCORR		Expenditures	685010	50	52015	-40,615.96	SD17 PERS RET. CORRECTION		
Total 52015 – PERS									-163,761.81			
Object: 53010 – EMPLOYEE INSURANCE & BENEFITS												
2026	03	9/03/2025	PAYPERIOD 18		Expenditures	685010	50	53010	1,235.80	PAYPERIOD 18PAYDATE 09052025		
2026	03	9/03/2025	PAYPERIOD 18		Expenditures	685010	50	53010	-750.00	PAYPERIOD 18PAYDATE 09052025		
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2026	03	9/04/2025	DU118800	DU118800	Expenditures	685010	50	53010	48.56	I.Bustichi Sept25DentalCK#3433	C99999	
2026	03	9/04/2025	DU118800	DU118800	Expenditures	685010	50	53010	91.85	S.KovacsAug25 DentalR#4267	C99999	
2026	03	9/04/2025	DU118800	DU118800	Expenditures	685010	50	53010	48.56	M.Pasquini Sept25DentalCK#1163	C99999	
2026	03	9/10/2025	1025SVFD		Expenditures	685010	50	53010	-4,573.26	HEALTH CARE EMP SVFD Group 367	V108670	00492064
2026	03	9/10/2025	SEP25HLTH		Expenditures	685010	50	53010	-76,191.06	SV FIRE SEP 2025	V116512	17163
2026	03	9/12/2025	1025SVFD		Expenditures	685010	50	53010	-1,419.00	FIRE RISK MANAG SVFD	V45930	80086720
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2026	03	9/17/2025	PAYPERIOD 19		Expenditures	685010	50	53010	1,235.80	PAYPERIOD 19PAYDATE 09192025		
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2026	03	9/22/2025	DU119217	DU119217	Expenditures	685010	50	53010	91.85	S.Kovacs Sept25 Dental Ins.	C99999	
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2026	03	9/26/2025	1025SVFD		Expenditures	685010	50	53010	-1,011.40	MCMURRY, MICHAEL SVFD Health In	V105430	80087355
2026	03	9/26/2025	1025SVFD		Expenditures	685010	50	53010	-964.62	LOFRANCO, SAL SVFD Health Ins.	V105221	80087354
2026	03	9/26/2025	1025SVFD		Expenditures	685010	50	53010	-842.00	THEILEN, LOTHAR SVFD Health In	V117701	80087358
2026	03	9/26/2025	1025SVFD		Expenditures	685010	50	53010	-568.15	RONZANO, CHRIST SVFD Health In	V111324	80087357
2026	03	9/26/2025	1025SVFD		Expenditures	685010	50	53010	-1,704.35	BIDDLE, MIKE SVFD Health Ins.-	V105980	80087353
2026	03	9/26/2025	1025SVFD		Expenditures	685010	50	53010	-793.44	VANDERVOORT, GR SVFD Health In	V122411	80087359
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Actual Transactions

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Character: 50 – SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEF												
Object: 53010 – EMPLOYEE INSURANCE & BENEFITS												
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Total 53010 – EMPLOYEE INSURANCE & BENEFITS									-88,248.66			
Object: 53015 – UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE												
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Total 53015 – UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE									-63.02			
Object: 55021 – OTHER BENEFITS MISC												
2026	03	9/03/2025	PAYPERIOD 18		Expenditures	685010	50	55021	-2,284.61	PAYPERIOD 18PAYDATE 09052025		
2026	03	9/17/2025	PAYPERIOD 19		Expenditures	685010	50	55021	-2,284.61	PAYPERIOD 19PAYDATE 09192025		
Total 55021 – OTHER BENEFITS MISC									-4,569.22			
Total 50 – SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEF									-732,519.04			
Character: 60 – SERVICES AND SUPPLIES												
Object: 61110 – CLOTHING & PERSONAL SUPPLIES												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	61110	-351.98	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
2026	03	9/22/2025	DU119217	DU119217	Expenditures	685010	60	61110	192.90	Mistaken Purchase Reimb Pettey	C99999	
Total 61110 – CLOTHING & PERSONAL SUPPLIES									-159.08			
Object: 61125 – UNIFORM REPLACEMENT												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	61125	-40.61	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 61125 – UNIFORM REPLACEMENT									-40.61			
Object: 61221 – TELEPHONE-NON TELECOM 1099												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	61221	-2,191.00	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 61221 – TELEPHONE-NON TELECOM 1099									-2,191.00			
Object: 61310 – FOOD												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	61310	-483.79	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 61310 – FOOD									-483.79			
Object: 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	61425	-617.14	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES									-617.14			
Object: 61535 – OTHER INSURANCE												
2026	03	9/10/2025	PREM2026-92		Expenditures	685010	60	61535	-2,190.60	FAIRA Branciforte Fire	V106023	00492063
Total 61535 – OTHER INSURANCE									-2,190.60			
Object: 61720 – MAINT-MOBILE EQUIPMENT-SERV												
2026	03	9/12/2025	052238		Expenditures	685010	60	61720	-418.32	GOLDEN STATE EM SVFD PIE-0143	V129826	00492223
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	61720	-5,864.66	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
2026	03	9/26/2025	250496		Expenditures	685010	60	61720	-974.36	GOLDBERG, JASON SVFD	V40108	00493130
2026	03	9/26/2025	972929		Expenditures	685010	60	61720	-241.85	L N CURTIS & SO SVFD Cust 3627	V115989	80087343
2026	03	9/26/2025	973441		Expenditures	685010	60	61720	-135.86	L N CURTIS & SO SVFD Cust 3627	V115989	80087343
Total 61720 – MAINT-MOBILE EQUIPMENT-SERV									-7,635.05			
Object: 61725 – MAINT-OFFICE EQUIPMNT-SERVICES												
2026	03	9/10/2025	16947		Expenditures	685010	60	61725	-1,205.89	Pagoda Technolo SVFD	V125184	80086594
2026	03	9/10/2025	16954		Expenditures	685010	60	61725	-214.00	Pagoda Technolo SVFD	V125184	80086594
2026	03	9/10/2025	16974		Expenditures	685010	60	61725	-2,168.91	Pagoda Technolo SVFD	V125184	80086594
Total 61725 – MAINT-OFFICE EQUIPMNT-SERVICES									-3,588.80			
Object: 61730 – MAINT-OTH EQUIP-SERVICES												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	61730	-32.78	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
2026	03	9/18/2025	114939		Expenditures	685010	60	61730	-100.88	Santa Cruz Fire SVFD	V125908	80086940
Total 61730 – MAINT-OTH EQUIP-SERVICES									-133.66			
Object: 61848 – MAINT-STRUCT/GRDS-OTH-SRV												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	61848	-117.50	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
2026	03	9/12/2025	288007		Expenditures	685010	60	61848	-754.00	BELLOWS PLUMBIN SVFD 112451	V128615	80086719
2026	03	9/12/2025	645		Expenditures	685010	60	61848	-10,000.00	MANDELLA, JOHN SVFD	V43108	00492224
2026	03	9/18/2025	82677344		Expenditures	685010	60	61848	-110.00	WESTERN EXTERMI SVFD	V15766	00492605

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GL Key: 685010 – SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROT SVC												
Character: 60 – SERVICES AND SUPPLIES												
Object: 61848 – MAINT-STRUCT/GRDS-OTH-SRV												
2026	03	9/18/2025	82677345		Expenditures	685010	60	61848	-110.00	WESTERN EXTERMI SVFD	V15766	00492605
2026	03	9/18/2025	82677346		Expenditures	685010	60	61848	-110.00	WESTERN EXTERMI SVFD	V15766	00492605
Total 61848 – MAINT-STRUCT/GRDS-OTH-SRV									-11,201.50			
Object: 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES												
2026	03	9/10/2025	8583904		Expenditures	685010	60	61920	-843.51	BOUND TREE MEDI SVFD	V12149	80086593
2026	03	9/10/2025	85840871		Expenditures	685010	60	61920	-126.78	BOUND TREE MEDI SVFD	V12149	80086593
2026	03	9/10/2025	85846146		Expenditures	685010	60	61920	-156.69	BOUND TREE MEDI SVFD	V12149	80086593
Total 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES									-1,126.98			
Object: 62020 – MEMBERSHIPS												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	62020	-400.00	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 62020 – MEMBERSHIPS									-400.00			
Object: 62219 – PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	62219	-247.38	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 62219 – PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES									-247.38			
Object: 62223 – SUPPLIES												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	62223	-276.22	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 62223 – SUPPLIES									-276.22			
Object: 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER												
2026	03	9/18/2025	62706		Expenditures	685010	60	62381	-1,377.50	CSG CONSULTANTS SVFD	V121100	80086941
2026	03	9/26/2025	0925SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	62381	-162.00	CENTRAL COAST C SVFD	V15383	00493129
2026	03	9/26/2025	762082		Expenditures	685010	60	62381	-6,205.50	ATKINSON ANDELS SVFD	V48005	00493128
Total 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER									-7,745.00			
Object: 62420 – LEGAL NOTICES												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	62420	-160.10	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 62420 – LEGAL NOTICES									-160.10			
Object: 62715 – SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	62715	-842.34	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 62715 – SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS									-842.34			
Object: 62826 – EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	62826	-410.97	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 62826 – EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING									-410.97			
Object: 62888 – SPEC DIST EXP-SERVICES												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	62888	-74.38	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
2026	03	9/18/2025	2508		Expenditures	685010	60	62888	-500.00	CENTRAL COAST C SVFD	V15383	00492603
2026	03	9/18/2025	2508-NR-SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	62888	-500.00	CENTRAL COAST C SVFD	V15383	00492603
2026	03	9/26/2025	2506		Expenditures	685010	60	62888	-210.00	CENTRAL COAST C SVFD	V15383	00493129
Total 62888 – SPEC DIST EXP-SERVICES									-1,284.38			
Object: 62914 – EDUCATION & TRAINING(REPT)												
2026	03	9/04/2025	DU118800	DU118800	Expenditures	685010	60	62914	3,956.49	Southbay Reimb Crane Fees	C99999	
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	62914	-3,956.49	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 62914 – EDUCATION & TRAINING(REPT)									0.00			
Object: 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	62920	-115.19	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
2026	03	9/12/2025	861996		Expenditures	685010	60	62920	-3,041.39	WESTERN STATES SVFD	V39738	00492225
Total 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL									-3,156.58			
Object: 63074 – UTILITIES												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685010	60	63074	-2,220.95	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
2026	03	9/18/2025	0924SVFD4		Expenditures	685010	60	63074	-85.99	PACIFIC GAS AND SVFD	V129169	00492491
2026	03	9/18/2025	0925SVFD1		Expenditures	685010	60	63074	-1,400.73	PACIFIC GAS AND SVFD	V129169	00492491
2026	03	9/18/2025	0925SVFD2		Expenditures	685010	60	63074	-1,561.58	PACIFIC GAS AND SVFD	V129169	00492491

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GL Key: 685010 – SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROT SVC												
Character: 60 – SERVICES AND SUPPLIES												
Object: 63074 – UTILITIES												
2026	03	9/18/2025	0925SVFD3		Expenditures	685010	60	63074	-84.69	PACIFIC GAS AND SVFD	V129169	00492491
Total 63074 – UTILITIES									-5,353.94			
Total 60 – SERVICES AND SUPPLIES									-49,245.12			
Total 685010 – SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROT SVC									-781,764.16			

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Fiscal Year	Fiscal Month	Post On	Document No	Doc Ref	Revenues/Expenditure	GL Key	Character	Object	Amount	Description	Vendor No	Warrant No
GL Key: 685030 – SCOTTS VLY FIRE DIST.-CAPITAL												
Character: 60 – SERVICES AND SUPPLIES												
Object: 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER												
2026	03	9/18/2025	202509-2959		Expenditures	685030	60	62381	-2,486.25	NBS GOVERNMENT SVFD	V33471	00492604
2026	03	9/18/2025	3001-02-0225		Expenditures	685030	60	62381	-2,354.70	RRM DESIGN GROU SVFD	V126553	80086939
Total 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER									-4,840.95			
Object: 62710 – FIELD EQUIPMENT												
2026	03	9/26/2025	2878		Expenditures	685030	60	62710	-11,217.94	SILVERADO AVION SVFD	V125945	00493131
2026	03	9/26/2025	2880		Expenditures	685030	60	62710	-11,152.97	SILVERADO AVION SVFD	V125945	00493131
Total 62710 – FIELD EQUIPMENT									-22,370.91			
Total 60 – SERVICES AND SUPPLIES									-27,211.86			
Total 685030 – SCOTTS VLY FIRE DIST.-CAPITAL									-27,211.86			

Actual Transactions

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 Post On [*@prior-month*] and Revenues/Expenditures [*XP*] and GL Key [*685010, 685020, 685030, 685040*]

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Month	Post On	Document No	Doc Ref	Revenues/Expenditure:	GL Key	Character	Object	Amount	Description	Vendor No	Warrant No
GL Key: 685040 – SV FIRE DIST-REGIONAL HAZ RESP												
Character: 60 – SERVICES AND SUPPLIES												
Object: 61221 – TELEPHONE-NON TELECOM 1099												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685040	60	61221	-76.02	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 61221 – TELEPHONE-NON TELECOM 1099									-76.02			
Object: 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES												
2026	03	9/12/2025	0825SVFD		Expenditures	685040	60	61920	-142.24	U S BANK CORPOR SVFD 4246-0445	V992019	80086721
Total 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES									-142.24			
Object: 62219 – PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES												
2026	03	9/05/2025	FX80086173	NO ACCOUNT	Expenditures	685040	60	62219	1,661.94	EFT 80086173 RETURNED 9/04/25	V127994	80086173
Total 62219 – PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES									1,661.94			
Total 60 – SERVICES AND SUPPLIES									1,443.68			
Total 685040 – SV FIRE DIST-REGIONAL HAZ RESP									1,443.68			
									-807,532.34			



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TO: Hon. Board of Directors
FROM: Mark Correira, Fire Chief
DATE: October 8, 2025
RE: Board Memo 2025-35: Fire Chief's Contract Amendment

Recommendation

Approve the Fire Chief's Contract Amendment and authorize the Board President to sign.

Discussion

On July 9, 2025, the Board of Directors approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Scotts Valley Chief Officers, effective July 1, 2025. Although not required, this MOU establishes the basis for the compensation and benefits outlined in the Fire Chiefs Contract.

On September 10, 2025, the Board of Directors and the Fire Chief met to discuss potential amendments to the Fire Chiefs Contract. As part of this discussion, the attached contract amendment is being presented for your consideration and adoption.

The key changes included in the amendment are as follows:

- Replaces the table in Section 3. (a), adjusting the pay rate to align with the Chief Officers MOU.
- Replaces Section 3. (d), updating the Medical Insurance Benefit to be consistent with all district employee group MOUs.
- Replaces the table in Section 3. (n), maintaining Management Pay in accordance with the Chief Officers MOU.
- Replaces the table in Section 3. (o), adjusting Education Pay amounts to reflect those in all district employee group MOUs.

All other provisions of the Contract remain unchanged and are in effect as agreed upon on June 14, 2023.

FIRE CHIEF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Between

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

And

MARK CORREIRA

This Fire Chief Employment Contract Amendment (Amendment) is entered into by the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (“District”) and Mark Correira (“Employee”) (collectively referred to as “Parties”) with respect to the following:

WHEREAS, the District and Chief Officers Group recently ratified a memorandum of understanding (MOU) changing the compensation and benefits package provided to the Chief Officers Group for the term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the MOU, although not required, is the basis of compensation and benefits for elements within the Fire Chiefs Employment Contract; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 (d) of the Fire Chiefs Employment Contract allows the Contract to be modified with the consent of the parties, in written form, signed by the parties, and attached to the Contract as an Amendment or Addendum; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have satisfied the meet and confer process, and have agreed to amend the Contract as defined below and with an effective day of the pay period inclusive of July 1, 2025; and

THEREFORE, it is understood that all items remain in effect as originally agreed to except for the following sections as they will be amended and replaced with the following:

Section 3. (a) Table shall be replaced with the following:

Pay rate takes effect on the pay period inclusive of the dates listed.			
	7/1/2025	7/1/2026	7/1/2027
Chief A 20% above BC1*	\$20,727.03	\$21,556.48	\$22,418.90
Chief B 20% above BC2*	\$21,763.52	\$22,633.85	\$23,539.78
Chief C 20% above BC3*	\$22,851.43	\$23,765.27	\$24,716.04
*BC salary is calculated using base pay plus holiday pay			

Section 3. (d) Shall be replaced with the following:

Medical Insurance

The DISTRICT has elected to contract with the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) to provide medical insurance coverage through the Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) medical plans to active employees and retirees. As required by PEMHCA, the DISTRICT shall pay directly to CalPERS the monthly Minimum Employer Contribution (MEC) towards the PEMHCA medical plan insurance premium for each active employee and retiree who elects to enroll in a PEMHCA medical plan.

From the date of the executed Amendment and for the remainder of 2025, the EMPLOYEE may select any Medical Insurance Plan currently offered by DISTRICT for himself and his dependents towards which DISTRICT will pay CalPERS an amount of money on behalf of EMPLOYEE and his eligible dependents when combined with the MEC, shall be the equivalent to ninety-six percent (96%) of the monthly premium cost of the Region 1 PERS Platinum PPO plan as the maximum allowable premium amount.

For the 2026 medical insurance plan year, the District's contribution to monthly premium will be as follows:

Employee only: \$1,395
 Employee plus one dependent: \$2,790
 Employee plus two or more dependents: \$3,627

For the 2027 medical insurance plan year, the District's contribution to monthly premium will be as follows:

Employee only: \$1,465
 Employee plus one dependent: \$2,929
 Employee plus two or more dependents: \$3,808

For the 2028 medical insurance plan year, the District's contribution to monthly premium will be as follows:

Employee only: \$1,538
 Employee plus one dependent: \$3,075
 Employee plus two or more dependents: \$3,998

Section 3. (n) Table shall be replaced with the following:

Pay Period Inclusive	Per Payday	Monthly	Annual
7/1/25	\$525.00	\$1,137.50	\$13,650
7/1/26	\$525.00	\$1,137.50	\$13,650
7/1/27	\$525.00	\$1,137.50	\$13,650

Section 3. (o) Table shall be replaced with the following:

Degree	Monthly Amount
Master's Degree	\$350.00
Bachelor's Degree	\$250.00
Associates Degree	\$150.00

DONE THIS 8th DAY OF October, 2025

EMPLOYEE

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

 Mark Correira

 Adam Cosner, Board President



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TO: Hon. Board of Directors
FROM: Mark Correira, Fire Chief
DATE: October 8, 2025
RE: Board Memo 2025-39: Revised Salary Schedule

Recommendation

Approve the revised Salary Schedule

Discussion

On June 21, 2025, the Board approved the salary schedule effective from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. This salary schedule was revised on July 9, 2025, to account for the salary adjustments resulting from the ratification of the Confidential Employee Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the Chief Officers MOU.

Staff has revised the salary schedule a second time to incorporate the proposed addendum to the Fire Chief's Contract, which is included for consideration on this meeting's Consent Agenda. The latest version also updates the minimum wage from \$16.50 to \$16.90, effective January 1, 2026.

Staff recommends the approval of the Revised Salary Schedule.



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Effective 6/21/2025
Revised 10/8/2025

Time Base Monthly	7/1/2025		7/1/2026		7/1/2027	
Confidential Employees	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Admin Accounting Specialist	\$6,339.48	\$7,705.67	\$6,656.45	\$8,090.95	\$6,989.27	\$8,495.50
Admin Services Manager	\$8,037.66	\$9,769.83	\$8,439.54	\$10,258.32	\$8,861.52	\$10,771.24
Certification Incentive	\$50	\$150	\$50	\$150	\$50	\$150
Education Incentive	\$150	\$350	\$150	\$350	\$150	\$350
IAFF Local 3577						
Firefighter	\$8,429	\$8,851	\$8,767	\$9,205	\$9,117	\$9,573
Engineer	\$9,736	\$11,271	\$10,125	\$11,721	\$10,530	\$12,190
Captain	\$12,398	\$13,668	\$12,894	\$14,215	\$13,409	\$14,784
Admin Captain	\$13,624	\$15,021	\$14,169	\$15,622	\$14,736	\$16,246
Deputy Fire Marshal	\$13,624	\$15,021	\$14,169	\$15,622	\$14,736	\$16,246
Holiday Pay	\$833.52	\$1351.68	\$866.86	\$1,405.75	\$901.54	\$1461.98
Paramedic Incentive	\$842.90	\$1127.10	\$876.62	\$1172.18	\$911.68	\$1219.07
Haz Mat Incentive	\$421.45	\$683.40	\$438.31	\$710.74	\$455.84	\$739.17
Certification Incentive	\$38.90	\$563.55	\$40.46	\$586.09	\$42.07	\$609.54
Education Incentive	\$150.00	\$350	\$150.00	\$350	\$150.00	\$350
Chief Officers						
Battalion Chief	\$15,718	\$17,329	\$16,347	\$18,022	\$17,001	\$18,743
Fire Marshal	\$17,274	\$19,045	\$17,965	\$19,806	\$18,684	\$20,599
Certification Incentive	\$157.18	\$761.80	\$163.47	\$792.24	\$170.01	\$823.96
Education Incentive	\$150.00	\$350	\$150.00	\$350	\$150.00	\$350
Holiday Pay	\$1,554.48	\$1,713.84	\$1,616.64	\$1,782.48	\$1,681.44	\$1,853.76
Management Incentive	\$1,137.50		\$1,137.50		\$1,137.50	
Fire Chief						
Fire Chief	\$20,727.03	\$22,851.43	\$21,556.48	\$23,765.27	\$22,418.90	\$24,716.04
Education Incentive	\$150.00	\$350.00	\$150.00	\$350.00	\$150.00	\$350.00
Management Incentive	\$1,137.50		\$1,137.50		\$1,137.50	
Time Base Hourly						
Paid Call Firefighter (PCF)	\$16.50	\$16.90	\$16.90		\$16.90	
Hydrant Maintenance	\$24.76	\$24.76	\$24.76		\$24.76	
Temporary Firefighter	\$34.73	\$34.73	\$36.13		\$37.57	

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, at a regular meeting held on October 8, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES NOES ABSENT ABSTAIN

Director Adam Cosner
Director Kris Hurst
Director Daron Pisciotta
Director Mike Weaver
Director Ron Whittle

ATTEST:

Mark Correira
Board Secretary

Adam Cosner
Board President



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TO: Hon. Board of Directors
FROM: Mark Correira, Fire Chief
DATE: October 8, 2025
RE: Board Memo 2025-40: Utility Easement on La Madrona Site

Recommendation

Approve Resolution 2025-14 granting a utility easement to Pacific Gas & Electric Company at 6000 La Madrona Drive.

Discussion

On May 8, 2024, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the sale of an easement to the Scotts Valley Water District and the City of Santa Cruz. The purpose of this easement is to facilitate the connection of the two agencies' water distribution systems and to install a pump station. Known as the Intertie Project, this connection enables water movement between the two agencies and throughout the County. Additionally, it included the installation of fire hydrants along La Madrona Drive, extending from Firehouse Lane to the City.

Section 2 of the Easement Purchase Agreement grants the other signatories the authority to assign a utility easement with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) for the pump station. Although this authority was provided through the Easement Agreement, PG&E still requires a resolution authorizing the agency head to sign the Easement Deed.

Fire District staff and representatives from the District's fire station design firm (RRM Design Group) have reviewed and confirmed that the utility easement aligns with the drawings approved in the Easement Purchase Agreement. They have also affirmed that the easement will not interfere with the planned Fire Station campus on the La Madrona site.

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution 2025-14: A Resolution of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Granting a Utility Easement to Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT GRANTING A UTILITY EASEMENT TO PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (the "District") owns certain real property located at 6000 La Madrona Drive, Scotts Valley, California; and

WHEREAS, the District's governing body has granted the utility easement as part of the Easement Purchase Agreement with the City of Santa Cruz and Scotts Valley Water for their water systems intertie project; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Gas & Electric Company ("PG&E") has requested the granting of a utility easement for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating utility facilities on District property to support the City of Santa Cruz's and Scotts Valley Water's water systems intertie project; and

WHEREAS, the PG&E requires a resolution from the governing body authorizing the approval of the PG&E Utility Easement; and

WHEREAS, the District's governing body has reviewed the request and deems it to be in the best interest of the District, Scotts Valley Water and the City of Santa Cruz to grant such easement, subject to appropriate terms and conditions outlined in the Easement Purchase Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District as follows:

1. **Grant of Easement:** The District hereby grants to PG&E, its successors and assigns, a utility easement over, under, and across the property described in Exhibit A and Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("PG&E Easement Area"), for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, and replacing utility facilities and or equipment created to power the Scotts Valley Water Pump Station.
2. **Easement Conditions:** The easement shall be subject to the terms and conditions as negotiated and mutually agreed upon by the District and PG&E, including provisions for access, maintenance, and restoration.
3. **Execution of Documents:** The Fire Chief of the District is authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents to effectuate this easement, including any agreements, acknowledgments, or other legal instruments.
4. **Effective Date:** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.
5. **Further Actions:** The District Secretary shall record this resolution and the easement document as required.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of October 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES NOES ABSENT ABSTAIN

Director Adam Cosner
Director Kris Hurst
Director Daron Pisciotta
Director Mike Weaver
Director Ron Whittle

ATTEST:

Mark Correira
Board Secretary

Adam Cosner
Board President

Attachments:
Exhibit A & B

EXHIBIT "A"

Situate in the City of Scotts Valley, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, and

Being a portion of the lands conveyed to the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District by Corporation Grant Deed dated June 27, 2002 and recorded July 1, 2002 in Document Number 2002-0046972, Official Records of Santa Cruz County, and

Being a portion of Parcel B as said Parcel is shown on that map filed in Volume 49 of Parcel Maps at Page 36, Santa Cruz County Records, and

Being a portion of the lands East of La Madrona Drive as shown on that Record of Survey Map filed in Volume 87 of Maps at Page 39, Santa Cruz County Records, and

COMMENCING at a found standard street monument in the centerline of La Madrona Drive as shown on the above referenced Record of Survey, from which a found monument also in the centerline bears South 3°48'30" West 313.65 feet,

Thence leaving said centerline of La Madrona Drive South 86°11'30" East 25.00 feet, to a point on the eastern sideline of said La Madrona Drive and the western boundary of the above referenced Lands of Scotts Valley Fire Protection District,

Thence northerly along the eastern sideline of La Madrona Drive North 3°48'30" East 15.14 feet,

Thence continuing along said eastern sideline along a curve to the left having a radius of 750 feet, through a central angle of 7°41'52" for a distance of 100.76 feet to the true **POINT OF BEGINNING**,

Thence leaving the eastern sideline of La Madrona Drive North 89°06'35" East 42.51 feet (L1),

Thence at right angles the following courses, South 0°53'25" East 4.00 feet (L2),

Thence North 89°06'35" East 14.00 feet (L3),

Thence North 0°53'25" West 19.50 feet (L4),

Thence North 89°06'35" East 14.00 feet (L5),

Thence South 0°53'25" East 5.50 feet (L6),

Thence North 89°06'35" East 43.10 feet (L7), a little more or less to the eastern sideline of La Madrona Drive,

Thence southerly along a curve to the right having a radius of 750 feet and a radial bearing of South 85°20'43" West, through a central angle of 0°45'55", for a distance of 10.02 feet a little more or less to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

The above-described easement has an area of approximately 701 square feet.

The Basis of Bearings for this legal description (North 3°48'30" East) are based on the monument line of La Madrona Drive as shown on that map entitled "Record of Survey La Madrona Drive & Alténitas Road" filed in Volume 87 of Maps at Page 39, Santa Cruz County Records.

Attached hereto is a plat and by this reference made a part thereof.

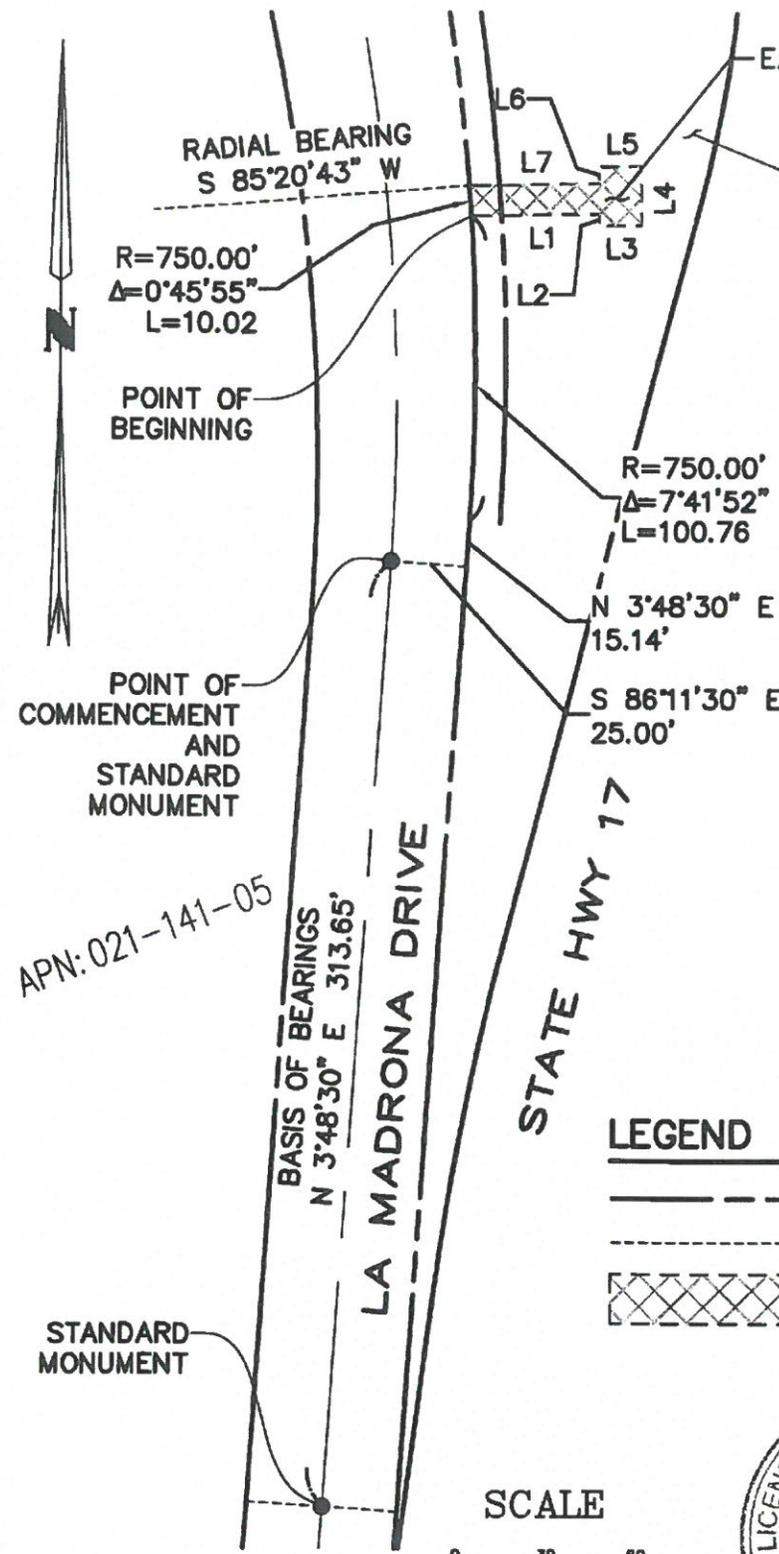


Alan Brodie French, PLS 9301
Alpha Land Surveys job #2025-171



8-14-2025

EXHIBIT "B"



EASEMENT AREA: 701 SF

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 DOC#2002-0046972
 APN: 021-141-20

RADIAL BEARING
 S 85°20'43" W
 R=750.00'
 Δ=0°45'55"
 L=10.02

POINT OF BEGINNING

POINT OF COMMENCEMENT AND STANDARD MONUMENT

APN: 021-141-05

BASIS OF BEARINGS
 N 3°48'30" E 313.65'

LA MADRONA DRIVE

STATE HWY 17

R=750.00'
 Δ=7°41'52"
 L=100.76

N 3°48'30" E
 15.14'

S 86°11'30" E
 25.00'

LINE TABLE

LINE No.	BEARING	LENGTH
L1	N 89°06'35" E	42.51'
L2	S 0°53'25" E	4.00'
L3	N 89°06'35" E	14.00'
L4	N 0°53'25" W	19.50'
L5	S 89°06'35" W	14.00'
L6	S 0°53'25" E	5.50'
L7	S 89°06'35" W	43.10'

LEGEND

- PROPERTY LINE
- TIE LINE
- EASEMENT AREA

STANDARD MONUMENT

SCALE



1 inch = 60 ft.



Alan Brodie French
 8-14-2025

JOB #2025-171
 ALPHA LAND SURVEYS, INC.
 4444 SCOTTS VALLEY DR. #7
 SCOTTS VALLEY, CA 95066
 (831) 438-4453

DIMENSIONS ARE SHOWN IN FEET AND DECIMALS THEREOF



SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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TO: Hon. Board of Directors
FROM: Mark Correira, Fire Chief
DATE: October 8, 2025
RE: Board Memo 2025-41: Resolution 2025-16 Empowering the Fire Chief to Advocate for Legislation

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2025-16, empowering the Fire Chief to advocate for state legislation that supports the mission and interests of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District.

BACKGROUND:

The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District is committed to protecting life, property, and the environment through effective emergency response, fire prevention, and public education. Legislative and regulatory actions taken by the State of California can significantly impact the District's operations, funding, and service delivery.

Active participation in the legislative process is crucial for the District to advocate for policies that enhance fire and emergency services, promote public safety, and protect the interests of the community. The California Fire Chiefs Association (Cal Chiefs) and the Fire Districts Association of California (FDAC) jointly maintain a Legislative Task Force that reviews, analyzes, and recommends positions on state legislation affecting fire agencies across the state. Leveraging the expertise and coordinated positions of the Cal Chiefs/FDAC Legislative Task Force ensures that the District's legislative advocacy is informed, strategic, and aligned with broader statewide fire service priorities.

Resolution 2025-16 formally authorizes the Fire Chief to engage in advocacy activities, including supporting or opposing legislation, regulations, or state policies that are determined to be in the best interest of the District. This empowerment allows the Fire Chief to proactively represent the District's interests at the state level and ensures that the District has a voice in the legislative process. The resolution also directs the Fire Chief to periodically report to the Board on

legislative matters and advocacy efforts undertaken on behalf of the District, ensuring transparency and accountability.

While Policy 1701 (Fire Chief Job Description) includes political advocacy, this authority has not been explicitly delegated by the Board of Directors. Policy 500 (Fire Chief Duty Statement) is silent on the matter. Adopting Resolution 2025-16 provides the necessary authorization for the Fire Chief to effectively advocate for the District's interests at the state level, ensuring the continuation of high-quality fire and emergency services.

Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution 2025-16

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16

**EMPOWERING THE FIRE CHIEF TO ADVOCATE FOR STATE LEGISLATION
THAT SUPPORTS THE MISSION AND INTERESTS OF THE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (“District”) is committed to protecting life, property, and the environment through effective emergency response, fire prevention, and public education; and

WHEREAS, legislative and regulatory actions taken by the State of California can have a direct impact on the operations, funding, and service delivery of fire protection districts, including the District; and

WHEREAS, active participation in the legislative process allows the District to advocate for policies that enhance fire and emergency services, promote public safety, and protect the interests of the community; and

WHEREAS, the California Fire Chiefs Association (Cal Chiefs) and the Fire Districts Association of California (FDAC) jointly maintain a Legislative Task Force that reviews, analyzes, and recommends positions on state legislation that impacts fire agencies across the state; and

WHEREAS, leveraging the expertise and coordinated positions of the Cal Chiefs/FDAC Legislative Task Force ensures that the District's legislative advocacy is informed, strategic, and aligned with broader statewide fire service priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District, a public agency in the County of Santa Cruz, California, that the Fire Chief is hereby authorized and empowered to engage in advocacy activities, including supporting or opposing legislation, regulations, or state policies, that are determined to be in the best interest of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District that the Fire Chief shall periodically report to the Board on legislative matters and advocacy efforts undertaken on behalf of the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of October 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES NOES ABSENT ABSTAIN

Director Adam Cosner
Director Kris Hurst
Director Daron Pisciotta
Director Mike Weaver
Director Ron Whittle

ATTEST:

Mark Correia
Board Secretary

Adam Cosner
Board President



SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

CHIEFS REPORT

Q3 2025

OPERATIONS REPORT

Total Incident Count
Jan-Sept 2025

1,760

EMS Calls
Jan-Sept 2025

1,092

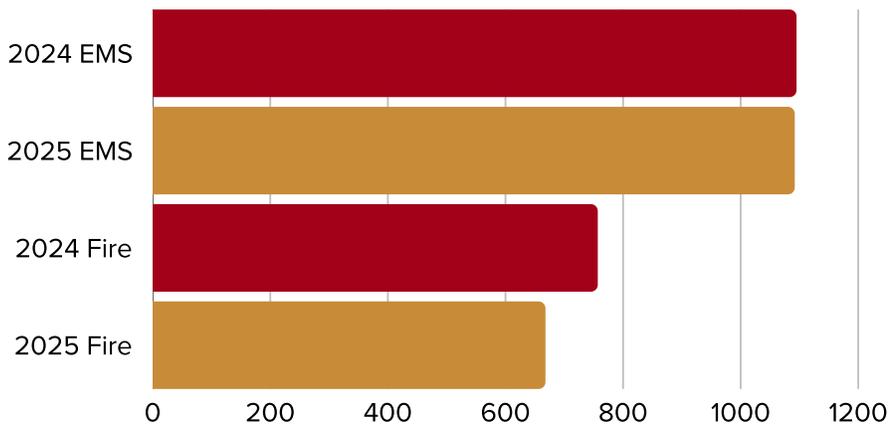


Fire Calls
Jan-Sept 2025

668



Prior Year Call Comparison



Incident Comparison Breakdown

Jan-Sept 2025

2024 EMS **1,095**

2025 EMS **1,092** ↓ 3%

2024 Fire **757**

2025 Fire **668** ↓ 12%

Mutual Aid

	2025	2024
Given	41	70
Received	5	6



OPERATIONS REPORT

Response Times

Averages

2025



Turnout
Time



Response
Time



Time on
Scene

2024



Turnout
Time



Response
Time



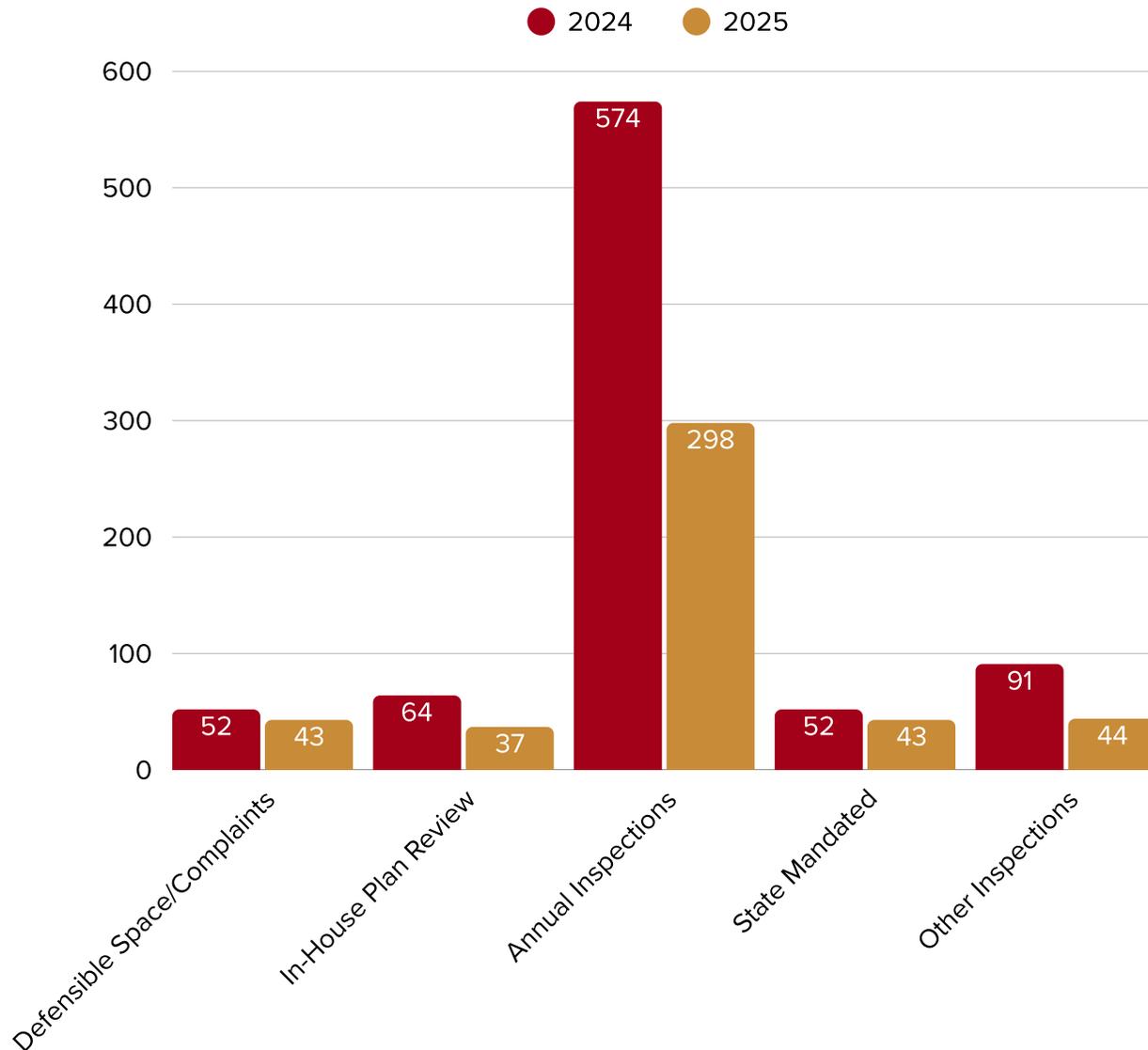
Time on
Scene

Property Loss

	2025	2024
Pre-Incident Value	\$116,925,000	\$5,461,500
Losses	\$558,300	\$550,500
Property Saved	\$116,366,700	\$4,911,000

FIRE PREVENTION

January - September Inspections By Type

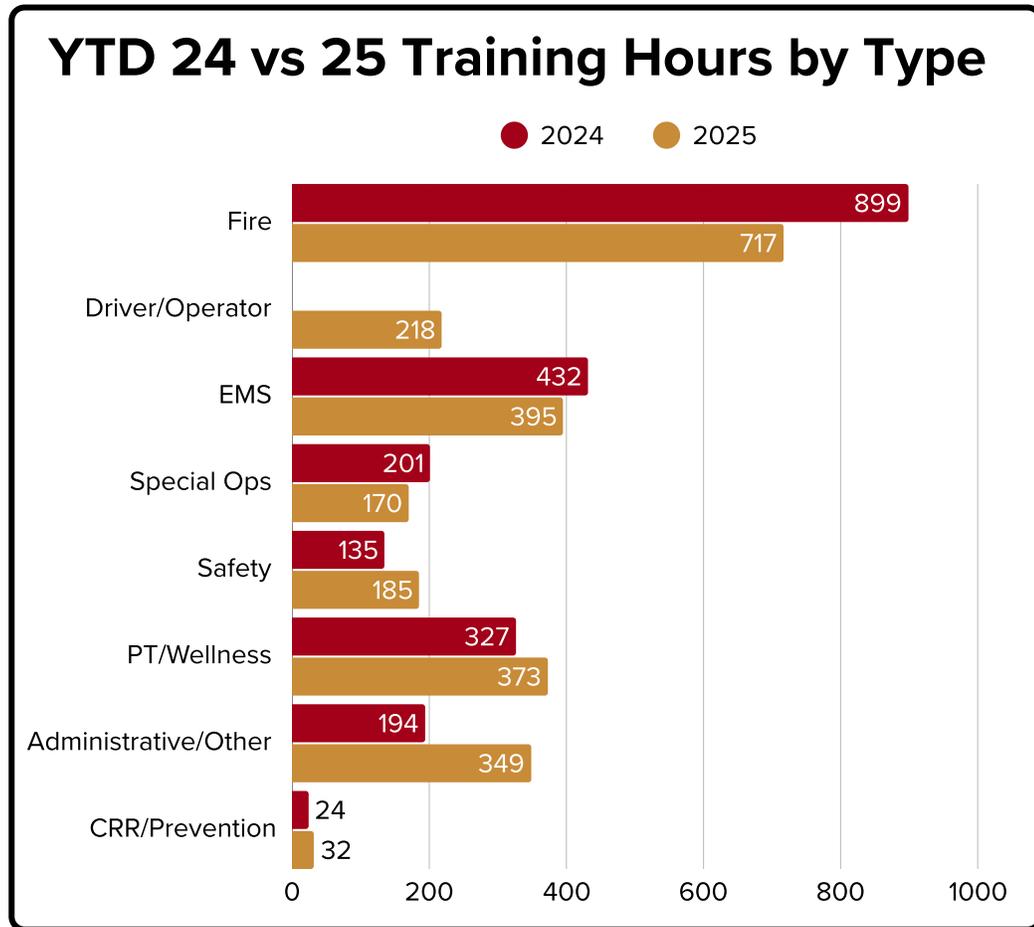


OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Liaising with Chamber of Commerce and Firewise Community
- Selected by other Fire Marshals to be President of the Fire Prevention Officers Association
- Leading Code Adoption Process for the County and two cities
- Many large projects coming through the prevention office (hotel, 4574 Scotts Valley Drive, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, Valley Gardens)

TRAINING AND SAFETY

TRAINING HOURS



- Working with Central Fire to create one training division overseeing both agencies
- Implemented training on new Type 1 and Type 6
- Annual training completed, now focused on make-ups

ADMINISTRATION AND FIRE CHIEF

- Pursuit of impact fees and its requirements (Capital Improvement Plan)
- Draft version of Budget Book completed
- Completed performance evaluations for all staff but one who was on long-term leave for an off-duty injury
- Migrated to new workers compensation insurance program
- Completed all needed items for CalPERS correction
- Met with two Board of Supervisors and Senator Laird's staff on political related items
- Attended Cookies for Courage Patriots Day event in Santa Cruz
- Presented at State of the City event

January -September

Strategic Plan:

4.4	Expand community outreach by leveraging a variety of mediums in order to improve transparency and strengthen community partnerships	Action
	Examine current practices in community engagement strategies to determine critical gaps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluated different Comm. strategies - Updated website (In Progress) - New website will create e-Communication model - Will consider newsletter next fiscal year - COMPLETED
	Evaluate social media needs within the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently using Facebook and Instagram - Evaluated TicToc, X and Blue Sky (held off on these because of controversy) - Ongoing evaluation will continue - COMPELTED
	Engage in regular social media posts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase social media presence through encouraging staff to share more activities with Social Media Staff - Will continue to monitor - COMPLETED

1.1	Create an actionable plan to address facility issues to ensure long-term sustainability.	
	Evaluate the current locations of stations in relation to response time goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move to revision of SOC timeframe

3.1	Enhance response readiness with advancing technology, modernizing equipment, and implementing industry best practices in order to provide the highest level of service to our community.	
	Evaluate and revise apparatus readiness to improve response times.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With Type 6 and Ambulance, ongoing discussions of best deployment location is ongoing.

January -September

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moved to closest unit dispatching (preferred dispatching) for critical incidents on District borders- Working to establish Preferred Dispatching between Station 1 and 2.- Ongoing evaluation will continue- COMPLETED
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3.2	Explore, strengthen, and sustain relationships with adjoining agencies to increase efficiency and maximize the use of resources.	
	Identify the current system in place and compare it to industry best practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Best practice is to send closest unit to high acuity incidents. This was implemented with Preferred Dispatching on District Borders.- Evaluating and implementing regional training efforts (Central and Scotts Valley). This will grow to a larger group once the smaller group creates the model.- Evaluating software programs for fire risk modeling and defensible space inspections in hopes of creating county-wide system- Ongoing evaluation will continue- COMPLETED

Patrick Winters
Division Chief
Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County
930 17th Ave.
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

9/18/25

Chief Correira,

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the skills, professionalism, work ethic, **collaboration, and cohesiveness of the personnel deployed to the Gifford Incident in Santa Barbara County** as part of Strike Team XCZ 2325C. It was truly a pleasure to be part of this team and an honor to work alongside each of the personnel assigned.

A clear example of their dedication and teamwork occurred when one of the engines experienced a mechanical breakdown. The strike team members collaborated and **performed the necessary repairs in the field, working late into the night to ensure operational readiness. Their actions not only reflected their commitment to the mission but also minimized costs to the organization.**

Additionally, I would like to acknowledge the team's ability to work diligently, remain steadfast in their commitment to the mission, and represent the County of Santa Cruz with pride throughout the assignment. Their conduct in challenging conditions and routine assignments speaks volumes to their professionalism and dedication.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served with such outstanding personnel, and I look forward to future assignments with the agencies within Santa Cruz County.

Respectfully,

Patrick Winters

Patrick Winters

Mark Correia

From: Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com> on behalf of Becky Steinbruner
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 12:10 PM
To: Mark Correia
Cc: Erin Collins; Adam Cosner; Erin Collins
Subject: February, 2025 State Fire Ad Hoc Fire Alarm Advisory Committee and BESS Issues

Dear Chief Correia and Board of Directors,

I spoke at yesterday's Special Board meeting regarding the importance of the District adopting more restrictive Fire Code for battery energy storage systems (BESS) and mentioned information regarding a high failure rate of BESS alarm systems. President Cosner requested that information.

Below is that information, from the February 5, 2025 State Ad Hoc Fire Alarm Advisory Committee meeting minutes: (page 4)

E. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) for early fire detection (Chief Crystal Sujeski) Chief Crystal Sujeski informed the committee that CFC, 2025 Edition, Chapter 1207 will be the main section for Energy Storage Systems and will be monitoring what's going in the IFC 2027 Edition. Guest Joseph Cervantes informed the committee that there are container units that are being shipped in have pre-installed fire alarm equipment that is being installed by a non-licensed integrator or installer and a lot of the systems installed are not listed. Member James Carver brought up the fact that, in his experience, he has seen many of these containers have passed the warranty period just from sitting on ships for years. Member David Myers attested to the previous comments, and added, that he has encountered over 50 percent failure rate when inspecting these containers.

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I respectfully request that the Scotts Valley Fire District Board discuss as an October 8 agenda item the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee with Fire Marshal Collins to study the possibility of a District-wide battery energy storage system (BESS) fire code that would put into effect protective public safety codes regarding lithium battery energy storage facilities, especially large grid-scale projects.

Currently, there are three such sites planned for Santa Cruz County, with the one at 90 Minto Road (Seahawk Energy Storage) already in permit process with the County of Santa Cruz. The other two locations the County Board of Supervisors has already identified on October 29, 2024 are on Freedom Boulevard near Aptos High School, and at Houts Drive in Santa Cruz, adjacent to Dominican Hospital and Dominican Oaks Retirement Community.

On August 19, 2025, the Board of Supervisors voted to postpone review of the "in concept" County BESS Ordinance until August, 2026.

Many feel that this delay could cause potential grid-scale BESS developers to apply to the California Energy Commission (CEC) for an Opt-In Certificate of operation, as allowed under AB 205, and by-pass local jurisdiction review.

However, the local fire jurisdictions would still have authority to review the project applications and issue approvals per compliance with applicable District fire codes.

Therefore, I feel it is incumbent upon the Board to study this issue and to take action to set in place codes within Scotts Valley Fire Protection District that could be *more protective* of firefighter and public safety than what current State Fire Codes currently exist. Those State Fire Codes regarding BESS are in the process of update, but will not be in effect until July 1, 2027.

Under Fire Code Section 1.1.7.3, when there are conflicts in code requirements, the more strict code applies.

https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/CAFC2022P3/chapter-1-scope-and-administration#CAFC2022P3_Pt01_Ch01_SubChII

I respectfully request that the Scotts Valley Fire District Board and Fire Marshal Collins form an Ad Hoc Committee and study the following sections of the Fire Code:

1.11.2.3 Administrative Scope

Chapter 1 Part 1 Section 101
101.2 Fire and Explosion
Section 105
105.5.16 Explosions
105.5.14 Energy Storage Systems
105.5.53 Lithium Batteries (and section 322.1)
105.6.5 Energy Storage Systems and section 1207
105.6.6 Fire Alarm and detection systems and related equipment
(A) 105.6.10 Gas Detection systems
(A) 105.6.12 Hazardous Materials

Section 109 Testing and Inspection
(A) 109.2
109.3
109.4

I want to provide you with some information that you may find useful.

1) Recent news media report that New Leaf Energy is considering application to the California Energy Commission for Opt-In Certification, due to the delay caused by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors approving postponing review of Draft County BESS Ordinance until August, 2026. <https://lookout.co/battery-storage-developer-aims-to-advance-watsonville-project-before-next-summer-regardless-of-santa-cruz-countys-rules/story>

There was a follow-up article about this recently: <https://lookout.co/newsletter/in-the-public-interest-upping-the-urgency-around-battery-storage-policy-in-santa-cruz-county>

2) Since the District Board and Fire Marshal could consider adopting stronger, more "protective" requirements for BESS projects the information I have provided above regarding the February 5, 2025 State Fire Marshal Ad Hoc Fire Alarm Advisory Committee testimonies may justify a reason to craft a requirement for additional testing of any and all alarm notification equipment in BESS project applications.

Thank you for your public service, and consideration of this important public safety issue.

Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner

Mark Correia

From: Ben Lopes <ben_lopes@yahoo.com> on behalf of Ben Lopes
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 4:13 PM
To: Mark Correia
Cc: Erin Collins
Subject: Defensible Space Inspections

Chief Correia;

I would like to commend you and your Fire Prevention team for conducting home Defensible Space Inspections in the Monte Fiore neighborhood on Friday, September 19, 2025. It was a the first house-by-house inspection I'm aware of since moving to the City in 1985. The commitment of time and staff signals your priorities to our community.

The inspections also dovetail nicely with our HOA application to be recognized as a FireWise neighborhood. Your team's efforts are greatly appreciated. Please share our thanks with all of your Inspectors.

Benjamin and Ilse Lopes
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