



**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



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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 Correia
Board Secretary