



**MINUTES OF THE
SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING OF
January 14, 2026**

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (SVFPD) was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at the City of Scotts Valley Council Chambers. President Pisciotta called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

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

1.3 Roll Call

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| Director(s) Present: | President Daron Pisciotta (DP) Vice President Mike Weaver (MW) Director Adam Cosner (AC) Director Kris Hurst (KH) Director Ron Whittle (RW) |
| Director(s) Virtual at Alternate Location: | N/A |
| Director(s) Absent: | N/A |
| Fire District Staff: | Chief Correira Battalion Chiefs McNeil, LoFranco, and Stubendorff Fire Marshal Collins Administrative Services Manager Rodriguez |

2. Special Presentation and Introductions

2.1 Promotion and Badge Pinning Presentation:

- Engineer/EMT Nathan Lackey
- Engineer/EMT Mario Perez
- Engineer/PM Mitchell Pisciotta

This item was postponed and will be brought back at a future meeting.



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2.2 SB 707 Overview, Including Non-Eligible Legislative Bodies, and Potential District Impacts: Presentation by Jeffrey Hoskinson, AALRR

Jeffrey Hoskinson of AALRR provided a brief overview of SB 707 and recent Brown Act updates, including teleconferencing provisions, social media restrictions, and the distinction between eligible and non-eligible legislative bodies. The presentation highlighted that the District is not considered an eligible legislative body under the statute.

This item was presented for informational purposes only; no Board action was taken.

3. **Public Comment (GC §54954.3)**

No public comment(s) made.

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

Action Item 7.6- Side Letter of Agreement with Chief Officers Regarding Management Pay and Signature Sheet Revisions was pulled from the agenda.

5. **Consent Calendar**

5.1 Minutes: Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025

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

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| Payroll and Benefits: | \$ 711,356.37 |
| General Fund: | \$ 56,521.11 |
| Capital Outlay: | \$ 5,896.87 |
| SCHMIT: | \$ 1,506.53 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 775,280.88 |

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 5.1-5.2 was made by Director Cosner, seconded by Director Whittle, and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

6. **Discussion Items**

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

BC McNeil provided an update on the seismic upgrade planning for the living quarters at Fire Station One. Staff reported that the 90% plans reflect a more extensive and costly scope than originally anticipated, with preliminary cost estimates exceeding budgeted funding.



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Staff and the Fire Chief recommended placing the project on hold and returning to the Facilities Committee for further discussion and direction.

This item was presented for informational purposes only; no Board action was taken.

7. Action Items- Discussion/Action

7.1 Approve Resolution 2026-01: Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of a Report made by the Fire Chief of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (SVFPD) Regarding the State Mandated Annual Inspections of certain Occupancies Pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code

Fire Marshal Collins presented a summary of the District's completion of all required state-mandated annual inspections for applicable occupancies. Staff reported that 100% of inspections were completed and that remaining violations are minimal.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-01 as presented was made by Director Cosner, seconded by Director Weaver and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

7.2 Adopt Board Standing Committee Appointments per Policy 2101

- Finance and Planning
- Organization and Personnel
- Facilities and Equipment
- Interagency Advisory
- Ad Hoc Committees
 - Labor Negotiators
 - Reorganization Study / Shared Services

The Board reviewed the current standing committee appointments and agreed to retain existing assignments, as no changes were requested. It was noted that ad hoc committees will be disbanded upon completion of their respective purposes.

The standing committee appointments remain as follows:

- Finance and Planning: Directors Whittle and Hurst
- Organization and Personnel: Directors Weaver and Cosner
- Facilities and Equipment: Directors Pisciotta and Weaver
- Interagency Advisory: Board President, with Vice President serving as alternate
- Negotiations (Ad Hoc): Directors Whittle and Cosner
- Reorganization Study / Shared Services (Ad Hoc): Directors Whittle and Pisciotta

Public Comment: None



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Motion to adopt the Board Standing Committee appointments as presented was made by Director Weaver, seconded by Director Cosner, and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

7.3 Approve the Extension of Term Limited Deputy Fire Marshal (Retired Annuitant)

The Fire Chief presented a request to extend the term-limited appointment of the Deputy Fire Marshal (Retired Annuitant) through June 2026, to align with the duration of the Central Fire Shared Services Agreement. Staff noted the extension is consistent with current policy requirements and maintains existing staffing support.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve the Extension of Term Limited Deputy Fire Marshal (Retired Annuitant) as presented was made by Director Cosner, seconded by Director Whittle, and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

7.4 Approve Resolution 2026-02: A Resolution Establishing a Cost Recovery Program for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District and Approving a Service Agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC to Assist with Billing and Collection Services for the Cost Recovery Program

Chief Correira presented the proposed resolution establishing a cost recovery program and a service agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC to assist with billing and collection services. It was noted that the item was brought back at the Board's request, reviewed by legal counsel, and that implementation would occur following staff training and program setup.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2026-02 and Authorize the Fire Chief to Execute the Service Agreement as presented was made by Director Weaver, seconded by Director Cosner, and unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

7.5 Approve Resolution 2026-03: A Resolution of Intent of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District to Participate in the Proposed City of Scotts Valley Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District and Newly Formed Public Financing Authority

Chief Correira presented an overview of the proposed EIFD and Public Financing Authority, noting that the resolution of intent is non-binding and would allow the District to participate in the planning process. It was clarified that the EIFD does not impose a new tax and would



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utilize future tax growth for potential project financing. The item will return to the Board at a later date for consideration of formal participation.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-03 as presented was made by Director Cosner, seconded by Director Hurst, and unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

7.6 Side Letter of Agreement with Chief Officers Regarding Management Pay and Signature Sheet Revisions

Pulled from the agenda.

8. Board of Directors and Administrative Reports – Information/Discussion

8.1 Board of Directors Report – Directors

Director Weaver shared information from a County Board of Supervisors meeting noting a reduction in overdose-related deaths, attributed in part to the timely use of Narcan by first responders, and commended District staff for their efforts.

Director Pisciotta reported that he and Director Weaver met with the Chief Correira to discuss goals and priorities for the upcoming year, including EMS transport and station planning. He also noted upcoming discussions related to the Ring system and expressed interest in hearing stakeholder feedback at a scheduled meeting.

8.2 Administrative Report – Chief Officers

Battalion Chief LoFranco provided the following updates:

Training: Reported completion of multi-agency rescue and ventilation training with participation from District personnel and county partners. Noted appreciation for staff and cadre members who supported the training efforts. Upcoming special operations training with Santa Cruz City and county partners will include rope rescue and confined space training.

Compliance: Reported completion of all Cal/OSHA-mandated training requirements for District employees by the end of the calendar year.

Battalion Chief Stubendorff provided the following updates:

Calls for Service: Reported a total of 2,525 calls for service for the year, representing an approximate 4% increase from the prior year. Noted an increase in significant incidents along Highway 17, including multiple serious vehicle accidents, as well as routine fires and mutual aid responses.

Fire Marshal Collins provided the following updates:

Fire Prevention: Reported continued high levels of construction activity and plan review within the District, with an increase in plan submissions compared to 2024. Highlighted the



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contributions of Central Fire's DSI inspectors and Deputy Fire Marshal Vandervoort in supporting inspection and fire prevention efforts.

Fire Chief Correira provided the following updates:

Shared Services: Reported that Central Fire has established an ad hoc committee related to shared services, allowing coordination with the District's ad hoc committee. Staff will work with Board Directors to identify availability and schedule an initial meeting.

Personnel: Reported the appointment of a paid call firefighter to a temporary firefighter position following a resignation and noted discussions are underway regarding future hiring and potential promotional testing in anticipation of possible retirements.

Ring Radio Project: Noted upcoming meetings and presentations related to the Ring Radio project, including a scheduled meeting on January 22.

Other: Shared information regarding the upcoming memorial service celebrating the life of former District Fire Chief Scott and expressed appreciation for staff involvement and support.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items requested.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Attest


Daron Pisciotta
Board President


Mark Correira
Board Secretary