



**MINUTES OF THE  
SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
February 11, 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, February 11, 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**

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 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

Chief Correira recognized three members of the District who were promoted to the rank of Engineer. The Chief highlighted their service, dedication to training, and contributions to the District.

Engineer Mario Perez and Engineer Mitchell Pisciotta were present and received their badge pinning during the ceremony with family members participating. Nathan Lackey was unable to attend and will be recognized at a later date.



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The Board took a brief recess at 7:14 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

### 3. Public Comment (GC §54954.3)

No public comment(s) made.

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

No amendments were made to the agenda.

### 5. Consent Calendar

#### 5.1 Minutes: Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026

#### 5.2 Approve SVFPD Claims Disbursements for the Month of January 1, 2026 through January 31, 2026 in the Amount of:

Payroll and Benefits:	\$ 556,400.06
General Fund:	\$ 120,622.32
Capital Outlay:	\$ -192.21
SCHMIT:	\$ 4,046.74
TOTAL:	\$ 680,876.91

#### 5.3 Accept CEPPT and CERBT Summary Reports, and Approve CERBT Payment

**Public Comment: None**

**Motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 5.1-5.3 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

Chief Correira provided an update on planning efforts related to seismic concerns and potential improvements to the living quarters at Fire Station One. Staff noted that design work reflected a larger scope and higher estimated costs than originally anticipated.

The Facilities Committee discussed maintaining the current configuration while longer-term planning for the La Madrona Fire Station project continues. Staff also noted that minor modifications to improve privacy in the dormitory area at Station One may be pursued.

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



## 6.2 Regional Interoperable Next Generation (RING) Radio System

Chief Correira provided an update regarding the Regional Interoperable Next Generation (RING) radio system project. He noted the system is intended to improve communications interoperability among regional emergency response agencies but that the projected cost of participation may present challenges for smaller agencies. While the County is continuing to move forward with development of the system, the District will continue to evaluate options related to participation and potential alternatives based on cost considerations.

Board members echoed concerns regarding the potential financial impact of participation in the system and noted that additional information will be needed as the project develops.

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

## 6.3 Central Fire of Santa Cruz County Shared Services Meeting

Chief Correira reported that the ad hoc committees from Scotts Valley Fire Protection District and Central Fire of Santa Cruz County met the prior week to discuss potential shared services opportunities. The meeting included discussion of possible areas for collaboration and was described as a productive conversation between the agencies.

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

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

### 7.1 Board of Directors Report – Directors

Director Cosner stated that he will be relocating outside the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District and that this would be his final Board meeting, creating a vacancy on the Board of Directors. Director Cosner thanked the Board and District staff and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

President Pisciotta thanked Director Cosner for his service to the District and acknowledged his contributions to the Board.

Chief Correira briefly reviewed the process for filling the upcoming Board vacancy, noting that once a written resignation is received, the District will have 60 days to make an appointment pursuant to state law. Staff will advertise the vacancy and conduct the appointment process at a future Board meeting.

### 7.2 Administrative Report – Chief Officers

Battalion Chief Stubendorff provided the following updates:

**Communications:** Reported a repeater across the bay has been restored, improving radio



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communications in some areas.

**EMS Operations:** The Medic Transport Unit 2537 is nearing completion. The unit is expected to be placed into service within approximately one month and will assume the Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) responsibilities currently assigned to Station. New standard operating procedures are being developed and a trial implementation period is anticipated. BC Stubendorff recognized Battalion Chief McNeil, Engineer Kevin Laine, and Engineer Matt Smith for their work preparing and outfitting the unit.

**Station Operations:** The BRYX alerting system has been activated in the upstairs living quarters at Station 1 and is nearing full implementation. The District has also transitioned to a new reporting system, and staff have received training on the platform.

BC Stubendorff concluded by thanking Director Cosner for his service to the District.

Fire Marshal Collins provided the following update:

**Fall Prevention Program:** The District's fall prevention program is gaining momentum, with upcoming visits scheduled at several mobile home parks. Staff are coordinating with community partners, including Damien's Ladder and the County's Senior Network, to assist seniors with safety improvements such as installing railings, grab bars, and smoke detectors.

Battalion Chief McNeil provided the following update:

**Fire Truck Face-Off:** The District's new Type 1 engine has been selected to participate in the Golden State Fire Truck Face-Off competition, with the winning department receiving a \$1,500 charitable donation.

Fire Chief Correira provided the following updates:

**Personnel:** Reported that Battalion Chief LoFranco was unable to attend the meeting but provided a brief report. The District has advertised to fill a current vacancy for Firefighter/Paramedic, with testing anticipated in the near future. Staff have also received several applicants for the Paid Call Firefighter (PCF) program with prior fire service experience and plan to conduct interviews.

**Training:** Reported that Engineer/Paramedics Nehf, Laine, Rothweiler, and Post attended the "Calm the Chaos" Train-the-Trainer program and will assist with training efforts throughout the county.

**Cost Recovery Program Update:** Documents have been finalized for the District's cost recovery billing program. Staff are developing procedures and training, with implementation anticipated later this month.

Chief Correira concluded by thanking Director Cosner for his service to the District and wishing him well in the future.



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## 8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Thank You Card to Administrative Staff Megan Bridges following Car Seat Inspection/Installation
- 8.2 Thank You Card to Fire Staff following Smoke Detector Installation

The Board received and filed the correspondence.

## 9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Committee appointments due to the Director vacancy were requested as a future agenda item.

## 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Attest

Daron Pisciotta  
Board President

  
Mark Correira  
Board Secretary