



**MINUTES OF THE  
SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
March 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, March 11, 2026 at the City of Scotts Valley Council Chambers. President Pisciotta called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 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, Stubendorff,  
LoFranco (Virtually)  
Fire Marshal Collins  
Administrative Services Manager Rodriguez

**2. Public Comment (GC §54954.3)**

No public comment(s) made.

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

No amendments were made to the agenda.

**4. Consent Calendar**

4.1 Minutes: Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026



# SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

7 Erba Lane, Scotts Valley, CA 95066-4199 • scottsvalleyfire.com • 831-438-0211

4.2 Approve SVFPD Claims Disbursements for the Month of February 1, 2026 through February 28, 2026 in the Amount of:

Payroll and Benefits:	\$ 587,431.69
General Fund:	\$ 179,137.71
Capital Outlay:	\$ 29,000.00
SCHMIT:	\$ 00.00
TOTAL:	\$ 795,569.40

**Public Comment: None**

**Motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 4.1-4.2 was made by Director Whittle, seconded by Director Weaver, and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 4 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

Chief Correira reported that staff have continued discussions with crews regarding potential improvements to Fire Station One, including both temporary and longer-term options, and associated costs. He noted that development of a new fire station remains several years out, depending on the timing and success of a future ballot measure.

Chief Correira also shared that questions have been raised regarding space limitations at Station Two on Glenwood, including whether alternative arrangements for administrative staff should be considered.

As an interim measure, staff completed installation of a temporary wall within Station One to improve privacy in the living quarters. Chief Correira recognized Battalion Chief McNeil and his crew for their work on the project and noted that the improvement has been well received by the firefighters, resulting in a noticeable enhancement to the space.

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

5.2 Regional Interoperable Next Generation (RING) Radio System

Chief Correira provided an update on the Regional Interoperable Next Generation (RING) radio system project and ongoing discussions among fire agencies. He noted that fire districts have submitted a joint letter to the County Board of Supervisors expressing concerns regarding cost, communication, and overall project direction.

Chief Correira reported that fire agencies are actively evaluating alternatives to participation in the RING system, including development of a separate analog radio system to maintain greater operational control and reduce long-term costs. He noted that the estimated cost for



fire agencies to participate in the RING system, including capital and ongoing expenses, is significant.

Discussion also included potential impacts to existing systems such as NETCOM, as well as broader financial implications to partner agencies if fire districts pursue alternative options. Chief Correira stated that discussions with County representatives and project stakeholders are ongoing, and that additional meetings are anticipated as the project continues to develop.

The Board discussed the financial and operational implications of the project, including concerns regarding cost, governance, and long-term flexibility. It was noted that the District will continue to evaluate available options and monitor developments before making a determination regarding participation.

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

## 6. Action Items

### 6.1 Certification of Entry-Level and or Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility List

Chief Correira explained that the eligibility list was developed following the recent recruitment process and will be used to fill one immediate vacancy and establish a list for potential future hires. He noted the District received a strong pool of candidates and that establishing the list allows flexibility for upcoming staffing needs.

**Public Comment: None**

**Motion to Approve Certification of Entry-Level and/or Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility List as presented was made by Director Weaver, seconded by Director Whittle and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 4 ayes.**

### 6.2 Notice of General Counsel Change of Firm Affiliation and Approval of Agreement for General Counsel Services with Hanson Bridgett LLP

Chief Correira informed the Board that the District's current legal counsel has transitioned to Hanson Bridgett LLP and presented the proposed agreement with the new firm to minimize disruption and ensure continuity of legal services with Jenica Maldonado. Board members discussed whether to proceed with the agreement or conduct a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for legal services. While staff noted that the District's purchasing policy does not require an RFQ for professional services, Board members discussed the benefits of conducting a formal RFQ process to evaluate legal service providers to ensure transparency.

Following discussion, the Board took action to proceed with the transfer of files to Hanson Bridgett LLP to maintain continuity of services and directed staff to initiate an RFQ process for general counsel services.



**Public Comment: None**

**Motion to Approve the Transfer of Files to Hanson Bridgett LLP and Direct Staff to Initiate a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Process for General Counsel Services was made by Director Pisciotta, seconded by Director Weaver and approved by voice vote, with 3 ayes and 1 nay (Director Whittle opposed).**

6.3 Declaration of Board Vacancy, Notice and Appointment Process

Chief Correira outlined the process required to fill the upcoming Board vacancy, including posting the notice, accepting applications, and conducting interviews at a future Board meeting. He noted that the District must complete the appointment within 60 days of the effective vacancy. Board members discussed the timeline and confirmed the approach for outreach and recruitment of interested candidates.

**Public Comment: None**

**Motion to Approve Declaration of Board Vacancy, Notice and Appointment Process as presented was made by Director Hurst, seconded by Director Whittle and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 4 ayes.**

6.4 Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Assignment(s) Following Board Vacancy

Chief Correira explained that, with the current Board vacancy, this item provided an opportunity for the Board to consider committee and ad hoc committee reassignments. The Board discussed current assignments and made adjustments as discussed, with the understanding that assignments may be revisited once the vacancy is filled. Updates included appointment of Director Whittle as primary and Director Hurst as alternate to an ad hoc committee for the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD), and reassignment of Director Hurst to the Organization and Personnel Committee and the Ad Hoc Labor Negotiations Committee.

**Public Comment: None**

**Motion to Approve Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Assignment Changes Following Board Vacancy as discussed was made by Director Pisciotta, seconded by Director Weaver and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 4 ayes.**

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

7.1 Board of Directors Report – Directors

There were no reports from the Board of Directors.



## 7.2 Fire Chief / Administrative Report

Battalion Chief Stubendorff provided the following update:

**Calls for Service:** Reported that there were no significant incidents during the reporting period. Crews responded to routine calls, including minor fires, downed trees, and several vehicle accidents. Highway 17 continues to be a primary location for call activity, with additional incidents noted along Graham Hill Road.

Battalion Chief McNeil provided the following updates:

**Station 4 Remodel (Branciforte):** Director Weaver inquired about the status of the remodel project. BC McNeil reported that framing has been completed and that plumbing work is nearly finished, with electrical work to follow. He noted that progress has been slightly slower than anticipated but continues to move forward.

Fire Chief Correira provided the following updates:

**Budget Development:** Reported that the District has begun the budget development process for the upcoming fiscal year, with program managers working through their respective budgets. A meeting with the Finance Committee will be scheduled within the next month to begin review of the preliminary budget, with additional meetings as needed.

**Financial Status:** Reported that revenue is trending slightly ahead of budget. Strike team revenue is lower than anticipated and will need to be considered in relation to overtime costs. All other expenditures are at or below budget.

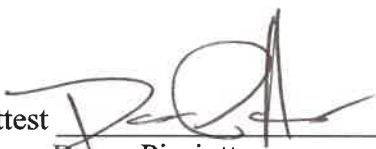
## 8. Request for Future Agenda Items

There were no requests for future agenda items.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Attest

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daron Pisciotta  
Board President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Correira  
Board Secretary