



**MINUTES OF THE
SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING OF
June 10, 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, June 10, 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 Zachary Raney (ZH) Director Ron Whittle (RW)
Director(s) Virtual at Alternate Location:	N/A
Director(s) Absent:	N/A
Fire District Staff:	Chief Correia Battalion Chief Stubendorff Fire Marshal Collins Administrative Services Manager Rodriguez

2. Public Comment (GC §54954.3)

Jim Frawley provided public comment regarding an update on the Regional Interoperable Next Generation (RING) radio system project, including interoperability considerations, governance, and regional communications planning efforts.

Alex Titus commented on the proposed affordable housing development at 125 Bethany Drive and expressed concerns regarding building height, emergency access, and public safety considerations.

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

No amendments were made to the agenda.



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4. Consent Calendar

4.1 Minutes: Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2026

4.2 Approve SVFPD Claims Disbursements for the Month of May 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026 in the Amount of:

Payroll and Benefits:	\$ 612,583.79
General Fund:	\$ 1,056,105.38
Capital Outlay:	\$ 38,190.00
SCHMIT:	\$ 157,650.67
TOTAL:	\$ 1,864,529.84

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 4.1-4.2 was made by Director Whittle, seconded by Director Hurst, 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

Chief Correira reported that a Facilities and Equipment Committee meeting has been scheduled to begin discussions regarding future funding opportunities for the La Madrona Fire Station project. He noted that funds have been included in the proposed budget to support future planning efforts should the Board wish to pursue additional funding options.

Chief Correira also reported that repairs to the Fire Station One kitchen have been completed following the discovery of mold behind cabinetry. He recognized District staff for completing the work in-house. Additional discussion occurred regarding ongoing construction activity along Erba Lane and the challenges it is creating for Station One. Staff is coordinating with City officials to address traffic congestion, construction vehicle activity, and access concerns.

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

5.2 125 Bethany Drive- 96 Unit Affordable Housing Complex

Chief Correira provided an overview of the proposed affordable housing development at 125 Bethany Drive, located near Vine Hill School. He reported that the project consists of two multi-story residential buildings, including a five-story structure over a concrete podium, with an anticipated height of approximately 80 feet.



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Chief Correira discussed fire protection considerations associated with the project, including access, firefighting capabilities, and ladder truck response resources available within Santa Cruz County. He also noted that the project is being processed pursuant to AB 2011 and has generated significant public interest and discussion within the community.

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

6. Public Hearing

6.1 Scheduled Public Hearing Regarding AB 2561 Status of Vacancies

Administrative Services Manager Rodriguez presented the District's annual AB 2561 workforce vacancy, recruitment, and retention report. The presentation included an overview of authorized staffing levels, vacancy trends throughout Calendar Year 2025, recruitment processes, hiring challenges, employee separations, and retention efforts. Staff reported that the District remained fully staffed for the majority of the reporting period, with only one vacancy occurring during December 2025. The report also reviewed vacancy rates by bargaining unit and identified ongoing efforts to recruit and retain qualified employees.

The public hearing was opened and closed with no public comments received.

7. Action Items

7.1 Joint Powers Agreement - Santa Cruz County Fire Districts

Chief Correira presented the proposed Joint Powers Agreement among Santa Cruz County fire agencies. He reported that the agreement establishes a governance framework for regional collaboration and future coordination efforts. Discussion included agency representation, voting structure, legal review, and the development of future policies and procedures associated with the Joint Powers Authority.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve the Joint Powers Agreement as presented was made by Director Whittle, seconded by Director Weaver was approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

7.2 Authorization to Over-Hire by One (1) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Firefighter

Chief Correira requested authorization to temporarily over-hire by one firefighter position in anticipation of a planned retirement. He explained that a candidate has already completed the recruitment process and that hiring and training the employee prior to the vacancy occurring would allow for a seamless transition while reducing overtime costs and maintaining staffing levels during the peak fire season. The Board discussed contingency options should the



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anticipated retirement not occur and the operational benefits of having the employee trained and ready to fill the vacancy.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve the Authorization to Over-Hire by One (1) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Firefighter as Presented was made by Director Hurst, seconded by Director Pisciotta was approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

7.3 Shared Services Agreement Between Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County and Scotts Valley Fire District

Chief Correira presented a revised Shared Services Agreement between Scotts Valley Fire District and Central Fire District. He reported that the agreement extends the term of the arrangement from six months to three years while continuing the existing fire prevention services partnership. The revised agreement also provides flexibility for the fire chiefs to implement additional shared service opportunities that have minimal operational or financial impacts. Board Directors of the Shared Services Ad Hoc committee expressed support for continuing the collaboration between the agencies.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve Shared Services Agreement Between Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County and Scotts Valley Fire District as presented was made by Director Weaver, seconded by Director Raney and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

7.4 Adopt Resolution 2026-06: Ordering an Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, and Requesting Consolidation of the Election

Chief Correira explained that Resolution 2026-06 is a procedural item required by the Santa Cruz County Elections Department for the upcoming election cycle. The resolution requests that County Elections conduct the District election and consolidate it with other local elections, reducing administrative costs. Staff noted that two Board seats will be up for election.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2026-06: Ordering an Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, and Requesting Consolidation of the Election as presented was made by Director Hurst, seconded by Director Raney and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.



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

8.1 Board of Directors Report – Directors

Vice President Weaver reported attending the IAFF Local 3577 Cornhole Tournament benefiting the San Jose Burn Foundation. He noted strong community participation and commended District personnel and volunteers for their involvement.

President Pisciotta echoed the positive comments made by Vice President Weaver regarding the IAFF Local 3577 Cornhole Tournament and commended Engineer Josh Neff for his efforts in organizing the successful event.

Director Hurst reported attending the Exchange Club Blue and Gold Dinner and recognized Engineer/Paramedic Brian Green for being named Firefighter of the Year.

8.2 Fire Chief / Administrative Report

Battalion Chief Stubendorff provided the following updates:

Operations: Reported that the District responded to 222 calls during the previous month, including a vegetation fire that threatened a structure and was successfully contained by responding crews.

Apparatus and Facilities: Reported that Engine 2512 was sent out for warranty repairs and that District personnel continue making improvements to the training tower facility. He also discussed ongoing construction impacts near Fire Station One and efforts to minimize disruptions to emergency response operations.

Fire Marshal Collins provided the following updates:

Fire Prevention: Reported that construction activity throughout Scotts Valley and Central Fire jurisdictions continues to generate inspection activity. She also reported that Central Fire defensible space inspectors completed more than 200 inspections during May and will begin inspections within the Branciforte area.

Fire Chief Correira provided the following updates:

NETCOM: Reported that NETCOM will celebrate its 30-year anniversary on June 18 and noted ongoing staffing challenges at the dispatch center. Fire agencies are working with NETCOM to evaluate contingency plans should staffing levels decline further.

Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD): Reported ongoing discussions regarding governance and voting structure. Required public hearings have been scheduled for August, September, and October.

Wildland Deployment Reimbursement: Reported that reimbursement rates for Type 3 apparatus assigned to California mutual aid incidents are being reduced. County fire agencies are evaluating the operational and financial impacts of the change.



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9. Request for Future Agenda Items

There were no requests for future agenda items.

Motion to recess the Regular Meeting to attend a separately noticed Special Meeting was made by Director Weaver, seconded by Director Whittle, and approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

At 7:49 p.m., President Pisciotta declared the meeting in recess.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:28 p.m. with all Directors present.

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

10.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Fire Chief

At 8:28 p.m., President Pisciotta announced the Board would be going into Closed Session for the purpose to discuss items listed in 10.1-10.2.

11. Open Session: Government Code §54957.1

11.1 Report on closed session items 10.1-10.2

At 8:57 p.m., the Board reconvened to Open Session and President Pisciotta reported on Items 10.1-10.2. Information was received, and direction was given. No action taken.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Attest


Daron Pisciotta
Board President


Mark Correia
Board Secretary