



**MINUTES OF THE
SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING OF
September 9, 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, September 9, 2026 at the City of Scotts Valley Council Chambers. President Pisciotta called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

President Pisciotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence in special remembrance of the upcoming September 11th anniversary.

1.3 Roll Call

Director(s) Present:	President Daron Pisciotta (DP) Vice President Mike Weaver (MW) Director Kris Hurst (KH) Director Alexander Titus (AT) Director Ron Whittle (RW)
Director(s) Virtual at Alternate Location:	N/A
Director(s) Absent:	N/A
Fire District Staff:	Chief Correia Battalion Chiefs McNeil 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 August 12, 2026



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- 4.2 Approve SVFPD Claims Disbursements for the Month of August 1, 2026 through August 30, 2026 in the Amount of:

Payroll and Benefits:	\$ 751,430.84
General Fund:	\$ 66,187.34
Capital Outlay:	\$ 35,809.82
SCHMIT:	\$ 0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 853,428.00

- 4.3 Policy 400: Organizational Chart

- 4.4 CERBT and CEPPT Quarterly Report as of June 30, 2026

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 4.1-4.4 was made by Director Whittle, seconded by Director Weaver, 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 he recently met with District crews and union leadership, who raised questions regarding the District's long-term plan for Fire Station 1 given the cost of seismic retrofitting and temporary improvements. He advised that he had contacted a local underwriting firm to develop financing models and borrowing options for the future fire station. Chief Correira also reported plans to meet with the Education Foundation to discuss potential community outreach and support related to a future funding measure.

The Board discussed developing a more defined plan and timeline for the station and continuing to involve labor representatives in the planning process. President Pisciotta announced that he would step off the Facilities and Equipment Committee and appointed Director Titus to serve on the committee with Director Weaver.

- 5.2 Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) Update

Chief Correira provided an update on the EIFD process and reported that the financing plan was moving forward for consideration by the participating agencies. He noted that the District's proposed fire station remains identified as a priority project within the plan and that the EIFD financing plan and corresponding resolution were included later on the agenda for formal Board consideration.

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



5.3 Ad Hoc Committee: Regionalization Study and Shared Services

Chief Correira provided an update on ongoing shared services discussions with Central Fire. He discussed the current exchange of services between the agencies, including the costs associated with services being provided by each district, and efforts to better account for those costs as the partnership continues. He also provided an update on additional shared-service opportunities being explored between the agencies.

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

5.4 Fire Chief's Evaluation Process (Policy Discussion)

Chief Correira discussed establishing a formal policy for the Fire Chief's annual evaluation process to provide consistency from year to year and as Board membership or Fire Chief changes. He noted that the evaluation process has varied over the past several years and discussed incorporating feedback from the Board and employees who report directly to the Fire Chief, consistent with a 360-degree evaluation process.

Board members supported establishing a standardized process and discussed maintaining consistent evaluation criteria, beginning the process earlier to align with the Chief's anniversary date, and continuing to solicit employee input. Chief Correira stated that he would work with the Organization and Personnel Committee to further develop the policy and bring it back to the full Board for consideration.

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

6. **Action Items 6.3-6.4**

6.3 A Policy 1700 Job Descriptions; Policy 1701 Fire Chiefs Job Description; Policy 1713 Paid Call Firefighter; Policy 1714 Volunteer Firefighter

Chief Correira presented revisions to the District's job description policies, explaining that the updates are intended to create greater consistency, particularly regarding return-to-work and duty requirements that can be provided to medical providers. The Board discussed Policy 1701, including the minimum education requirements for the Fire Chief position, maintaining flexibility for qualified internal candidates, and ensuring annual physical requirements are appropriately addressed. Chief Correira agreed to make additional revisions and bring Policy 1701 back for future consideration.

Public Comment: None



Motion to Approve Policies 1700, 1713, and 1714, with Policy 1701 excluded as presented was made by Director Whittle, seconded by Director Pisciotta was approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

6.4 Certification of Eligibility List: Captain

Chief Correira provided an overview of the Captain promotional process. He noted that the process was competitive and utilized the District's dimensional scoring process. Chief Correira reported that he had completed Chief's interviews with the top four candidates and had conducted individual after-action meetings with the candidates to review their performance and areas for future development.

In response to Board questions, Chief Correira explained that the eligibility list is valid for one year unless extended by the Board. He also reported that the District currently has one immediate Captain vacancy.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve the Certification of the Captain Eligibility List as presented was made by Director Titus, seconded by Director Weaver was approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

6.5 Resolution 2026-10: Adoption of the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Financing Plan

Chief Correira presented Resolution 2026-10, explaining that adoption of the resolution and financing plan is required for the District to participate in the EIFD. He reported that the City and County were also scheduled to consider adoption later in the month and that any subsequent changes to the financing plan would be brought back to the Board for reconsideration.

The Board discussed the financing plan, including the fire station's placement as a Tier 1 project, wildland protection items added to the plan, and a brief question regarding Measure Q, which Chief Correira clarified was separate from the EIFD. Discussion also included whether the regional radio system could potentially qualify for EIFD funding, with Chief Correira noting that the fire station remains the District's funding priority.

Joe Dieguez of Kosmont Companies participated remotely and responded to the Board's question regarding the duration of the EIFD. He explained that the EIFD would terminate upon the earliest of three thresholds: when the identified projects are fully funded, 45 years following approval of the first bond issuance, or June 30, 2090. In response to an additional Board question, Chief Correira and Mr. Dieguez confirmed that the current plan relies on



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participation by all three agencies and would need to be reworked if the City or County did not participate.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-10 as presented was made by Director Weaver, seconded by Director Hurst was approved unanimously by voice vote, with 5 ayes.

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

7.1 Board of Directors Report – Directors

President Pisciotta reported that he, Director Titus, and Chief Correira recently visited the Branciforte Station to tour the remodel and meet with Linda Bingham. He noted that Ms. Bingham shared the history of the Barnes family and their connection and contributions to the station, and expressed appreciation for the planned dedication honoring the family. President Pisciotta reported that the dedication was scheduled for September 20, 2026, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., with plans for community outreach and a press release.

7.2 Fire Chief / Administrative Report

Battalion Chief McNeil provided the following update:

Strike Team: Reported that District personnel had returned from a two-week assignment on the Plaskett Fire, where crews worked night shifts performing structure protection, firing operations, and hose lays in steep terrain.

Equipment: Reported that the District's 1998 water tender was sold through GovDeals for approximately \$21,200.

EMS Response: Reported that multiple simultaneous medical calls occurred that afternoon while ambulance resources were significantly impacted countywide. The District utilized its transport capability for the first time to transport a patient to the hospital, while neighboring agencies assisted with coverage.

Administrative Services Manager Rodriguez provided the following update:

Recruitment: Reported that interviews are underway for the open Administrative Accounting Specialist position, with eight candidates selected for interviews from approximately 15 applicants. The candidate pool will be narrowed for final interviews the following week.

Fire Marshal Collins provided the following updates:

Fee Schedule: Reported that work had begun on updating the District's fee schedule and aligning it with Central Fire to establish a shared fee schedule between the agencies.

Community Risk Reduction: Reported that interviews were scheduled at Central Fire for a Community Risk Reduction Analyst position and anticipated that the position would also provide significant support to Scotts Valley.



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Fire Chief Correira provided the following updates:

Wildland Assignments: Reported that, in addition to the District's recent assignment to the Plaskett Fire, personnel had also returned from the Timber Fire. Chief Correira recognized the crews for their work on both incidents and noted the demanding nature of the assignments.

Radio Projects: Reported that the District was still awaiting additional information and cost estimates for the county fire's radio project. He also provided an update on the RING project, including upcoming regional meetings and continued discussions regarding technical requirements and regional coverage.

Measure E / EMS: Reported on Measure E, a proposed County sales tax measure intended to support healthcare and emergency medical services in response to anticipated reductions in state and federal funding. The measure is intended as a temporary funding source to help support the County's healthcare and EMS system, including hospital emergency departments and ambulance services, and includes a five-year sunset. Chief Correira also reported that the County Fire Chiefs had endorsed the measure and would continue advocating for funding to be directed toward EMS needs.

He also reported that the County's current ambulance transport contract will expire in approximately 28 months and that the County is beginning the process of developing a new request for proposals. The County Fire Chiefs retained Cambridge Consulting to evaluate EMS staffing and the financial feasibility of local fire agencies potentially participating in a future ambulance transport contract. Chief Correira explained that the evaluation will examine whether greater fire agency participation in ambulance transport could improve EMS service delivery and reduce the amount of time fire personnel and apparatus are unavailable while awaiting ambulance resources.

Upcoming Events: Reported that the Branciforte Station open house and dedication is scheduled for September 20 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Chief Correira also reported that he would be presenting at the State of the City event on September 24.

Workers' Compensation: Chief Correira reported that the District is reviewing its participation in the workers' compensation JPA and had asked its new workers' compensation provider to evaluate whether continued participation remains beneficial to the District. He noted that additional information and a risk analysis would be brought back for further consideration before any decision is made.

125 Bethany Drive: Chief Correira reported that he had met with legal counsel regarding the proposed 125 Bethany Drive project and received guidance on the issues surrounding the development. He noted that the City had issued findings identifying several challenges with the project, including water and sanitary sewer service and other site-related concerns, and that those issues were not necessarily related to fire protection.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Community Engagement: Thank-You Card from Scotts Valley Police Chief Rutherford



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The Board received and filed the correspondence.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items requested.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Attest

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Daron Pisciotta
Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Correia", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Correia
Board Secretary