



# Schell Vista Fire Protection District

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## MEETING MINUTES Schell-Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: 22950 Broadway-Station #1

### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Director Ken Finn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Directors Bob Kruljac, Ernie Loveless, and Mindy Neves were present. A quorum was met. Also present were Chief Ray Mulas, Assistant Chiefs Mike Mulas and Mike Medeiros, firefighters Jayden Filipp, Sean Witherell, Kevin Plume, Lincoln Reiter, Marty Lalor, and Mickey Breen, District Account Stacie McCambridge, Clerk of the Board Robin Woods, and guests John Rakow and Isabel Beer of the Index Tribune. Director Hal Stober was absent.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

### 4. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND CONSENT

The were no adjustments to the agenda.

### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### a. Approval of minutes from July 9, 2025, Regular Meeting- **Discussion and Action**

Director Finn introduced the July minutes and opened the floor to questions, discussion and public comments. There were no public comments. Director Kruljac made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2025, meeting. Director Neves seconded the motion. A Vote was called, and the motion passed, and the Minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes- 4 Noes- 0 Absent- 1 Abstain- 0

#### b. Review of the August 2025 Accountant's Report-**Discussion and Action**

Director Finn introduced the Accountant's Report and opened the floor to discussion and public comment. There were no public comments. Director Kruljac made the motion to accept the Accountant's Report for August 2025, as presented. Director Neves seconded the motion. A Vote was called, and the motion passed, and the Financial Reports were approved by the following vote:

Ayes- 4 Noes- 0 Absent- 1 Abstain- 0



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## 6. CHIEFS' REPORT

Chief Ray Mulas presented the following report to the Board:

### **Administrative:**

- \* I am Working with Robin on new funding agreement amendments for MOE and baseline personnel information (FY 21/22)*
- \* County Chiefs are looking into various Station Alerting Systems*
- \* Chiefs sent E-mail to secure Measure H approved licenses*
- \* Chief Akre was chosen as president of California Fire Chiefs Association*
- \* I have 2 speaking engagements Scheduled for August and September*
- \* Schell Vista hosted a meeting with Caltrans and other emergency services agencies on the scheduled bridge repairs on Highway 121.*

### **Operational:**

- \* Boundary drop discussions continue with a majority of the counties departments working together. Assistant Chief Mike is working with Chief Andreis on our agreements.*
- \* Engine numbering change is still being discussed, and the committee is working on a cost analysis.*
- \* Our old engine 3881 needs a water leak repaired and then I can list it for sale.*

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS/BUSINESS (Directors to report on Committee activities)

### a. Reports-**Discussions & Possible Actions**

#### 1. Facilities Committee (Neves)

- Director Neves advised the Board that the next item on the station Maintenance list is the shower and locker upgrade.
- They are reviewing the parking lot maintenance to evaluate what is needed.
  - Possibly just stripe & seal this year.
- They are looking for a solar panel cleaner and will report back to the Board.

#### 2. Budget Committee (Kruljac)

Director Kruljac advised the Board that the Budget Committee would meet before the next meeting to present the FYE 2026 Final Budget to review and approve.

We are still working on Measure H and need the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter FYE 2025 payment to finalize the accounting.



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3. Legislative Committee (Finn)

There was nothing to report

4. Outreach Committee (Loveless)

The outreach committee will work on a one page document regarding Measure H to inform the constituents what is being funded.

5. Advisory Group Committee (Loveless)

Director Loveless advised the Board that the Advisory Group Committee met on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Another meeting is for September.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND CONTINUE UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Sonoma LAFCO Election of Independent Special District Alternate Member-**Discussion and Action**

Director Finn reviewed with the Board the candidates up for the LAFCO election, Joseph Conway and William Norton.

Director Loveless made the motion for the District to vote for William Norton to fill the position. Director Finn opened the floor for Discussion and public comments. There was none. Director Neves seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion for the SVFPD vote to be cast for William Norton passed by the following vote:

Ayes- 4   Noes- 0   Absent- 1   Abstain- 0

b. FRMS Employee Medical Benefit Changes-**Discussion and Possible Action**

District Account Stacie McCambridge advised the Board that FRMS will no longer Offer health insurance effective December 31, 2025, and that the District will need to find another provider effective January 1, 2026.

She informed the Board on other plans she is obtaining information for. She will continue to collect possible plans information to present to the Board at the September meeting.

c. Measure H Funding Agreement Between County of Sonoma and Schell-Vista Fire Protection District Agreement Amendment-**Discussion and Action**

Tabled to the September meeting.

d. Review of the SVFPD Board of Directors Policy and Procedures Manual, Article9  
**Discussion and Possible Action**

Director Finn led the Board through a review of section 9. The Board did not



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have any recommended changes for this section.  
Director Finn will compile all the suggested changes and work with Jim Galli to update the manual.

## e. Calendar Review (Robin)

Clerk Robin Woods reviewed upcoming calendar items.

January -Determine the Preliminary Tax Rate  
February-Request the Parcel Report from the county using the preliminary rate.  
March-Notice of Public Hearing  
April/May-Conduct Public Hearing (Public Hearing will be held in July)  
May/June-Allow time for property owner appeals of the tax levy.  
June-Approval of the District Preliminary Budget  
July-Approval of the District Tax Roll and Appropriations Limit  
July/August- At the end of the Fiscal year, The District Board of Directors will be presented the *Fiscal Year-End Report* containing information regarding the amount of special tax revenue collected and expended as well as the status of projects funded with proceeds of the special tax. (Ord. Section VII)  
August/September-Tax Roll and Appropriations Limit Resolution sent to the County.

## -Calendar Review General Business

Jan-Feb-Board to appoint Board Labor Negotiators for upcoming contract  
April-Set up Budget Committee meeting to prepare preliminary budget for June meeting.  
April-Annual Physicals  
June-Preliminary Budget review and approval.  
July 15-August 9 Board Members file for re-election with the Registrar of Voters.  
(No terms end in 2025)  
August-Budget Committee meet to prepare final budget for Board approval in September.  
September-Final Budget review and approval.  
Nov-Nomination of Officers of the Board (Every 2 years. Next election 2025)  
Dec-Election of Officers of the Board for January 1 start date. (Every 2 Years. Next election 2025)

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

There were no announcements.

## 10. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Board Labor Negotiators (Government Code section 54957.6)  
*Agency designated representatives: Robert Kruljac and Ernie Loveless regarding Represented Employees: IAFF Local 1401, Sonoma County Professional Firefighters*

Director Finn Called for a closed meeting at 7:32 PM

Director Finn resumed the open meeting at 8:02 PM



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Report: There was nothing to report.

11. CLOSED SESSION REPORT LABOR NEGOTIATIONS- **Discussion and Possible Action**

There was no after-closed session report.

12. ADJOURMENT

Director Kruljac made the motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM. Director Loveless seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting is September 10, 2025

If Applicable, Board meeting documents are available to review at the SVFPD Station 1, 22950 Broadway, Sonoma, CA 95476. Please call (707)938-2633 for an appointment