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

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 22950 Broadway -Station #1

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

Director Mindy Neves called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Directors Bob Kruljac, Bill Steach, and Ken Finn were present. A quorum was met. Director Hal Stober was absent.

Also present were Chief Ray Mulas, District Accountant Stacie McCambridge, Clerk of the Board Robin Woods, and Firefighters Kevin Plume, Mickey Breen, Johnny Valasquez, Humberto Botello, George Norton, and Cesar Evina.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Firefighter Micky Breen read the following to the Board, "*Clarification Regarding Roles and Association Involvement*"

Good afternoon,

I would like to follow up regarding the concerns raised during the informal meeting on May 21, 2026, as well as the correspondence from Schell Vista Fire Protection District counsel (email dated March 11, 2026), related to my roles within the Schell Vista Fire Protection District, IAFF Local 1401, and the Schell-Vista Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

First and foremost, I want to be clear that I am not volunteering in the capacity of a firefighter for the Schell Vista Fire Protection District. I fully understand and respect the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) restrictions regarding employees performing the same duties in a volunteer capacity for the same agency.

My involvement with the Schell Vista Volunteer Firefighter's Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, is separate and distinct from my employment with the Schell Vista Fire Protection District. As outlined in the Association's bylaws, the organization is an independent entity governed by its own rules and structure, with the purpose of supporting the District and the community through fundraising and public service efforts. My role as President is administrative and organizational in nature and does not involve performing firefighting duties for the Schell Vista Fire Protection District.

Additionally, the bylaws explicitly recognize that full-time employees may participate in the Association on their own time, separate from their employment, further reinforcing that these roles are not inherently conflicting.

My role as Director for IAFF Local 1401 is likewise a representational and labor-related function, which is both appropriate and common within public safety organizations. This role exists to advocate for members within the framework of established labor law and does not intersect with or influence the independent operations of the Association.

To summarize:

- *I am not volunteering as a firefighter for the Schell Vista Fire Protection District.*
- *My role with the Association is administrative within a separate 501(c)(3) organization, not operational within the Schell Vista Fire Protection District.*
- *The Association operates independently with its own governance, and participation by full-time employees is expressly contemplated.*
- *My role with Local 1401 is distinct and appropriate within the context of labor representation.*

At no point do these roles create a conflict with FLSA requirements or result in performing uncompensated work in the same capacity for the Schell Vista Fire Protection District.

I remain committed to transparency and to ensuring that all roles I hold are appropriate, lawful, and in the best interest of the Schell Vista Fire Protection District and the community we serve.

If there are specific concerns or scenarios that require further clarification, I am more than willing to discuss them.

*Respectfully,
Mickey Breen*

3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND CONSENT

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of the Minutes of May 6, 2026, Regular Meeting- **Discussion and Action**

Director Neves introduced the May 6, 2026, minutes. Director Kruljac made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2026, meeting. Director Finn seconded the motion. Director Neves opened the floor to questions, discussion and public comments. There were no public comments. A vote was called, and the motion passed. The Minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

b. Approval of the Minutes of May 12, 2026, Special Meeting-**Discussion and Action**

Director Neves introduced the May 12, 2026, Special Meeting minutes. Director Kruljac made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026, meeting. Director Finn seconded the motion. Director Neves opened the floor to questions, discussion and public comments. There were no public comments. A vote was called, and the motion passed. The Minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

c. Review of the June 2026 Accountant's Report (Stacie & Robin)-**Discussion and Action**

Director Neves introduced the Accountant's Report. Director Finn made the motion to accept the Accountant's Report for June 2026, as presented. Director Stech seconded the motion. Director Neves opened the floor to discussion and public comment. There were no public comments. A vote was called, and the motion passed. The Financial Reports were accepted by the following vote:

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

5. CHIEFS' REPORT

Chief Ray Mulas presented the following report to the Board:

Administrative:

1. Station #2 has been painted and will have its parking lot done by Stripe and Seal on June 11th. We have had good feedback from the public on the color choices.
2. At the last chiefs meeting we received a presentation from Intterra -Aware- California which will be similar to watch duty but with tighter controls on the information release and posted. CalFire is working closely with them through development so as to control how information gets out in a timely manner and its accuracy prevents chaos through an incidents progress. The county chiefs are interested in joining this program through our dispatch CAD.
3. The Measure H comprehensive annual report has been released and well received by the BOS.
4. Station 1's parking lot will be scheduled after July 11th for seal and striping.
5. Worked on the 2026-2027 preliminary budget and the final 2025-2026 budget with Director Kruljac and Robin.

Operational:

1. Assistant Chief Mulas is working on the cost to adopt the new numbering system for our stations and apparatus. Davis sign company just put up the new address signs at our stations.
2. Wildland training is in full swing for both staff and volunteers.
3. Captain Garner has ordered 2 new AED units for our first out engines. These units will allow crews to unplug our unit and plug the leads into Sonoma's monitor.

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

a. Reports-Discussions & Possible Actions

1. Facilities Committee (Bill Steach)

Director Steach reported that the painting of Station 2 is complete and the downspouts have been repaired.

Genset is up and running. There may be a buyer for the old one.

They are getting bids to resurface the AP Bay floors.

2. Budget Committee (Bob Kruljac)

i. Proposed Revised Final FYE 2026 Budget – Discussion and Action

Director Kruljac introduced the Revised FYE 2026 Final Budget. Director Finn made the motion to approve the Revised budget as presented. Director Steach seconded the motion. Director Neves opened the floor to discussion and public comment. There were no public comments. A vote was called, and the motion passed. The Revised FYE 2026 Final Budget was approved by the following vote:

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

ii. Proposed Preliminary FYE 2027 Budget - Discussion and Action

Director Kruljac introduced the Preliminary FYE 2027 Final Budget. Director Finn made the motion to approve the Revised budget as presented. Director Steach seconded the motion. Director Neves opened the floor to discussion and public comment. There were no public comments. A vote was called, and the motion passed. The Preliminary FYE 2027l Budget was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Legislative Committee (Ken Finn)

There was nothing to report.

4. Outreach Committee (Mindy Neves)

Director Neves advised the Board that the Brochures were mailed.

7. NEW BUSINESS AND CONTINUE UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Ordinance No 2018/0801OR Tax Measure Update

1. Public Hearing for Consideration and Determination of the Special Tax to be Levied on Each Parcel of Real Property in the District During Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Pursuant to Voter-

1. Approved Measure X, District Ordinance 2018/0801OR

Director Neves convened the Public hearing at 7:27 PM. She announced that the Resolution, 2026-002 and the related posted Tax Roll Parcel List, is for the 2026/2027 Parcel Tax to be levied pursuant to Voter Approved Measure X, District Ordinance 2018/0801OR was being presented. Director Neves reviewed the Parcel List that was posted in the District. She explained the 2026/2027 rates with the 6.44% COLA increase are as follows:

Residential	\$258.59
Additional Units	\$129.28
Commercial	\$.18 per sq foot
Other Parcels	\$129.28

Director Neves opened the floor to questions and public comments. There were None.

Director Neves closed the Public Hearing at 7:29 PM and resumed the Regular Board meeting.

2. RESOLUTION 2026-002, AFTER PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION OF THE SPECIAL TAX TO BE LEVIED ON EACH PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT DURING FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027.

Introduction, Discussion and Action.

Director Neves introduced and presented Resolution No 2026-002 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SCHELL VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AFTER PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION OF THE SPECIAL TAX TO BE LEVIED ON EACH PARCEL OF REAL PROERTY IN THE DISTRICT DOTING FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 PURSUANT TO VOTER APPROVED MEASURE X, DISTRICT ORDINANCE 2018/0801 OR, and moved for its adoption. The motion for adoption was seconded by Director Finn. The floor was opened for questions and public comments. Let the record reflect there were none. Director Neves called for a roll-call vote. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES-4 NOES-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1

Director Neves- Aye
Director Stober- Absent
Director Kruljac - Aye
Director Finn - Aye
Director Steach-Aye

b. Consideration and Approval of Resolution 2026-003, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SCHELL VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, ON AN ORDINANCE (2026-01) RATIFYING

THE DISTRICT'S APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE MAXIMUM PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW
(FOUR YEARS) TO ALLOW THE USE OF ALL PROCEEDS OF THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT
SPECIAL TAX, and Public Meeting.

1. Introduction

Director Neves introduced and provided information regarding the Resolution and Measure X to the Board that every 4 years SVFPD needs to present an ordinance to the voters of the district ratifying the district's appropriation limits. She explained this is not a new tax measure. She also explained that the documents needed to be submitted to the Registrar of Voters in the first week of August to put the Ordinance on the November election.

2. Public Hearing

Director Neves opened a public hearing at 7:31 PM to discuss Resolution No 2026-2023, Ratifying the District's Appropriation Limits for 4 years, and Ordinance 2026-01.

Director Neves the meeting to Public Comments. There were none.

Director Neves closed the public meeting at 7:32 PM.

3. Action

Director Neves re-introduced Resolution 2026-003 and moved for its adoption. Director Finn seconded the motion. Director Neves opened the floor for further discussion or questions. Let the record reflect there were none. Director Neves called for a vote.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2026-003 was passed with the following vote:

AYES-4 NOES-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1

Director Neves- Aye
Director Stober- Absent
Director Kruljac - Aye
Director Finn - Aye
Director Steach- Aye

c. Schell-Vista Volunteer Firefighter Association's Role in Informing the Public about
The Ratification Ordinance on the November Ballot. – **Discussion**

Schell-Vista Volunteer Firefighter's association President, Mickey Breen, explained that the Association will send informational post cards to the district's residence and will provide information to the public as they did for the previous election for ratification.

d. Sonoma county Registrar of Voters Documents-**Discussion and Action**

1. Notice of Offices to be Filled and Statement of Responsibility.

Director Neves explained that the Board had to decide if the 3 Directors running for office in the November election, Mindy Neves, Robert Kruljac and Bill Steach, would be responsible for the costs in printing optional statement or if the District would be responsible.

Director Kruljac made the motion that the District will be responsible for payment of candidate statements. Director Steach seconded the motion. Director Neves opened the floor for further discussion or questions. There were none. Director Neves called for a vote.

The motion passed with the following vote:

AYES-4 NOES- 0 Abstain-0 Absent- 1

2. Resolution 2026-004 ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD AND REQUESTING
CONSOLIDATION WITH THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT ELECTION.

Director Neves introduced Resolution 2026-004 ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH NOVEMBER 3, 2026, CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT ELECTION and moved for its adoption. Director Kruljac seconded the motion. Director Neves opened the floor for questions, discussion, and public comments. There were none. Director Neves called for a vote. Resolution 2026-004 passed by the following roll call vote:

Director Neves- Aye
Director Stober- Absent
Director Kruljac -Aye
Director Finn - Aye
Director Steach- Aye

Ayes:4 Noes:0 Absent: 1

3. Notice of District Boundaries/Statement in Lieu of Map

Director Neves introduced the District Boundaries/Statement document and explained the choices regarding changes to the district's boundaries. The Board agreed that there has been no change in the boundaries of the district since the last election. The Memorandum will be returned to the county noting this.

e. RESOLUTION 2026-005 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SCHELL VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE DISTRICT- **Discussion and Action**

Director Neves explained that the District received the information for the new appropriation limits for the District from the Department of Finance through the county. The new COLA for 2026-27 is 4.95%. This raised the appropriation limit for the district from 2,453,679 to 2,577,969.

Director Neves introduced Resolution 2026-005. Director Finn made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-005. Director Kruljac seconded the motion. Director Neves opened the floor for questions, discussion, and public comments. No questions or public comments were made. Director Neves called for a vote, and the motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Director Neves- Aye
Director Stober- Aye
Director Kruljac - Aye
Director Finn - Aye
Director Steach- Aye

Ayes:4 Noes:0 Absent: 1

f. Future of engine #321 – **Discussion and Possible Action.**

Chief Mulas advised the Board that he has 3 people bidding on Engine #321. He will give them a deadline for submitting bids. He will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

g. Calendar Review (Robin)

Clerk Robin Woods went over upcoming calendar deadlines.

-Calendar Review Tax Measure

January -Determine the Preliminary Tax Rate

February-Request the Parcel Report from the county using the preliminary rate.

March-Notice of Public Hearing (2026 Public meeting to be set for June, Posting needs to be mid-May)
April 2026-Reminder that the renewal of the Tax Measure needs to go to the voters.
April/May-Conduct Public Hearing (**Public Hearing will be held in June**)
May2026- Board needs to approve a Resolution & Ordinance to place the Special Tax on the Ballot. (This will be added to June Agenda)
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
August 2026-The Special Tax election data needs to be to the Registrar of Voters the First week of August.
July/August- At the end of the Fiscal year, The District Board of Directors will be presented with 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.
(Terms ending in 2026 are Director Kruljac, Director Neves, and Director Steach)
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 2027)
Dec-Election of Officers of the Board for January 1 start date. (Every 2 Years. Next election 2027)

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

BBQ tickets are now available. The BBQ is Saturday, July 12.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Director Finn made the motion to adjourn at 7:42 PM. Director Kruljac seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned

Next scheduled meeting is July 1, 2026

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