



Schell Vista Fire Protection District

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

Date: Wednesday, February 4, 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, Hal Stober, and Ken Finn were present. A quorum was met. Also present were Chief Ray Mulas, Assistant Chiefs Mike Mulas and Mike Medeiros, District Accountant Stacie McCambridge, Clerk of the Board Robin Woods, Firefighters Kevin Plume, Jayden Filippi, Johnny Velasquez, Sean Witherell, Mickey Breen, Humberto Botello, Chanton Em.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Firefighter Mickey Breen introduced himself and Kevin Plume as the new representatives for the Schell Vista Association of Professional Firefighters.. He will be reaching out to the members of the Board to open lines of communication to see where they could work together to enhance the service to the community.

3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND CONSENT

There were no adjustments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of minutes from January 7, 2026, Regular Meeting- **Discussion and Action**

Director Neves introduced January 7 minutes and opened the floor to questions, discussion and public comments. There were no public comments. Director Finn made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026, meeting. Director Stober seconded the motion. A vote was called, and the motion passed. The Minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes-5 Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstain-0

b. Review of the February 2026 Accountant's Report-**Discussion and Action**

Director Neves introduced the Accountant's Report and opened the floor to questions, discussion and public comments. There were no public comments. Director Finn made the motion to accept the Accountant's Report for February 2026, as presented. Director Steach seconded the motion.

A vote was called, and the motion passed. The Financial Reports were approved by the following vote:

Ayes- Noes-0 Absent- Abstain-0

5. CHIEFS' REPORT

Chief Ray Mulas provided the following report to the Board;

Administrative:

County:

1. Dr. Gautreau will serve as Deputy Medical Director under Dr. Luotto until his retirement in June at which point Dr. Gautreau will assume the MD position.

2. PG&E Has proposed the Hazard Awareness Warning Center (HAWC) tour dates of February 16th or 25th at 1:00 pm for Chief officers and team members.

3. The Redcom Technology Agreement was unanimously approved and will be sent to the Redcom Board for approval on February 5th.

4. The Measure H Technology's county wide drone program proposal was unanimously approved to establish six drones throughout the county regions. Training and participation will be open to those interested in each region.

5. FDAC Conference in Seaside registration is now open.

Operational:

District:

1. I am reviewing two different websites to post the sale of the Ferrera 3881.

2. I have approved firefighter Jayden Filippi to take the CPR instructors course which will allow us to hold CPR classes for the public.

3. All of our shifts have attended a Large Water flow exercise at Station 27 in Napa as part of a joint neighbor training.

4. For those interested there will be a Community Open House on Thursday February 5th at the Sonoma Valley High School Library, 6:00-7:30pm to discuss the project options of the SR 121& 8th Street East improvements.

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

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

1. Facilities Committee (Bill Steach)

Director Steach reported that he met with Director Neves for an orientation. He is scheduling a meeting with Chief Mulas and Captain Garner for a review and planning. He will provide an updated report at the next Board meeting.

2. Budget Committee (Bob Kruljac)

Nothing new to report.

3. Legislative Committee (Ken Finn)

Nothing new to report.



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4. Outreach Committee (Mindy Neves)

Director Neves is compiling information. She will target a newsletter at the End of April. She will meet with Ernie Loveless to obtain information on the production of the newsletter.

5. Advisory Group Committee (Mindy Neves)

Director Neves asked to table this discussion until completion of the Board Manual and Strategic Plan items.

7. NEW BUSINESS AND CONTINUE UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Mulas advised the Board that he has a couple of people showing interest in the purchase of the engine. It was requested to move the engine to station 2.

Firefighter Johnny Velasquez whose shop the engine is currently being stored, provided the Board with the history of the engine and how it ended up at his shop. Director Neves ask Firefighter Velasquez to provide a written document of the history and any Costs he shows as outstanding.

The continuing discussion will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

b. Strategic Planning Review-**Discussion**

Director Neves asked the Board members to review the Strategic plan and their items to review and update at the next meeting.

c. Resolution 2026-001, Schell-Vista Fire Production District 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Trustee Amendment - **Discussion and Action**

Clerk Robin Woods introduced Resolution 2026-001. Director Kruljac made the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-001, Schell-Vista Fire Production District 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Trustee Amendment. 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. Resolution 2026-001 was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes-5 Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstain-0

d. Form 700 information - Discussion

Clerk Robin Woods advised the Board that they should have received an email from the County with information on filing and reminded them to login to complete the form.

e. Review of the SVFPD Board of Directors Policy and Procedures Manual, Updates-**Discussion and Possible Action**

Director Neves is still working with attorney Bill Adams on updates and content.

f. Calendar Review (Robin)

Clerk Robin Woods reviewed the calendar. The Public meeting will be held in May or June to give the District time to review the parcel list.

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 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

Chief Mulas reminded the Board of the FDAC Certificate of Achievement Class being held in Ukiah on March 20 & 21.

District Accountant Stacie McCambridge informed the Board that Liebert Cassidy Whitmore is hosting a presentation, *Academy: Managing Personnel and Navigating Employment Laws*, on February 24. If interested, let her know for Zoom link information.

9. CLOSED SESSION

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

Director Neves Called for a closed meeting at 7:51PM.
Director Neves resumed the open meeting at 8:42PM.
Report: There was nothing to report.



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

There was nothing to report.

11. ADJOURMENT

Director Finn made the motion to adjourn at 8:43PM. Director Stober seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned

Next scheduled meeting is March 4, 2026

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