

May 19, 2026 Tuesday @ 6:00 PM **MINUTES**
SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1
DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Location: Fire Station 82 @ 102 E Main Street, Sierraville, CA 96126 &

This meeting will be conducted in person and via video conference. Those who wish to attend via video conferencing should use the following link:

<https://sierracountyfireprotectiondistrictno1-771.my.webex.com/sierracountyfireprotectiondistrictno1-771.my/j.php?MTID=mddde8b46ce168ff8ac4b69f6ae37718d>

Meeting No. 2554 452 4695, Passcode: Sierra

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 pm

Roll Call of Directors

{ **X** } Thomas Archer, Chairperson { **X** } Ben Hitchcock, Vice-Chair { } Tony Commendatore
{ **X** } Samantha Swigard **remote** { **X** } Laurie Belli { **X** } Jeff McCollum { **X** } Tom McElroy

Quorum **Yes/No**

PUBLIC INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT: Matters under jurisdiction of the Sierra County Fire Protection District #1, and not on the agenda, may be addressed by the Public at the beginning of the regular agenda and any off-agenda matters before the Board for consideration. However, California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda. Any member of the public wishing to address the Board during the "Public Comment" period will be limited to a maximum of five minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 4/21/26 **H TM/LB Roll Call 6 Ayes**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of April 30, 2026 **H**
2. Approve Bill Payments **H**
BH/TM Roll Call 6 Ayes

REPORTS & REQUESTS FROM DISTRICT CHIEF, BATTALION CHIEFS AND EMS COORDINATOR:

1. Chief's Report (Response Summary, Fleet, Communications System, Facilities)
2. Training / Recruitment/ Retention

Chief Connolly presented his report noting a new volunteer from Truckee, Command vehicle not operating well, and the potential for an air fill station from Beckwourth Peak FPD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Calpine Station Improvement Project (Tom M) **Dir. McElroy updated the Board on the status of the project with the new roof underway. He provided information on an ADA airlift option.**
2. Continued Review of ~~2025~~ **2026** Priorities List **H**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding participation in Fire Palooza event **Motion to approve \$1,500 for food contribution. JM/TM Roll Call 6 Ayes**
2. Discussion regarding cash on hand and investment of reserve funds
3. Review draft budget for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 **Dir. Belli requested input from Chief.**
4. Mandatory Ethics and Financial training
5. 2025 Accomplishment Report **Dir. Swigard will draft.**
6. Discussion regarding AB 1299 and stipends **Chair Archer to send letter of support to elected officials.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS: **Dir. Hitchcock looking at utility truck for purchase.**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: June 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT: 7:24 pm

Key: **T** – Tabled from previous meeting **H** – Handout

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