September 15, 2026 Tuesday @ 6:00 PM

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1

DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA **MINUTES**

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:

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Meeting No. 2554 452 4695, Passcode: Sierra

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00pm

Roll Call of Directors

{X} Thomas Archer, Chairperson {X} Ben Hitchcock, Vice-Chair {X} Tony Commendatore

{ } Samantha Swigard {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. **None.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Resignation letter from Dir. Samantha Swigard, creating a vacancy on the Board; harm reduction supplies; polo shirts; Sheriff rental completed; Sierra Brooks special use permit; District accomplishments featured in the newspaper.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 8/18/2026 **H** **Chair Archer postponed approval of the August 18, 2026 minutes to the next meeting.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of August 31, 2026 **H**
2. Approve Bill Payments **H** **Dir. Commendatore moved to approve the financial reports and bill payments, Dir. McElroy seconded. 6/1 motion passed.**

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 that volunteers are going into their ninth prepositioning assignment. He also reported a computer issue on E82, a pump issue on E282 and a radiator issue on E382.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Calpine Station Improvement Project (Tom M) **Plans are underway.**
2. Continued review of 2026 Priorities List **H** **Ongoing.**
3. Discussion and possible action regarding investment of reserve funds (Laurie/Tony) **Dir. Belli moved to invest the District's reserves and savings in California CLASS, Dir. Commendatore seconded. 6/1 motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Acceptance of resignation of Dir. Samantha Swigard (added to the agenda by Chair Archer) Dir. McElroy moved to accept the resignation, Dir. McCollum seconded. 6/1 motion passed. Chair Archer to send a letter of thanks.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS: **Chair Archer thanked Dir. McElroy for all his work on the Calpine station. Chief Connolly expressed appreciation for the work volunteers did on Station 82. Dir. Belli will**

not be present at the next meeting. Hazard Trees and Fire House Chain of Command to be added to the October agenda under New Business.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: October 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT: 7:20 pm

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

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