

May 19, 2026 Tuesday @ 6:00 PM
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:

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Meeting No. 2554 452 4695, Passcode: Sierra

CALL TO ORDER:

Roll Call of Directors

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

Quorum Yes/No

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CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 4/21/26 **H**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of April 30, 2026 **H**
2. Approve Bill Payments **H**

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Calpine Station Improvement Project (Tom M)
2. Continued Review of 2025 Priorities List **H**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding participation in Fire Palooza event
2. Discussion regarding cash on hand and investment of reserve funds
3. Review draft budget for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027
4. Mandatory Ethics and Financial training
5. 2025 Accomplishment Report
6. Discussion regarding AB 1299 and stipends

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Supervisor Roan in attendance to administer Oath of Office to Director Samantha Swigard.

CORRESPONDENCE: Review of various correspondence.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 3/17/26 **H TC/TM motion to approve 5/0/2 (BH & SS Abstain)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of March 31, 2026 **H**
2. Approve Bill Payments **H**

Dir. Commendatore opened discussion on utilizing higher yielding interest savings and CD accounts.

TC/TM motion to approve financial reports and bill payments. Chair Archer called for a roll call: (Archer-Aye, Hitchcock-Aye, Commendatore-Aye, Swigard-Aye, Belli-Aye, McCollum- Aye, McCollum-Aye).

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 the Chief's Report and discussed multiple fleet issues, waiting for access to the Harding repeater, and a potential new volunteer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Calpine Station Improvement Project (Tom M) **Dir. McElroy gave an update on the project, adding that the 50 yr. roof increased the bid about \$1,500.**
2. Sattley Station & Pump House Generator Projects (Jeff M) **Dir. McCollum reported that the project was complete and noted the propane tank to be at about 20% full.**
3. Continued Review of 2025 Priorities List **H Directors reviewed and added replacing the Command truck.**
4. Consideration of Hiring District Counsel (Tom A) **Continued discussion, Board to consider a budget for services.**
5. ESFA Sponsored Hose Rack (Tony/Mick) **Dir. Commendatore working with ESFA on conceptual plan.**
6. Review and approve Administrative Services Stipend Policy (Laurie) **Dir. Belli requested input from Chief Connolly before finalizing.**
7. Review of Title III Reimbursements for District Responsibility Area within the TNF (Laurie/Mick) **Call run records needed to identify potential qualifying incidents, Chief Connolly to review.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and approve Myers-Stevens & Toohy 3-year volunteer benefits insurance policy effective June 1, 2026 for \$2,370 per year. **JM/TC motion to approve 7/0.**
 2. Approval of CalMutuals JPRIMA Cyber Insurance policy 4/1/26-4/1/27 for \$1,619.93.
 3. Approval of CalMutuals JPRIMA Property, Liability and Auto insurance policy 4/1/26-4/1/27 for \$52,600.
- TM/BH motion to approve items 2 & 3, policies with CalMutuals 7/0.**

Dir. Commendatore requested an update of revenue per quote to adjust premium down and clarification regarding exempt volunteer coverage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS: Public Law Update, SB 827, Expansion of Mandatory Training for Local Agency Officials.

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ADJOURNMENT: 7:50pm

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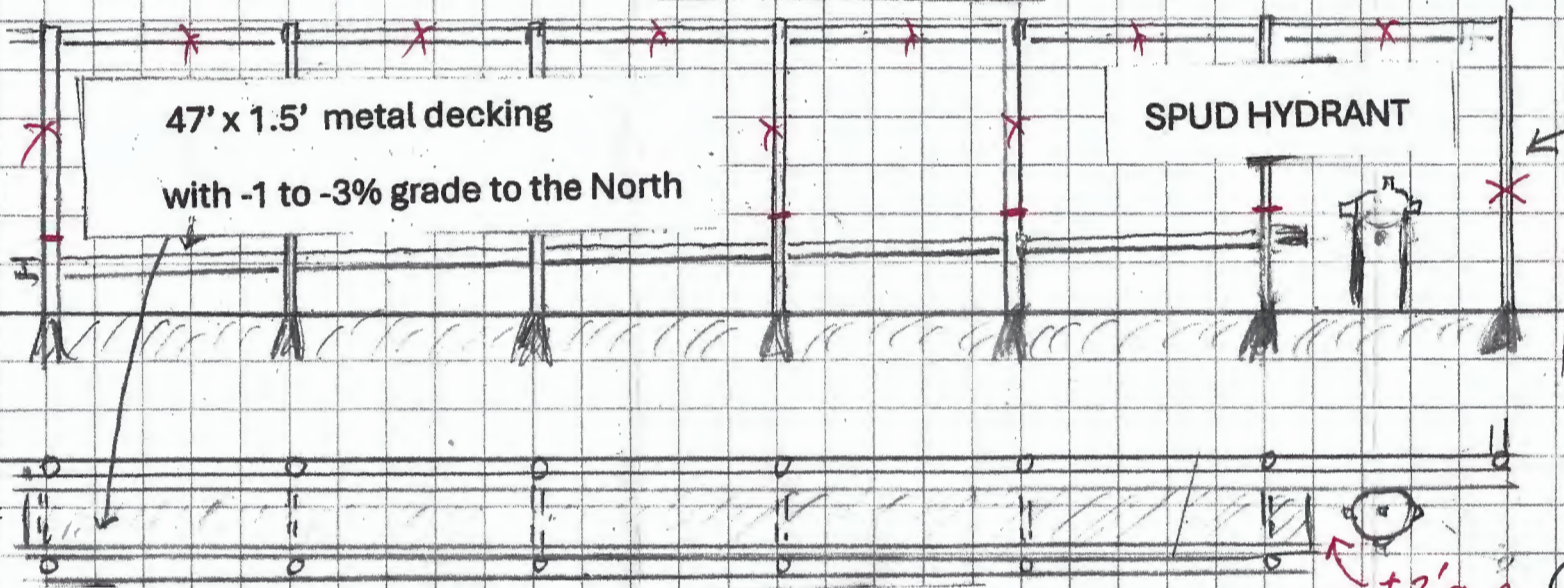
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SCFPD#1 Priorities List

- ___ Update Volunteer Response Stipend Policy to Add Clerical and Communications Items (Kelly/Mick)
- ___ Station 84 Replace Roof and Gutters (Tom M)
- ___ Service heaters, all stations (Jeff)
- ___ Station 84 Improvements- Accommodations (Tom M)
- ___ Review Volunteer Reimbursement Policy (Mick)
- ___ Replace Mobile Air Compressor with Fixed Unit (Mick)
- ___ Station 82 electrical panel, HVAC, meeting room, enhance building appearance (Tom M)
- ___ Station 83 Standby Backup Generator (Jeff)
- ___ Station 82 Hose Hanger (Tony)
- ___ Replace Command Truck

Revised 4/30/26 *(RM)*

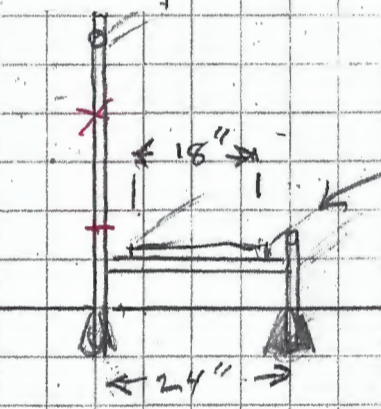
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**3" DIAMETER WELL CASING
FENCE POST ON PROPERTY
LINE WITH HOG WIRE 6"X6"
FENCE MATERIAL**

NORTH

PLAN VIEW



**3" DIAMETER WELL CASING
LEG (OPEN AT TOP FOR
SEASONAL SNOW POLE)**

Revised
CONCEPTUAL PLAN

STATION 82 DRAFT HOSE RACK PROJECT

OBJECTIVE: Protect draft hose against excessive wear caused by lying on the ground while retaining ready access to the hose.

PARTNERSHIP: To be developed in partnership between the Sierra Co. FPD #1 and Eastern Sierra Firefighter's Auxiliary.

From : Thomas S. Archer <thomas@tsarcherlaw.com>
Subject : FirePalooza
Date : 05-12-2026 13:25
To : Mick Connolly <mconnolly@sierracountyfireprotectiondistrict1.org>; Kelly Champion <kchampion@sierracountyfireprotectiondistrict1.org>;

TA

Mick and Kelly

I attended the Fire Palooza Meeting this am. Fire Safe Council, USFS, Cal Fire, and the County OES were in attendance, as was Mike Blyde and Paul Cueto. Please calendar and notify the Troops to schedule June 6, 10am -2pm at the Sierraville School. The District is to be included in the Event presentation. This is an important opportunity for us to reach out to the Community we serve, as well as for potential recruitment of Volunteers. This event and our participation needs to be placed on our next agenda.

Here is an outline of the participation desired from our District!

- District Banner (?), Table and Pop-Up Tent. . A manned District table where handouts and explanation of Who We Are, What We Do and information or flyers about the District is requested.
- Information and sign-up sheet for anyone interested in becoming a Volunteer.
- An Apparatus is requested to be onsite, along with a display of nozzles and hose fittings used for fighting structure fires.
- Attendance by uniformed Volunteers is deeply appreciated.
- A Speaker is requested, along with a Video or Power Point display, illustrating our District, Volunteers and What We Do.

Arrival and set-up is to occur at 8am on June 6.

Paul Roen is again serving lunch (200 lunches last event). In order to defray expenses, we are requested to contribute \$1,500 to the Event. It is important for our Board to show support through contribution and attendance. Board Members are encouraged to attend and participate, of course. Call me if you have any questions or input.

Tom

Thomas S. Archer

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- No maximum or minimum investment requirements
- No transaction fees*
- Annual audit conducted by independent auditing firm**
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Municipalities

City of Artesia

City of Beaumont

City of Brentwood

City of Folsom

City of Fullerton

City of Hanford

City of Kingsburg

City of La Verne FBO LA Impact

City of Martinez

City of Morgan Hill

City of Santa Ana

City of Shafter

City of Solvang

City of Williams

City of Barstow

City of Bishop

City of Farmersville

City of Fowler

City of Gilroy

City of Hemet

City of La Verne

City of Lancaster

City of Moreno Valley

City of Porterville

City of Santa Fe Springs

City of Signal Hill

City of Wasco

Town of Paradise

Other

California CLASS Enhanced Cash

CSDA Finance Corporation

Public Agencies Self-Insurance System

Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside

Special District Leadership Foundation

Tri-County Water Authority

California Special Districts Association

League of California Cities

Regional Government Services Authority

Silicon Valley Clean Water

Special District Risk Management Authority

Special Districts

Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District

Alpine Springs County Water District

Anderson Springs Community Service District

Atwell Island Water District

Beaumont Library District

Alpine Fire Protection District

Altadena Library District

Artesia Cemetery District

Banning Library District

Bell Canyon Community Services District

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Big Bear Airport District	Bighorn - Desert View Water Agency
Blanchard - Santa Paula Public Library District	Bolinas Fire Protection District
Bonita Sunnyside Fire Protection District	Brooktrails Township Community Services District
Byron-Brentwood-Knightsen Union Cemetery District	Cabazon Water District
Camarillo Health Care District	Carpinteria Sanitary District
Castroville Cemetery District	Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County
Channel Islands Beach Community Services District	Chester Public Utility District
Chico Area Recreation & Park District	Chino Basin Water Conservation District
Chino Basin Watermaster	City of Big Bear Lake, Department of Water and Power
Clearlake Oaks County Water District	Coachella Valley Resources Conversation District
Coalinga - Huron Recreation & Parks District	Coastside Fire Protection District
Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District	Copper Valley Community Services District
Corning Healthcare District	Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Cosumnes Community Services District	Del Puerto Health Care District
Delano Mosquito Abatement District	Delhi County Water District
Desert Recreation District	Durham Irrigation District
Durham Recreation & Park District	East Orange County Water District
Emerald Bay Service District	Fallbrook Regional Health District
Feather River Resource Conservation District	Galt Arno Cemetery District
Georgetown Divide P.U.D.	Glenn County Resource Conservation District
Gold Coast Transit District	Gold Mountain Community Services District
Goleta Sanitary District	Grossmont Healthcare District
Groveland Community Services District	Helendale Community Services District
Heritage Ranch Community Services District	Herlong Public Utility District
Hilmar County Water District	Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
Humboldt Community Services District	Idyllwild Water District
Igo Ono Community Services District	Indian Valley Community Services District
Ironhouse Sanitary District	Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District
Kenwood Fire Protection District	Keyes Community Services District
La Puente Valley County Water District	Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District
Lakeside Fire Protection District	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Leucadia Wastewater District	Littlerock Creek Irrigation District
Los Alamos Cemetery District	Madera Irrigation District
Mariana Ranchos County Water District	Marina Coast Water District

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Mark Twain Health Care District	McKinleyville Community Services District
Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District	Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & WCID
Mendocino County Waterworks District II	Midway City Sanitary District
Mission Hills Community Services District	Mojave Water Agency
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District	Mootamai Municipal Water District
Murphy's Sanitary District	Murrieta Valley Cemetery District
North County Fire Protection District, San Diego County	North Humboldt Recreation and Park District
North of River Sanitary District No. 1	North Tahoe Public Utility District
Olympic Valley Public Service District	Orange County Cemetery District
Oxnard Harbor District	Palos Verdes Library District
Paradise Irrigation District	Paradise Recreation & Park District
Pauma Municipal Water District	Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District
Pico Water District	Pine Grove Community Service District
Placentia Library District	Pleasant Valley County Water District
Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District	Plumas Eureka Community Services District
Potter Valley Irrigation District (PVID)	Rancho Murieta Community Services District
Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District	Reclamation District No. 1000
Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County	Rim of the World Recreation and Park District
Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District	Rossmoor Los Alamitos Area Sewer District
San Antonio Basin Water District	San Diego County Citrus Pest Control District
San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District	San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District
San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District	San Simeon Community Services District
Sanitary District No. 5 of Marin County	Santa Cruz Port District
Santa Maria Public Airport District	Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	Scotts Valley Water District
Sewerage Commission - Oroville Region	Shandon-San Juan Water District
Sierra Resource Conservation District	Sonoma Resource Conservation District
Sonoma Valley Fire District	South Placer M.U.D.
Stockton East Water District	Tahoe - Truckee Sanitation Agency
Tahoe City Public Utility District	Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park District
Temecula Public Cemetery District	Templeton Community Services District
Thunderbird County Water District	Town of Discovery Bay - Community Services District
Trabuco Canyon Water District	Tracy Rural County Fire Protection District
Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District	Truckee Sanitary District

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Truckee Tahoe Airport District	Trucker Donner Public Utility District
Twain Harte Community Services District	Twentynine Palms Water District
Union Public Utility District	Vandenberg Village Community Services District
Ventura River Water District	Vista Fire Protection District
Wallace Community Services District	Walnut Valley Water District
Weott Community Services District	West Basin Municipal Water District
West County Wastewater District	West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
Western Shasta Resource Conservation District	Williams Fire Protection Authority
Woodside Fire Protection District	Yuima Municipal Water District

Total Participants: 204

***Disclaimer:** This participant list is being made public as a service to our participant base. The listed participants are active and carry a balance as of the end of the month.*



Kelly Champion <sierracountyfire1@gmail.com>

Ethics Training

Kelly Champion <sierracountyfire1@gmail.com>

Mon, May 18, 2026 at 11:21 PM

To: tarcher@scfpd1.org, tcommendatore@scfpd1.org, Tom McElroy <tmcelroy@scfpd1.org>, lbelli@scfpd1.org, bhitchcock@scfpd1.org, "samanthaswigard@gmail.com" <samanthaswigard@gmail.com>, Jeff McCollum <jeffmccollum80@gmail.com>

Cc: kchampion@scfpd1.org, mconnolly@scfpd1.org

Dear Directors,

California law requires officials to complete an ethics training course within six months of the start of a term. If your service is ongoing, you must complete the course once during each two-year period. Special Districts are required by law to provide the ethics training to their local officials. Below is a link for the training:

<https://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/public-officials-and-employees-rules-/ethics-training.html>

You will go to the section titled "For Local Officials" and click on the Course link: [Login Form](#) and Create a New Account to access the course with whatever email you would like to use.

Please reach out to me with any questions. Once completed, please forward a copy of the certificate for our records.

Best regards,

Kelly Champion, Clerk
Sierra County Fire Protection District #1
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Webinar: SB 827 Required Fiscal & Financial Training

When: Jun 17, 2026 from 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM (PT)

Presenter: Josh Byerrum, Platinum Strategies, Inc.

This webinar provides a comprehensive overview of the new mandates under Senate Bill 827, which require local agency officials to complete fiscal and financial training. Attendees will satisfy the new compliance requirement while gaining practical understanding of municipal budgeting, financial reporting, capital financing, debt management, and ethical stewardship of public resources. For officials commencing service on or after January 1, 2026, this training must be completed by no later than six months from the first day of service with the local agency. Every local agency official in a local agency's service as of January 1, 2026, and commenced that service prior to January 1, 2026, must receive this training before January 1, 2028.

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This webinar fulfills the new SB 827 Fiscal and Financial Training requirements.

1:00 - 3:00 pm

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Webinar: From Policy to Practice: Implementing Effective Reserve Strategies

Added 11-19-2025

Event

In-Person Workshop: SB 827 Required Training - Navigating Governance and Finance in Special Districts (Fresno)

Added 12-10-2025

Event

In-Person Workshop: SB 827 Required Training - Navigating Governance and Finance in Special Districts (Truckee)

Added 04-01-2026

Event

In-Person Workshop: SB 827 Required Training - Navigating Governance and Finance in Special Districts (Redding)

Added 11-25-2025

Event

In-Person Workshop: SB 827 Required Training - Navigating Governance and Finance in Special Districts (Orange County)

Added 01-14-2026

Event

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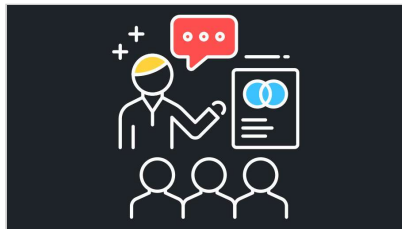
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Presenter: Rick Wood, Neil McCormick, Cassandra Strawn and Dane Wadle, CSDA

Location: Truckee Sanitary District
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Public Law Update - SB 827: Expansion of Mandatory Training for Local Agency Officials

Background and Purpose

SB 827 updates and expands California’s mandatory training framework for local agency officials, including cities (including charter cities), counties, charter counties, school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and special districts.[1]

Under existing law (“AB 1234”),[2] any member of a local agency legislative body or elected official receiving any compensation, salary, stipend, or expense reimbursement—along with designated employees—must complete two hours of ethics training every two years.

SB 827 makes two major changes. First, it expands who must receive ethics training, ensuring that department heads and similar administrative officers of all types of local agencies are included within the AB 1234 framework. Second, it creates a new, standalone fiscal and financial training mandate for a broad range of local agency officials

Before SB 827, there was no statewide fiscal and financial training requirement for local agency officials. The Legislature adopted this new mandate in response to repeated audit findings of local fiscal mismanagement and expressly declared local fiscal stewardship a matter of statewide concern, making these requirements applicable across local agencies covered by the statute.

Expanded AB 1234 Ethics Training Requirements

SB 827 broadens the definition of “local agency official”[3] to include **department heads and similar administrative officers** of any local agency. The bill specifies that such officers include a superintendent of a school district, the county superintendent of schools, or the chief administrator of a charter school.[4]

Beginning January 1, 2026, officials who commence service must complete their initial two-hour ethics training within six months of assuming office. The two-year renewal cycle remains unchanged.

Local agencies must maintain ethics training records for five years, and these records are public under the California Public Records Act.

By July 1, 2026, each agency with a website must post clear instructions and contact information explaining how the public may request training records.

Officials who serve more than one local agency may satisfy the ethics-training requirement once every two years, provided a copy of the completion certificate is given to each agency served.

New Fiscal and Financial Training Requirements for Local Agency Officials

SB 827 creates a new statewide baseline for fiscal competency for local agencies, including cities (including charter cities), counties, charter cities, charter counties, and special districts.^[5] The definition of an applicable “local agency” for this fiscal and financial training is narrower than that used for the AB 1234 ethics training and does not include school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools.

The bill requires at least two hours of fiscal and financial training every two years for “local agency officials”,^[6] which includes:^[7]

- Legislative body members;^[8]
- Elected officers;
- Governing body-appointed officials who make fiscal, budgeting, or public resource use decisions or recommendations as part of their official duties;
- Executives and similar administrative officers; and
- Employees designated by the governing body.

This fiscal training requirement is new under SB 827. The training content must include:^[9]

- Financial administration roles and responsibilities;
- Financial policies and fiscal management;
- Municipal budgets and budget processes;
- Financial reporting and auditing;
- Capital financing and debt management;
- Local agency revenue mechanisms;
- Pensions and other postemployment benefits (“OPEB”);
- Cash management and investments, including the prudent investor standard;
- Ethics of safeguarding public resources;
- General fiscal and financial planning principles tied to the official’s role;
- Laws relevant to overseeing agency operations; and

- Laws and practices related to procurement and contracting responsibilities.

Training may be completed in person, online, or via self-study materials with testing. Providers must develop content in consultation with recognized experts in local government finance and must issue proof of participation.

Deadlines:

- Officials in service before January 1, 2026 must complete the fiscal training by January 1, 2028.
- Officials who begin service on or after January 1, 2026 must complete training within six months from the first day of service.
- Thereafter, training repeats every two years.

Officials serving multiple agencies must complete fiscal training only once every two years but must provide proof to each agency. Certain officials already compliant with existing financial training requirements specific to their positions are exempt from this training requirement.

Training Administration and Recordkeeping

SB 827 establishes consistent administrative requirements for both ethics and fiscal training:

- Local agencies must provide information about available fiscal training at least once annually to local agency officials.
- Local agencies must retain ethics and fiscal training records for five years.
- By July 1, 2026, local agency websites must include posted instructions and contact information for requesting these records.

Practical Impact for Local Agency Clerks and Administrators

SB 827 establishes a dual training structure for local officials: enhanced ethics training and a new fiscal training requirement. Implementation will involve:

- Updating training policies and onboarding materials;
- Ensuring tracking systems record both ethics and fiscal training dates;
- Coordinating with human resources or management staff regarding designated employees;
- Preparing website content to meet the July 1, 2026 posting

requirements; and

- Collecting proof-of-completion from officials.

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[1] § 53234(b): “Local agency” means a city, county, city and county, charter city, charter county, charter city and county, school district, county office of education, charter school, or special district; All citations are to the California Government Code.

[2] § 53234 et seq.

[3] § 53234(c).

[4] § 53234(c)(2)(A).

[5] § 53238(c): “Local agency” means a city, county, city and county, charter city, charter county, charter city and county, or special district.

[6] § 53238(d).

[7] § 53238, et seq.

[8] Under § 53238(b), “legislative body” is as defined in the Brown Act in § 54952.

[9] § 53238(a).

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AB 1299

Volunteer firefighter reimbursement

Requested by volunteer firefighters and endorsed by volunteer firefighters

Background and answers to most commonly asked questions regarding Assembly Bill 1299

This bill protects volunteer firefighters and their legally earned reimbursements.

Assembly Bill 1299, authored by Assembly Member Heath Flora (R – Ripon), and sponsored by California State Firefighters' Association (CSFA) representing over 15,000 California firefighters is currently working through the state Legislature in Sacramento. There are some confusing rumors surrounding this proposed law and there have been some misleading media reports that have fed these rumors. This document spells out in detail the background and reasons this legislation should become law. Simply put, this law will specify a consistent manner to reimburse volunteer firefighters, give those firefighters rights if they are denied their earned stipends, and ensure that fire chiefs are in compliance with federal guidelines regarding labor law and volunteers.

As a volunteer firefighter you are governed by the Fair Labor Standards Act

Although you may be a volunteer firefighter and perform your duties strictly as a volunteer with no expectation of any reimbursement, **you are** governed by the U.S. Department of Labor's Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

The Fair Labor Standards Act and volunteers

In 1985 the United States Supreme Court had ruled that those who "work in contemplation of compensation" are "employees" within the meaning of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), even though they may view themselves as "volunteers."

A "volunteer" under the FLSA is "an individual who performs hours of service for a public agency for civic, charitable, or humanitarian reasons, without promise, expectation, or receipt of compensation for services rendered." **However, volunteers may be paid expenses, benefits, a nominal fee, or any combination thereof, for their service without losing their status as volunteers so long as the "nominal fee is not a substitute for compensation and must not be tied to productivity." In addition, volunteer firefighters can be paid a nominal amount on a 'per call' or similar basis.**

The "20 percent rule"

In 2006 the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) issued an opinion regarding volunteers being paid or reimbursed. This was not specific to firefighters, but volunteers in general, and it is often referred to as the **"20 percent rule"**.

The DOL opinion of 2006 presumes that a fee paid to volunteer firefighters is "nominal" as long as the fee does not exceed 20 percent of what the public agency would otherwise pay to hire a full-time firefighter for the same services. "A willingness to volunteer for 20 percent of the prevailing wage for the job is a likely indication of the spirit of volunteerism contemplated by the FLSA," according to the DOL.

Although the DOL created the "20 percent rule" it has been enforced in a variety of ways, and not always in the best interest of line firefighters.

Why do we need AB 1299?

Volunteer firefighters serve as the backbone of the California mutual aid system, and they are a valuable resource in fighting wildfires. Volunteer firefighters are dedicated to their local communities, but many times are also called upon to leave their families, jobs and other obligations to serve on Strike Teams away from their homes. **The state reimburses fire departments who participate in mutual aid agreements in order to pay volunteer firefighters.** These reimbursements help in some small way to offset the lost wages volunteer firefighters experience while out on the fire lines. **Unfortunately, many fire departments do not disperse these reimbursements to the volunteer firefighters.** When compensation is not properly dispersed to volunteers who have served on Strike Teams, they may become discouraged from participating as volunteers, thus compromising public safety. Current law does not legally ensure full reimbursement directly to firefighters nor does it specify the rate. Also, AB 1299 provides volunteer firefighters the ability to pursue civil action if the fire department fails to pass-through the reimbursement.

How did we get here?

Back in 2016 the California State Firefighters' Association (CSFA) was contacted by **many volunteer firefighters from throughout the state** asking for assistance to rectify a situation that had left some volunteer firefighters **without compensation for service on Strike Teams.** At issue were wide variances in the interpretation of the so-called "20 percent rule" regarding reimbursements to volunteers for service on Strike Teams. At the urging of volunteer firefighters, in 2017 CSFA sponsored AB 1283 to help rectify

the situation, but it failed to make it to the Governor's desk. In 2019 CSFA sponsored AB 1299 authored by Assembly Member Heath Flora (R – Ripon).

The bill's author was a volunteer firefighter

Before his election, Assembly Member Flora spent 15 years as a volunteer firefighter, so he personally knows the importance of proper reimbursements to front line firefighters. AB 1299 also enjoys the support of statewide fire service stakeholders including the California Fire Chiefs Association and the Fire District Association of California in addition to CSFA. This is commonsense legislation that will benefit the entire California fire service.

Clarify, clarify, and set guidelines for fire chiefs

For years there has been an ambiguity around the ability to pay or reimburse volunteer firefighters for their time. The issue has made it very difficult for fire chiefs from all over the state to commit to allowing their volunteers to participate in Strike Teams or other mutual aid events. AB 1299 will end the ambiguity and set a specific guideline for fire chiefs.

One of the ways that the 20 Percent Rule has been interpreted, and the way that led to the creation of this bill, was that volunteer firefighters were only being given 20 percent (or less) of the money that OES had reimbursed their department for their time while on Strike Teams. CSFA and many individual volunteer firefighters found that unfair.

20 percent of what?

Hourly? Daily? Annually? How was this 20 percent being interpreted? The answer is all of them and many more. There was no consistency, no best practice, and no guideline. One of the purposes of this bill is to once and for all, set that guideline. AB 1299 clearly defines the 20 percent as 20 percent of the annual salary of a firefighter from the same department, or in the case of an all-volunteer fire department, a number to be determined as the average annual salary of a firefighter in California.

This bill allows volunteer firefighters more opportunities to serve

There are many volunteer fire chiefs across the state that have repeatedly stated that they do not participate in Strike Teams, and that they do not pay stipends to their firefighters because their lawyers or the county's lawyers have told them to "stay away" from paying volunteers for fear of giving them "employment rights". AB 1299 puts an end to all of those fears. It will be clear to fire chiefs that they can reimburse volunteers for their time without jeopardizing their volunteer status. This will give the departments the ability to offer stipends or paid shifts to their volunteers.

Does this bill limit the use of volunteers?

Only if the reimbursements exceed the 20 percent rule. However, **language in the bill clearly states:** *“in the case of an emergency proclamation by the Governor, the 20 percent reimbursement threshold will be waived.”* The 20 percent rule will have **no impact on State Master Mutual Aid deployments.**

Will full time firefighters preference over volunteers?

The right to first refusal for full time people over volunteers in combination departments is common practice now, and is usually set forth in union contracts. This provision in AB 1299 will have **no impact whatsoever at all-volunteer departments.**

In summary, AB 1299 does the following

1. Makes sure **volunteer firefighters get 100 percent of the money** that OES is paying for them to be on a state incidents.
2. **Protects volunteer firefighter stipends** that can be used as a recruitment and retention tool.
3. **Sets a clear guideline** on how much you can pay a volunteer without jeopardizing their volunteer status.
4. **Provides volunteer firefighters the right** to pursue legal action if they are denied reimbursements.
5. **Assures that volunteer fire departments** can be used as resources throughout the state.
6. **Protects fire chief’s ability to send strike teams** on incidents without worry of violating FLSA rules.