August 18, 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 { } Ben Hitchcock, Vice-Chair {X} Tony Commendatore

{X} 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.**

PRESENTATION: California CLASS – Investment Program for Districts by Rick Wood, Chief Finance & Operations Officer, California Special Districts Association. **Rick Wood presented remotely, referencing California Government Code 53600 regarding the investment of public funds. The District will send its financial policy, investment policy and balance sheet to Rick Wood, with copies to Dir. Commendatore, Dir. Belli and Chair Archer.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes: 7/21/2026 **H** **Dir. McElroy moved to approve the July 21, 2026 minutes, Dir. Belli seconded. 4/2/1 (Archer-Aye, Swigard-Aye, Belli-Aye, McElroy-Aye, Commendatore-Abstain, McCollum-Abstain, Hitchcock-Absent) motion passed.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

1. Review P&L, Balance Sheet, Report of Funds as of July 31, 2026 **H**
2. Approve Bill Payments **H** **Dir. Commendatore moved to approve the financial reports and bill payments, Dir. Belli seconded. 6/1 motion passed. Board agreed it was OK to increase the District credit card limits until the cards can be updated. Dir. McCollum moved to approve increasing the credit card limits on Chief Connolly's two cards to $10,000 each and on the card of Serenity, District volunteer purchasing coordinator, to $5,000, and adding an additional card for Chief Connolly to use for prepositioning, Dir. Commendatore 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 a two-page report, including welcoming a new baby, and gave an update on training, recruitment and retention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Calpine Station Improvement Project (Tom M) **Dir. Belli moved to approve the drafting cost proposal not to exceed $6,500, Dir. Swigard seconded. 6/1 motion passed.**
2. Continued review of 2026 Priorities List **H** **Ongoing.**
3. Action regarding purchase of new Command Vehicle (Ben/Tony) **H** **Dir. Commendatore moved to give Vice-Chair Hitchcock authority to purchase a new 2026 Ford F-250 Crew Cab 4x4 command vehicle plus**

accessories (bed cap, radios, lights and sirens, bed slideout and labor; estimated total $87,800), not to exceed $95,000, Dir. Belli seconded. 6/1 motion passed.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding investment of reserve funds (Laurie/Tony) **Discussion only, no action taken.**
5. Continued review of District Volunteer Reimbursement Policy (Mick) **H** **Chair Archer discussed the policy with Chief Connolly.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of Roen Fire Suppression Equipment Agreement (Tom A/Mick) **H** **Chief Connolly provided an update.**
2. **Consideration of adoption of Resolution 2026-5 Authorizing the Adoption of the 2026 Sierra County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (added to the agenda by Chair Archer) Dir. Belli moved to waive the first reading and adopt Resolution 2026-5, Dir. McCollum seconded. 6/1 motion passed. Resolution to be submitted to LeTina.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: September 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 pm

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

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