

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Mark Wright

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING: November 20, 2025

17020 Placer Hills Rd. Suite 2A, Meadow Vista

1. Call to order; Flag salute; Roll call:

Director Harvey convened the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Directors in attendance: Harvey, Lofrano, McCray, Paskey, and Wright

Directors absent: N/A

Staff in attendance: Fire Chief Ian Gow, District Manager Armstrong, Battalion Chief Williamson, and Battalion Chief Slusher.

2. Agenda approval:

Director Harvey suggested that item 7d. be changed from an action item to a discussion item. Director Wright moved to approve the amended agenda. Director McCray seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

3. Approval of the minutes:

Director Paskey moved to approve the minutes. Director Wright seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

4. Public Comment: N/A

5. Correspondence (not covered in Agenda items below): N/A

6. Information Items:

a. Fire Chief Gow's Report

- i. Should receive our ISO rating soon, but anticipate the rating staying the same.
- ii. Battalion Chief Nelson is retiring, position has been posted in house.
- iii. Awards dinner scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Elks Lodge.
- iv. Currently our dispatch service is on the legacy system, and this service is currently provided at no cost. Much of the county has gone to a trunking system, recently met with the Sheriff to discuss becoming part of this upgraded system.
- v. SSV only gave a 2-year contract to AMR, giving time to consider other options. South Placer has indicated they are interested in expanding their ambulance services, they plan to start providing services into Loomis soon.
- vi. South Placer Fire Chief leaving at the end of December, Chief Snedeker has been appointed to replace him. CalFire unit chief has retired, being replaced by Chief Jim Hudson.

b. Battalion Chief Williamson

- i. Completed 8 plan reviews, 4 hydros and 2 propane inspections. Engine companies went to the school for safety day and a school carnival.

c. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi

- i. Provided an update on the Hope Way affordable housing development that is proposed for Penryn.
- ii. Project went through the planning commission, which was denied with tied votes. It will go before the Board of Supervisors December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Project is under AB 330, mandate on state affordable housing. Parcels were identified in the Placer County rezone.

- iv. If this does not pass at the Board of Supervisors, the state has the ability to shut down Placer County building department.
    - v. Under the assembly bill the developer is not required to pay fees or taxes.
  - d. Battalion Chief Slusher
    - i. Nothing abnormal in the operations report.
    - ii. Posted an internal Battalion Chief and Captain position
    - iii. Recently completed a joint recruitment with the City of Auburn, for a Firefighter hiring list.
    - iv. Water tender out of service with a mechanical issue.
    - v. Intermittent water leak in Suite 2B at the Admin building.
  - d. Placer Hills Firefighters Association report: N/A
  - e. Local 3800: N/A
  - f. Board Committee reports:
    - i. Finance Committee: N/A
    - ii. Ad hoc Committee for reorganizations: Director Harvey shared the meeting was primarily about ambulance services and different ways of providing the service. Discussed inviting City of Roseville and Rocklin to a future meeting to learn about their ambulance services. Still waiting on setting a new meeting date.
7. Discussion and Action Items:
- a. Board to review and discuss upcoming LAFCO Meetings

Chief Gow reported that the resolution was approved at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting and shortly after received a certificate of filing from LAFCo, indicating that everything is complete. LAFCo will have to hear our application within 90 days of the certificate of filing. LAFCo will be hearing our application at their February meeting and anticipate the protest hearing being shortly after. Plan to get our district reorg committees together to game plan the next steps.
  - b. Status on Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update for 2026

Battalion Chief John Williamson reported the survey results have been provided, the community indicated that rain, snow, weather and wildfire were most important to them. Moving onto the next phase of the plan. Also, starting to work on the CWPP – California Wildfire Preparedness Plan, there will be more to report on in the future.
  - c. Consider and adopt Resolution 2025-10 Adoption of the annual fee report, capital improvement plan and fee increase (action)

Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi reported that we were asked to complete 2 reports this year, including a 5-year report. Nothing out of the ordinary on the Capital Improvement Plan, mostly the same. Recommendation to increase the Mitigation fee to \$1.20/sq ft, increase based off the California construction cost index increases. Action before the board is to hold a public hearing, discuss and decide on the action.

Public hearing opened at 6:35pm

No comments

Public hearing closed at 6:35pm

Director Lofrano motions to approve Resolution 2025-10. Director Wright seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.
  - d. Consider and approve the Sub-Joint Operations Agreement by and between Placer Hills Fire Protection District and Auburn City Fire Department

Director Harvey shared that the City of Auburn just passed this resolution at their recent City Council meeting. This is an enhancement to our current JOA agreement, where staffing and Fire Marshal services are already shared. Chief Gow shared that they met with the City of Auburn City Manager about a year ago and City Council members. Command staff have been meeting all along to fine tune the plan and presentation. This plan would take the administrative work load off of the Battalion Chiefs and allow them to focus on the stations, training and management. The City of Auburn Battalion Chiefs are known to all of our departments.

Chief Rogers shared that he appreciates the opportunity to collaborate. Wanted to mention that labor has been involved from the beginning of this process.

Chief Gow shared that we received a letter of concern from a community member, Gary Mapa, regarding Measure A and wanted to make sure that the funds stay within our fire district. Chief Gow plans to respond and let him know there will be no impact to the Measure A funds.

Director Lofrano shared that this plan manages to get administrative officers and maintain Battalion Chiefs without a fiscal impact. This action will put an administrative level in place without impact to the rank-and-file duties and calls.

e. Consider and approve changing the board meeting dates (action)

Director McCray shared he requested this agenda item because of the ongoing meeting date conflict at the end of year. The board discussed additional options and how the Placer Hills/Newcastle reorganization may impact dates in the future.

Director McCray motions to move the meeting date to the second Thursday of the month, starting January 2026. Director Wright seconded the motion, which passed 3-2.

f. Approve the budget update and monthly expenses (action)

Director McCray motions to approve the budget update and monthly expenses. Director Paskey seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

g. Closed session

h. Pursuant to California Govt. Code § 54957.6(a) **LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**; Discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding with Local 3800, District negotiators: Harvey and Lofrano.

The open meeting was reconvened at 7:51pm.

The board provided direction to the labor committee on negotiations.

8. Directors' comments:

a. *Report on activities of interest to the District which the Director is engaged in or is considering.*  
*No action will be taken on these items at this meeting.*

b. *Reminder of next Board meeting(s):* Regular Meeting on December 16, 2025.

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Michelle Armstrong, District Manager