

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Fred Lofrano  
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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING: February 12, 2026

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: Assistant Chief Slusher, Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi, Division Chief Williamson, and District Manager Armstrong.

2. Agenda approval:

Director Wright moved to approve the agenda. Director Paskey 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): Director Harvey shared that the NCSDDIA has reported that a credit will be applied to the districts again this coming year.

6. Information Items:

a. Fire Chief Report

- i. Chief Gow is improving from medical absence.
- ii. Moved the badge pinning for off the agenda for tonight, looking to schedule a joint pinning with the City of Auburn in April.
- iii. AB1383, gives agencies the opportunity to amend their contracts with CalPERS regarding the retirement formula, has made its way through the assembly. It is currently with the senate committee.
- iv. The Sub-JOA with the City of Auburn has gone live, staff are in their new roles.
- v. HVAC system failed at the Admin office, the furnace had to be replaced on an emergency basis as parts are no longer available for the unit.
- vi. Exploring moving the conference room to the upstairs suite. Preliminary look estimates a cost of \$2,500. Will need to make a budget amendment to adjust for this change.

b. Operations Report

- i. The 2025 year-end report is included in the board packet, no abnormalities are noted.

c. Prevention Report

- i. Completed 4 plan reviews, 1 hydro and 2 finals. 3 use permits; High Road Learning School, subdivision on Peaceful Valley, and PG&E on canyon way to store supplies.

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: Assistant Chief Slusher reported that the subcommittee has met and discussed plans for future meetings. Committee has agreed to have Chief D'Ambrogi take over the scheduling of the meetings.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

- a. Board to review and discuss upcoming LAFCO Meetings  
Assistant Chief Slusher reported that our reorganization application hearing passed successfully at yesterday's LAFCo meeting. The protest hearing is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> at Station 41. Results of the protest hearing will be certified at the April LAFCo meeting.
- b. Status on Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update for 2026  
Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi reported that there is no change in status from last month, waiting for a draft to review. The CWPP, working on a survey for the public to complete. The Board and community will be made aware of the survey once its ready.
- c. Approve the budget update and monthly expenses (action)  
District Manager Armstrong shared that this month's report includes payment information for the strike team reimbursements.  
Director Paskey motions to approve the budget update and monthly expenses. Director Wright seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.
- d. Consider and approve the second reading of an addendum to the Wellness and Fitness Program Policy (action)  
Director McCray motions to approve the second reading of an addendum to the Wellness and Fitness Program Policy. Director Wright seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.
- e. Consider and approve the updated job description 4-002.2 Division Chief (action)  
Director Paskey motions to approve the updated job description 4-002.2 Division Chief. Director Wright seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.
- f. Consider and adopt Resolution 2026-03 Review and accept the State Mandated Annual Fire Inspection Report for 2025 (action)  
Division Chief Williamson reported that the report includes the mandated inspections; schools, daycares, hotels/motels and apartment complexes. Director Lofrano motions to accept Resolution 2026-03. Director McCray seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.
- g. Consider and approve the purchase of a replacement command vehicle, not to exceed \$115,000 (action)  
Assistant Chief Slusher reported that this action is to replace the damaged command vehicle, our insurance company will provide us a \$65,000 replacement payment. After that's completed, we will go through the subrogation process where we will attempt to collect the remaining replacement cost. The \$115,000 would include the vehicle, the upfit/build out, and communications equipment. Director Lofrano motions to approve the purchase of the replacement command vehicle. Director McCray seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

The meeting was closed at 6:33pm.

- h. Closed session
  - i. 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 7:20pm.

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 March 12, 2026.

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Michelle Armstrong, District Manager