

Central Calaveras Fire & Rescue Protection District

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Station 1, 19927 Jesus Maria Road, Mokelumne Hill, CA 95245

6:00 P.M. Thursday, January 8th, 2026

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Director Clark. Other board members present were Director Cook, Director Tyler, Director Krieg, and Director Miller.

Department employees in attendance were Chief Wennhold, Battalion Miller, Captain Williams, and Madalyn Mullen.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Introduction of Guests and Public Comments

Guests included Mara Clark, who said she was thankful that it appeared to be a good, safe Christmas. The Chief will have someone from the alarm company come by the station to evaluate the "heart attack" alarm and discuss possible solutions.

4) Correspondence

Chief paid to renew the P.O. Box fee in Mountain Ranch.

5) Approval of December 18th 2025, Meeting Minutes

MOTION COOK, 2nd TYLER - TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER MINUTES – AYES 5, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0 – MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6) Regular Agenda, Action Items

a) Board Officers Nominations, Elections, Committees, 2026

MOTION COOK, 2nd TYLER - TO APPROVE WHITE BALLOT – AYES 5, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0 – MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Mid-Year Budget Discussions

The outlook for revenues is positive, with Measure A funds expected to remain strong. Additional income is anticipated from Strike Teams, along with standard revenue from local district taxes. Overall revenues for FY 2025/2026 are projected to be approximately **\$1,700,000**. PERS expenses are mandatory, and the Board will be reviewing options to fund these obligations and ensure all employees are brought up to date. Planned future station improvements include a new roof at Station 1, siding refurbishment at Station 4, a

remodel of Station 5, and painting at Stations 1 and 4. The District is also considering purchasing a new water tender, radios, and a new Chief's vehicle. Director Tyler stated that PERS obligations are a necessity and that station upgrades are standard; however, these upgrades could potentially be deferred until the next fiscal year. Director Miller agreed with postponing the Station 5 remodel for FY 2025/2026 and suggested making that commitment after issues related to the Sheep Ranch Station are resolved. These projections do not include any potential revenue from surplus sales of excess equipment. The Chief will proceed with repair projects at Station 1 and Station 4. A memo will be posted regarding pay raises, CALPERS, and other relevant items requiring employee communication. Madalyn will prepare cost estimates for employees requiring CALPERS arrears payments and funding adjustments and will present these figures to the Board for approval prior to the next board meeting.

7) Chief's Department Report:

The district is awaiting one final payment from OES; an email was received from CSFA confirming that reimbursement for the PPE grant will be issued; a meeting regarding road improvements in District 2 will be held Monday night in Mokelumne Hill; the EMR class has been well attended and effectively instructed, the district is covering all required costs to legitimize EMR certification, including instructor fees, educational materials, testing, and fingerprinting; Chief Wennhold will speak to the community club next month to provide news and updates, he is also hoping to send several firefighters to Oakhurst for additional classes and training since there is no local fire academy this year; engine 125 remains on standby awaiting repair assistance; water tender 123 is currently out of service; Madalyn is obtaining insurance quotes as the current policy and contract expire in April 2026; the next JPA meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2026; the Chief has not yet received plans to review for the construction going on at Senders; a new taco truck is now operating in the Railroad Flat School parking lot.

8) Payment of Bills/Claim Transmittals:

**MOTION MILLER, 2nd COOK - TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS SUBMITTED –
AYES 5, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9) Director's Comments:

- **Director Cook:** Stated that it had been a good meeting.
- **Director Krieg:** Had no comment
- **Director Tyler:** Reported that he has been working with Chief Fullerton regarding vegetation removal and grant applications. He noted that the process has been a valuable learning experience and would be a significant benefit to the community. He is also exploring pond-lining materials for a water source within the ERLS HOA.
- **Director Miller:** Glad to see we have money, and it will be nice to see some of that moved toward the employees. Station 3 looks amazing. Happy with the way things are working out right now.

- **Director Clark:** Shared that he is proud to see morale improving and noted that taking care of employees and stations is yielding positive results. He thanked everyone for their hard work.

10) Closed Session

There was no closed session.

11) Adjournment

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:29 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 12th at 6:00 P.M.

**MOTION COOK, 2nd TYLER - TO ADJOURN THE MEETING – AYES 5,
NAYS 0, ABSENT 0, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,
Madalyn Mullen, Office Manager