



Schell Vista Fire Protection District

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MEETING MINUTES **Schell-Vista Fire Protection District** **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 (Change in Regular meeting date due to scheduling conflicts)
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 22950 Broadway-Station #1

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Director Ken Finn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Directors Bob Kruljac, Ernie Loveless, and Mindy Neves were present. A quorum was met. Also present were Chief Ray Mulas, District Account Stacie McCambridge, Clerk of the Board Robin Woods, Firefighters Micky Breen, Lincoln Reiter, John Green, Emiliano Iniguez, and Chanton Em, and guests Isabel Beer of the Index Tribune. Director Hal Stober was absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS AND CONSENT

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of minutes from June 2, 2025, Regular Meeting- **Discussion and Action**

Director Finn introduced the June minutes and opened the floor to questions, discussion and public comments. There were no public comments. Director Kruljac made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2025, meeting. Director Loveless seconded the motion. A Vote was called, and the motion passed, and the Minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes- 4 Noes- 0 Absent- 1 Abstain-0

b. Review of the July 2025 Accountant's Report-**Discussion and Action**

Director Finn introduced the Accountant's Report and opened the floor to discussion and public comment. There were no public comments. Director Kruljac made the motion to accept the Accountant's Report for July 2025, as presented. Director Neves seconded the motion. A Vote was called, and the motion passed, and the Financial Reports were approved by the following vote:

Ayes-4 Noes -0 Absent-1 Abstain-0



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5. CHIEFS' REPORT

Chief Ray Mulas reported the following to the Board:

- The new engine is in service.
- Six-month evaluations on new employees are complete. They are all doing very good.
- As of now, there are no changes for Engine numbers.
- Burn Ban has gone into effect. Website has been updated.
- NASCAR starts on Friday. The district committed 14 people and 2 engines to the event.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/BUSINESS (Directors to report on Committee activities)

a. Reports-**Discussions & Possible Actions**

1. Facilities Committee (Neves)

Chief Mulas reported that the HVAC system has been ordered for Station 1. Installation will start in August.

2. Budget Committee (Kruljac)

Director Kruljac advised the Board that we are waiting for all data close the books.

3. Legislative Committee (Finn)

Director Finn reviewed AB1383 that is down the road and should be watched. It will affect the retirement age.

4. Outreach Committee (Loveless)

Isabel Beers of the Index Tribune was notified about the Chicken BBQ on the 19th.

5. Advisory Group Committee (Loveless)

Director Loveless is having difficulty setting a meeting date due to conflicting schedules. He will send out an invitation for a meeting on July 18th.

7. NEW BUSINESS AND CONTINUE UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Ordinance No 2018/0801OR Tax Measure Update

1. Public Hearing for Consideration and Determination of the Special Tax to be Levied on Each Parcel of Real Property in the District During Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Pursuant to Voter-Approved Measure X, District Ordinance 2018/0801OR

Director Finn convened the Public hearing at 7:17 PM. He announced that the Resolution being presented, 2025-001 and the related posted Tax Roll Parcel



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List, is for the 2025/2026 Parcel Tax to be levied pursuant Voter Approved Measure X, District Ordinance 2018/0801OR was being presented. Director Finn reviewed the Parcel List that was posted in the District.

Director Finn opened the floor to questions and public comments. Let the record show that there were no members of the public in attendance and no questions were presented to the Board.

Director Finn closed the Public Hearing at 7:18 PM and resumed the Regular Board meeting.

2. RESOLUTION 2025-001, AFTER PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION OF THE SPECIAL TAX TO BE LEVIED ON EACH PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026. **Introduction,**
Discussion and Action.

Director Finn introduced and presented Resolution No 2025-001 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SCHELL VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AFTER PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION OF THE SPECIAL TAX TO BE LEVIED ON EACH PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 PURSUANT TO VOTER APPROVED MEASURE X, DISTRICT ORDINANCE 2018/0801 OR. The floor was opened for questions and public comments. Let the record reflect there were none. Director Loveless moved for its adoption. Director Kruljac seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by the following votes:

Director Finn- Aye
Director Stober- Absent
Director Loveless -Aye
Director Kruljac - Aye
Director Neves - Aye

b. RESOLUTION 2025-002 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SCHELL VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE DISTRICT- **Discussion and Action**

Director Finn introduced Resolution 2025-002 and opened the floor for questions, discussion, and public comments. No questions or public comments were made. Director Neves made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-002 Director Loveless seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Directors: Finn - Aye
Loveless - Aye
Kruljac - Aye
Stober - Absent
Neves - Aye

Ayes: 4 Noes:0 Absent:1



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c. Sonoma LAFCO Election of Independent Special District Alternate Member-**Discussion and Action**

Director Finn Introduced the LAFCO Election request. The Board agreed to table the discussion until the August meeting after each reviewed the letter.

d. Review of the SVFPD Board of Directors Policy and Procedures Manual, Articles 5-8
Discussion and Possible Action

The Board reviewed sections 5-8. Director Finn took notes on suggested changes and corrections.

e. Calendar Review (Robin)

Clerk of the Board Robin Woods reviewed upcoming calendar items.

January -Determine the Preliminary Tax Rate

February-Request the Parcel Report from the county using the preliminary rate.

March-Notice of Public Hearing

April/May-Conduct Public Hearing (Public Hearing will be held in July)

May/June-Allow time for property owner appeals of the tax levy.

June-Approval of the District Preliminary Budget

July-Approval of the District Tax Roll and Appropriations Limit

July/August- At the end of the Fiscal year, The District Board of Directors will be presented the *Fiscal Year-End Report* containing information regarding the amount of special tax revenue collected and expended as well as the status of projects funded with proceeds of the special tax. (Ord. Section VII)

August/September-Tax Roll and Appropriations Limit Resolution sent to the County.

-Calendar Review General Business

Jan-Feb-Board to appoint Board Labor Negotiators for upcoming contract

April-Set up Budget Committee meeting to prepare preliminary budget for June meeting.

April-Annual Physicals

June-Preliminary Budget review and approval.

July 15-August 9 Board Members file for re-election with the Registrar of Voters.

(No terms end in 2025)

August-Budget Committee meet to prepare final budget for Board approval in September.

September-Final Budget review and approval.

Nov-Nomination of Officers of the Board (Every 2 years. Next election 2025)

Dec-Election of Officers of the Board for January 1 start date. (Every 2 Years. Next election 2025)

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Chicken BBQ will be on Saturday, July 19th.



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9. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Board Labor Negotiators (Government Code section 54957.6)
*Agency designated representatives: Robert Kruljac and Ernie Loveless regarding Represented
Employees: IAFF Local 1401, Sonoma County Professional Firefighters*

Director Finn Called for a closed meeting at 8:07PM.

Director Finn resumed the open meeting at 9:03PM.

Report: Direction Finn advised the Board that there were no items to report.

10. ADJOURMENT

Director Kruljac made the motion to adjourn at 9:03PM. Director Loveless seconded the motion.
The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting is August 6, 2025

If Applicable, Board meeting documents are available to review at the SVFPD Station 1, 22950 Broadway, Sonoma, CA 95476. Please call (707)938-2633 for an appointment