

SVFPD BOARD MINUTES Thursday, May 8, 2025



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PROTECTION DISTRICT**
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Board of Commissioners:

Larry Alexander, Chair
Kathleen Williams
Kevin Hullquist
Greg Lindholm
Jennifer Frick

Summarized MINUTES from a regular Board of Commissioners meeting of Scott Valley Fire Protection District, Greenview, California. The meeting was held on Thursday May 8, 2025 and was opened at 5:30 by Chair Larry Alexander. Present were Board members Kathy Williams, Kevin Hullquist, and Greg Lindholm, and Jennifer Frick. Administrative Officer Nancy Salucci and Administrator Rosalinda Frick were also present. Chief Paul Buchter and Asst. Chief Steve Poling had excused absences.

Public Reports: SVFPD Captain Josh Frick addressed the Board, explaining that the Department needs to purchase the "Active 911" app for volunteers' phones. The current CalFire system of dispatching to pagers will be eliminated early this summer. The Active 911 cost is minimal: \$16.20 per app per radio (for up to 50 radios). The Board approved the purchase for volunteer our firefighters and EMT's. The purchases can be charged to each engine's or water tender's Visa cards. Additionally, the Board stated that the Chiefs need to decide who is now affiliated with each Station and who will need the app. A discussion was held over the fact that Captain Frick is the only SVFPD personnel responding to Medical calls, few SVFPD members are attending drills. It was confirmed that most all Valley firefighters are wearing Fort Jones Fire Dept uniforms and responding to FJFD dispatches. Salucci mentioned that Chief Buchter intends to soon begin hosting trainings at our new facility.

BOARD REPORTS

Larry Alexander, Chair (Public Information Officer, Fire Safe Council Liaison)

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 10th meeting Williams/2nd Frick all ayes, passed.

Continuing/New business: An all-valley consolidation meeting will be held May 14, 2025 at 12:00 noon at the Siskiyou Telephone office in Etna. Being discussed is the creation of an all-inclusive (Fire, Law Enforcement, Medical) Special District for Scott Valley. Siskiyou Telephone has offered to pay for a feasibility study.

Kevin Hullquist (Insurance Oversight) Hullquist mentioned that although it is still burn season, it is unsafe and locals need to stop burning. Frick hoped everyone in the Valley could be encouraged to STOP BURNING!

Kathy Williams (Personnel, Sunshine Committee, Dalmatians)

Dalmatians Report: The Dalmatians have \$23,125.11 in Edward Jones and \$19,251.11 in Banner Bank. Kim reported that she has been having difficulty getting help with the beer wagon at events. She was the only one serving beer the recent Etna Rodeo.

Recognition of Leah Kraus' retirement Flowers were sent to Leah. Administrator Frick is awaiting the Chief's return from vacation to authorize the transition from Leah to Lyndi for primary access to Facebook.

Continuing/New Business: Nothing to report.

Gregory Lindholm (Training Center/Building Oversight)

Training Center Completion Updates/Final Inspection The insulation and heat pump have been installed and the building ready to occupy. The "Albert Buchter Training Center" plaque (approximately 14"x20") needs to be purchased and a dedication ceremony planned and publicized. Additional excavation and other work may need to be done. The Board intends to tour of the facility at the June 12th meeting.

Continuing/New Business: Potential Scott River Station Kathy Williams said Pam and Dave Merchant are still willing have SVFPD build a station on their land at the corner of Scott River Road and Tyler Gulch. We could hopefully expedite

the process by utilizing the same plans and contractors as on the new Greenview Training Center. Proceeding with this is in the hands of the Chief.

Jennifer Frick

Continuing/new business Nothing new to report.

Rosalinda Frick Administrator

Board Member Elections The board made a unanimous resolution #050825 in regards to board member elections in 2025. The board has three members whose terms expire in December 2025. It was voted on unanimously that Gregory Lindholm, and Larry Alexander will renew their terms for another three years. Kathleen Williams will not be renewing her term, but will find her replacement before her term expires.

Facebook Administrator change Frick announced that she has a weekly posting schedule ready for the Scott Valley Fire Facebook that she will start posting once she gets the login credentials from Chief Buchter.

Dalmatians Recruitment Progress Frick announced that she has written a letter on behalf of the Dalmatians in hopes to help recruit volunteers. This letter will be sent to everyone in Scott Valley with paper, stamps, and envelopes provided by the Dalmatians.

Continuing/New business Nothing new to report.

Nancy Salucci, Administrative Officer

Annual audit by Smith & Newell The audit will be scheduled for the first week in June. This is the third year of our contract a the \$4,350.00 with next year’s rate likely to increase. Chair Alexander signed the engagement letter.

Annual budget preparation Without the figures for 4th Quarter or any ability to estimate potential strike team pay the 2025-26 Budget was estimated at \$293,072 income and \$386,000 in expenses. There is currently \$544,517 in our contingencies account. Motion to submit the 2025-26 Budget Worksheet Williams/2nd Lindholm All ayes. Passed.

Annual SDRMA Property and Liability Insurance renewal Estimate is \$27,645 which is an \$876.00 increase over last year. Administrator Frick intends to attend several “incentive credit” classes that will reduce our rate. Last year’s incentive credits earned the department a \$1200 rate reduction.

Finance:

Deposit: \$66,195.18 received from CalFire for payment on the Palisades Incident. We are still owed \$33,068.68 for the Eaton Fire and \$34,665.73 for CSR-Mobilization (both were components of the Palisades Complex).

IRS payroll tax \$1615.12, EDD payroll tax \$187.61

Motion to approve payment of April bills: Hullquist/2nd Lindholm, all ayes .

Monthly payments:

Paul Buchter	1194.40	Salary
Steve Poling	2243.91	Salary and hourly wage for maintenance work
Nancy Salucci	3475.80	Salary
Nancy Salucci	445.07	Mileage/new printer for office/stamps/envelopes
Rosalinda Frick	484.84	Hourly payroll
Joseph Hess	167.00	Firefighter training classes
Town of Ft. Jones	200.00	Donation
Siskiyou Tel	103.24	Utility
USBank	434.37	Fuel, misc. equipment
Mountain Air	6,276.22	Heat pump for training center
Valley Tire	90.00	Tire change
Cross Connections	1,251.96	Sales tax on 2024 purchase of radios
Ft. Jones Hdw	16.71	Oil and gloves

Chiefs Buchter and Poling (Excused absences)

Motion to Adjourn Frick/Lindholm. All ayes, passed.

Date_____

Chair

Administrative Officer