



# NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

APRIL 15, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

Pursuant to the Governor of California's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, and to maximize public safety, this meeting will occur via Zoom.

Telephone: 669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 858 0275 1036

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85802751036?pwd=d1JFb0k4b2RUM0ROdEhOY0c0K3NnUT09>

### 1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by President Paul Bernier
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Rob Stewart [ ] Fred Peterson [ ] Tatsuo Okaya [ ] Paul Bernier [ ] Scott Newman [ ]
- d. Approval of the Agenda

2. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** The public is welcomed and encouraged to address the Board at this time on matters not on the Agenda. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the Board is not permitted to take action on any matter not on the Agenda unless it determines that an emergency exists or the need to take action arose after the posting of the Agenda. This period will be limited to thirty minutes and individual speakers will be limited to five minutes.

3. **MINUTES:** Review and approval of the minutes from the March 11, 2021 Special Meeting and March 18 Regular Meeting.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Review of current financial reports.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Review and approval of March/April warrants to be paid.

6. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** Review and questions regarding the Chief's monthly report and any verbal updates on the status of the District and matters pertaining to the operation of the Department.

7. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Report from the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District Board President

8. **GEYSERVILLE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION REPORT:** Report from the GFEA Liaison

9. **GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT:** Report from the GVFA Liaison

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** This time is set aside to read any letters or related correspondence to the Fire Department.

**11. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Consolidation and Annexation: Discussion and exploration of possible future annexations and consolidations with neighboring fire departments and corresponding tax agreements.
- b. Alexander Valley Fire Station: Discussion and updates on the pursuit of money from MAC for the maintenance of the Alexander Valley Fire Station.
- c. Knights Valley Update: Director Newman will provide an update to the District on Knights Valley.
- d. Chalk Hill Property Update: Latest findings of the triangle property.
- e. Fee Schedule: Review and update 2015 Fee Schedule.
- f. Firefighter Funding: Report on the procurement of \$275,000 to fund a second on-duty firefighter.
- g. District recognition of volunteers.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Legal Agreement: Legal services agreement with the Office of the Sonoma County Counsel
- b. Audit: Approval of 2019/2020 Financial Statement and Independent Auditor's Report
- c. Mapping: Legal Description for annexation
- d. Policies: Presentation of Fuel Mitigation Positions and Wildland Firefighter Positions policies
- e. Forest Health Grant: grant resolution approving signer for forest health grant
- f. Communications: Presentation and update by Scott Newman
- g. Chief Review: Annual fire chief performance evaluation
- h. 2021/2022 Budget Preparation: Planning for next fiscal year's preliminary budget

**13. GOOD OF THE ORDER:** This time is set aside for comments from the Board members and the public regarding general interest such as special events, parties, announcements, fundraisers, etc.

**14. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** Discussion and schedule of the next regular meeting to be held on May 21, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

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