



## **Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District Regular Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Geyserville Fire Station – 20975 Geyserville Ave, Geyserville, CA

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

President Heiges                      Treasurer Peterson      Director Stewart  
Vice President Abercrombie      Secretary Newman

### **APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

The public is welcomed and encouraged to address the Board on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the District that is 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. To speak on any item under discussion by the Board on this agenda, the public may do so upon receiving recognition from the Board President.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

This time is set aside for continued discussion and possible action on any issue held over from the last meeting.

1. Facility Improvement Financing Discussion (**Action Item**)
  - a. The Board will consider approval to seek private placement financing for the Geyserville Fire Station Modernization Project and other projects including land acquisition, facility design, and construction.
  - b. The Board will consider authorizing the Fire Chief to hire Finance Team Members. These financing team members include:

- i. Jones Hall to serve as Bond Counsel
  - ii. Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. to serve as Placement Agent
- c. The Board will consider authorizing the Fire Chief to solicit bids from Private Placement Providers with the assistance of the Finance Team and bring the lowest and most responsible bid and all necessary legal documents back for Board approval on July 16, 2026.

2. Type 3 Engine Delay **(No Action)**

- a. Brief update from the Fire Chief about the status of the two (2) Type 3 engines ordered from BME through Golden State Apparatus.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation and discussion of new issues brought before the Board or continued discussion of issues not on the previous month's agenda.

1. FY 26/27 Preliminary Budget Proposal **(Action Item)**

- a. The Board will consider approval of the FY26/27 Preliminary General Fund Budget and Summary.
- b. The Board will consider approval of the FY26/27 Preliminary Vegetation Management Budget and Summary.
- c. The Board will consider setting the date for the adoption of the Final Budget as September 17, 2026.

2. Election Materials **(Action Item)**

- a. The Board will consider approving Resolution 25/26-0521-01, Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District, County of Sonoma, State of California, Ordering an Election to be Held and Requesting Consolidation with the November 3, 2026, General Election.
- b. The Board will determine who pays for the costs incurred in the printing of the optional Statement of Qualifications in the Voter Information Pamphlet.
- c. The Board will complete the Notice of District Boundaries/Statement in Lieu of Map.

3. Type 3 Surplus **(Action Item)**

- a. The Board will consider declaring 6173 as surplus so it can be sold immediately.
- b. The Board will consider declaring 6171 and 6172 as surplus to sell when replacements arrive.

4. Fuels Crew Position **(Action Item)**

- a. The Board will consider approving one additional Forestry Technician 3 (FT3) position, effective immediately, for a total of twelve FT3 positions.

5. Compensation **(Action Item)**

- a. The Board will consider approving a 2.5% wage increase for the Fire Chief beginning July 1, 2026.

6. Strategic Plan Update **(Action Item)**

- a. The Board will consider setting one or more dates to review and update the 2024 Strategic Plan during a regular Board meeting or a Board workshop/special meeting.

- b. The Board will consider inviting Cloverdale Fire Protection District to participate in updating the 2024 Strategic Plan.
- c. If Cloverdale Fire is interested in participating, the Board will consider setting time aside during a Cloverdale Fire Protection District Board meeting or holding an additional Board workshop in Cloverdale to review and update the 2024 Strategic Plan.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If the Board or the public desires discussion, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. **(Action Item)**

1. Meeting Minutes

The Board will amend and/or approve the April 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

2. Financial Report

The Board will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the Financial Report.

3. Check Detail

The Board will ratify checks issued in the previous month.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Chief's Report is a monthly update on the status of the District and matters pertaining to the operation of the District, including significant incidents, community meetings/outreach, and updates on the fire prevention, vegetation management, fire operations, and administrative divisions.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

This time is set aside to report on all written or electronic correspondence addressed to the Board. No correspondence has been received by the District and addressed to the Board.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

This time is set aside for Board Members and the Fire Chief to make announcements and comments about any events that may be of interest to Board Members, staff, or the public.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Next regular meeting to be held on June 18, 2026 at 6 p.m.