

CACHAGUA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, June 11, 2025
CACHAGUA FIRE STATION – NASON RD., CARMEL VALLEY

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Eli Riddle present, Monty Salas-Cordrey present; Laura Stenvick present.

NON AGENDA: The barn was cleaned last Sunday. Bob Eaten noted that when the enclosure was built, the exterior power outlet was removed and requested that a new outlet be installed on the outside. He also stated that if the enclosure door is ever locked, a second set of keys should be made available to him. The board will be responsible for addressing both the lock and outlet matters. Suzi reported that equipment is being parked in front of the bay doors and emphasized the need to create a new fire lane to prevent this. Assistant Curry will check in with Bob regarding the fire lane design and report back.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of May 07, 2025, were considered. Motion to approve submitted by Stenvick; seconded by Salas-Cordrey; motion carried.

ACTION AGENDA

1. 2025-2026 Benefit Assessment Resolution for vote-Stenvick moved to adopt the resolution, with Salas-Cordrey seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted without changes to the assessment and will be submitted by the deadline.
2. Grant Updates- We are currently awaiting a response on our application. Aubrey Wardwell has met with Jamie and they are exploring additional grants for roadway work and building partnerships with large landowners, including the Esselen Tribal Council and Rana Creek. In regard to volunteer support and financials, Wardwell would like to explore how we can better support the Cachagua volunteers, particularly with budgeting and accounting. Wardwell is also beginning work on establishing a FireWise Community in our area and is looking to connect with anyone who is currently part of a Road Association, or anyone inspired to get involved. Building these relationships is key to getting this off the ground and coordinating fuel reduction and defensible space work across properties. Working with experienced individuals, such as Meredith May, would be very beneficial.
3. Visible Fire House Sign-The board has paid for the sign and put up on May 12.

STAFF & OFFICER REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Laura Stenvick

Current Account Balances:

Checking \$86,202.51

Savings \$1,003.17

Brokerage \$281,146.21

Total: \$368,351.89

Accounting Update

- FAIRA Renewal Estimate received: 34.5% increase, \$22,771 (budgeted \$17,000)
 - Contributing factors – Increase in volunteers (14%), increase in operating budget (44%), increase in property value (2%), increase in vehicle value (66%), increase in total losses (380%)
- Bianchi, Kasavan & Pope: Signatures of the President needed on IRS Power of Attorney forms for payroll taxes and reporting. This will need to be completed every 3 years.
- Final accounting on Bob's Barn construction: \$8,190
- Follow up regarding CFPD LOC
- YTD Budget vs. Actual (FY closes on 6/30/25)
- An additional \$12,000 will budgeted towards to the water tender. (outfitted for servicing)

CACHAGUA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S REPORT: Alyssa McGowen

New Business:

- 7792 (Polaris) is now at Carmel Valley Garage for the fuel line leak
- 7732 is currently out of service, there is a substantial crack in one of the pipes. Alex Nobles is thinking about sending it to a shop in Modesto.
- Saturday training will be on the 28th as we move into LARO.
- Aiden Slade has completed the MPC fire academy.

Calls:

Vehicle Accident: 4

Medical: 1

CHIEF'S REPORT: Kevin Dixon

Personal

- Congratulations to Aiden Slade for completing the Monterey Peninsula Fire Academy. This is an amazing accomplishment and will bring some valuable and current training to Cachagua Fire.

Equipment

- NorCal EVI has a lot of the fabrication done and powder coated for the boxes, has ordered the brass, and should start the wiring soon. We have a current invoice for work done so we can use current fiscal fund before the new budget year.
- I also have the invoice from Vincent Communications and our mobile radio will be here Thursday. Nor Cal EVI will do the install with the lighting.
- E7732 is out of service due to a plumbing issue, most likely frozen pipe, Alex Nobles will find someone to do the work.

Facilities

- The crew did some cleanup around the outside of the firehouse, weed eating and some minor post training debris.

Stenvick motioned to approve the officer's reports. Salas-Cordrey second; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 09, 2025, 6:00 pm at the firehouse in Princes Camp.