

CACHAGUA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
CACHAGUA FIRE STATION – NASON RD., CARMEL VALLEY

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2025, were considered. Motion to approve submitted by Salas-Cordrey; seconded by Stenvick; motion carried.

Non Agenda Items:

1. Water tender update-Kyle from Nor Cal EVI is still awaiting delivery of the final set of lights. Monty Salas-Cordrey has continued to follow up every two weeks, with the most recent update on Sunday, September 7, confirming that the lights had not yet arrived.
2. FEMA Grant-We will be looking into an in-district responder during the week. The District would look into the funding if possible. More discussion on this during the next board meeting.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Project & Grant Updates-
 - a. Landowner Collaboration- Audrey Wardwell has identified and received APNs, mailing addresses, and property owner names for all parcels abutting Tassajara Road (up to Jamesburg Station) and Cachagua Road. Her plan is to begin mapping and identifying high-risk properties.
 - b. CAL Fire Grant Opportunities-This item is on hold until the mapping is completed, and our 501(c)(3) status is updated. However, Audrey Wardwell does have a meeting scheduled with Monty Salas-Cordrey and Tom Nason to explore opportunities for collaboration.
 - c. FireWise Community Development- Boundaries have been identified for properties abutting the major roads. The next step is to schedule and host a community meeting to move forward with FireWise certification.
 - d. Community Grazing Opportunities- No new progress since our last meeting.
 - g. Fire Mitigation Mapping Progress- Continued efforts are being pursued to progress with the fire mitigation mapping.
2. Chief Resignation- Kevin Dixon resigned as Chief on August 14. The board is conducting interviews to find the next fulltime Chief for Cachagua Fire.

STAFF & OFFICER REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Laura Stenvick

Current Account Balances:

Checking \$39,351.77

Savings \$1,003.28

Brokerage \$284,258.80

Total: \$324,613.85

Accounting Update

- Financial Fleet Report (August):
 - o 7731 repairs after electrical fire \$205.54
 - o 7733 water leak repairs \$1,000.00
- Received and deposited the FY26 Prop 172 1st Qtr payment in the amount of \$29,508.08
- CSA-74 FY24-25 Expenditure Report submitted and CSA-74 FY25-26 Request for Funds form submitted.
- Swift Water Rescue training financial recap and discussion/planning for training for the next 10 months of the fiscal year.
- The T-bills in the brokerage account are set to mature on October 1. With the Federal Reserve scheduled to meet on September 16 and expectations that interest rates may be lowered, it would be prudent to shift from the current rolling 90-day terms to a longer-term strategy. A maturity of 6 months to 1 year would be more suitable in this environment.
- We discussed the October 01 T-bills and decided to renew the terms and re-visit and speak to the advisor in the meantime.

CACHAGUA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S REPORT: Alyssa McGowen

New Business:

- Tie downs for the extrication gear has arrived, they will be installed as soon as possible
- Swift water rescue was a huge success, thank you to everyone who was able to participate.
- Run books have been updated. Address and gate combo changes mainly on the Tassajara side of the district.
- Saturday training for September will be held on 9/27. LARO likely to be held at the dam.
- Brisa Cabrera has been voted in as our newest honorary member. She will take over all website maintenance.
- The association has agreed to split the stickering of 7733 with the board 50/50. Price unknown at this time.
- The association has agreed to have some EMT's attend the Jamesburg Bluegrass Festival on 10/4
- 7731 is still out of service, it needs a new switch for the primer pump.
- Chief Kevin Dixon has stepped down from his position.

Calls

Vehicle Accident: 4

Medical: 1

Electrical Hazard: 1

Hazardous Condition: 1

Tree Hazard: 1

Residential Structure Fire: 1

Commercial Fire Alarm: 1

CHIEF'S REPORT: Kevin Dixon

Not submitted.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 01, 2025, 6:00 pm at the firehouse in Princes Camp.