

CACHAGUA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
CACHAGUA FIRE STATION – NASON RD., CARMEL VALLEY

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of July 09, 2025, were considered. Motion to approve submitted by Stenvick; seconded by Salas-Cordrey; motion carried.

Non Agenda Items: Brisa Cabrera has taken over the role of managing and maintaining the Cachagua Fire website.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Project & Grant Updates-
 - a. MC Gives-The Association continues the efforts to rectify its 501(c)3 status as the Board continues to assist with financial planning.
 - b. Landowner Collaboration- The idea of holding a town hall or end-of-year community meeting was discussed. Such an event could help strengthen collaboration between the community and the fire district.
 - c. CAL Fire Grant Opportunities-The CalFire VFC 25 grant is still under review. We should get notified if we were accepted later this month. Firesafe is assisting with fire grant efforts as well. Once recent purchases from CFCV grant funds are listed, the final report will be submitted for review.
 - d. Update on Meeting with Grant Writer-This topic is currently being put on hold as we continue to make efforts to meet guidelines.
 - e. FireWise Community Development- It was discussed to consult a local fire agency, such as CalFire, to assess the community's wildfire risks, identify areas of successful wildfire risk reduction and areas to be improved upon.
 - f. Community Grazing Opportunities-Audrey Wardwell continues to explore grazing opportunities. Wardwell recommended a town hall meeting where the Cachagua Fire Department and a contractor for fire mitigation.
 - g. Fire Mitigation Mapping Progress-We continue our efforts to for mapping of the district.

2. Donated E-7733- Chief Assistant Curry assessed and took photos on July 18 that was then provided to the team. The following Saturday, July 26, the vehicle was then picked up.
3. Restocking of E-7731-All engines must be properly equipped and fully stocked to handle any incidents that may occur during calls.

STAFF & OFFICER REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Laura Stenvick

Current Account Balances:

Checking \$19,900.21

Savings \$1,003.24

Brokerage \$283,315.32

Total: \$304,218.77

Accounting Update

- FY25 Year-End financial review
- Follow up regarding CFPD LOC – Mechanics Bank
- Financial Fleet Report (July):
 - o Polaris – New Tire \$234.41
 - o Polaris – Repairs \$1,745.84
 - o Rescue – New batteries \$579.27
 - o Jaime's Tahoe – Oil change & repairs \$763.17
 - o E-7731 – Repair after fire \$1,455.54
- Submitted our renewal for SAM.gov that was due to expire in September.
- Benefit Assessment was accepted by the County – 2 parcels have been eliminated from the District, confirmed on the Assessors website.

CACHAGUA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S REPORT: Alyssa McGowen

New Business:

- August's Saturday training will be swift water rescue. A crew will be headed to the American River August 28th-31st.
- The association has agreed to cook for Diana Frietas' memorial on October 26th at the Trail and Saddle Club.
- 7731 is out of service. It is having primer pump issues.
- We were donated a new fire engine, it will be 7733. 7732 will now be a "reserve" engine after 31 is back in service and 33 is outfitted.

- The Jamesburg school has asked us to attend the Jamesburg Bluegrass festival and provide medical care if needed. October 4th 12-6pm

Calls

Medical: 8

Vegetation Fire: 1

Vehicle Accident: 4

Electrical Hazard: 1

CHIEF'S REPORT: Kevin Dixon

Equipment

- Several new prospective members have been showing up for Tuesday trainings and meetings. They do live in the district, hoping to have them continue.

Equipment

- Took delivery of E7733 from M.C.R.F.P.D., needs a mobile radio.
- E7732 will be in reserve status and could be used for hose and water shuttle during incidents.
- Water tender update to be given by secretary Cordrey and myself.

Facilities

- We need to concentrate grant efforts on large grants for the district with the priorities being staffing for weekday response, a new station, and updated equipment. The district, being underfunded and underserved, would qualify for much larger funding than the association.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 6:00 pm at the firehouse in Princes Camp.