

CACHAGUA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, May 07, 2025
CACHAGUA FIRE STATION – NASON RD., CARMEL VALLEY

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M.

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

NON AGENDA: Engineer Sierra Sans and Assistant Chief Curry attended the Esselen Tribal meeting on April 30. They spoke with Nason and obtained a contract with Cal Fire for land that has also been offered to us for training purposes.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION AGENDA

1. Updates and Collaboration for Grants and Fire Mitigation Efforts-Audrey Wardwell will be attending the Coastal Conservancy Webinar to gather information on how to apply. She also recommends collaborating with the district to develop a map showing available acreage for grazing, prescribed burns, and fire breaks—each marked in distinct colors for clarity. Additionally, she suggests researching grants to support cleanup efforts from previous years when Cal Fire assisted with fire breaks. Fire fuel management remains a key priority. Our goal moving forward is to establish and finalize a comprehensive district map.
2. Visible Fire House Sign- Sign works is producing our sign. More information to follow at next month's meeting.
3. CFCV Grant Updates- To date, \$500 has been utilized for training classes. The remaining funds may potentially be used for CPR classes or to provide training for high school students.
4. Cal Fire Grant- The applications, one signed and one unsigned, were submitted on 5/1/25. Now we wait to see if we are approved; the final amount was exactly \$20K. This will be a 50-50 grant if approved. Cal Fire has acknowledged receipt of the application.

STAFF & OFFICER REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Laura Stenvick

Current Account Balances:

Checking \$101,616.82

Savings \$1,003.13

Brokerage \$280,185.63

Total: \$382,805.58

Accounting Update

- Follow up on the Assoc. swag trailer DMV fee owed to CFPD. \$36.76 2/11/25 (Keeping it here so I don't forget about it.)
- Presentation and voting on the Fiscal Year 25-26 Budget

CACHAGUA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S REPORT: Alyssa McGowen

New Business:

- The water truck will be going to Morgan Hill to be outfitted with lights, radios and proper brass to respond to calls.
- Saturday training will be held on May 31st on progressive hose lays and mobile attack
- Utility 7792 (Polaris) will be going to Salinas motorsports to have the gas line repaired.

Calls-

Medicals: 4

Vehicle Accident: 2

Vegetation Fire:1

Debris Fire:1

Smoke Investigation: 1

CHIEF'S REPORT: Kevin Dixon

Personal

- Audrey and I attended a cooperators meeting for the purpose of securing grant opportunities for fuel reduction and community resilience projects. Due to potential for loss of life and property, we will be working with the state and other organizations closely in the near future to make the district a priority for fuels work and education.

Equipment

- Water tender will be dropped off at Nor Cal EVI on Thursday for code 3 equipment and brass configuration. The cost will be shared between district and association.
- We are setting up a time and place for turn out sizing, All Star has a new sales person.

- CAL FIRE Battalion II vehicles are coming available soon. I'm choosing to be a little selective on what we take to avoid vehicles that are not mechanically sound.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 6:00 pm at the firehouse in Princes Camp.