



NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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REVISED BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

February 16, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

20975 Geyserville Avenue, Geyserville, CA 95541

This meeting will be held in person at the Geyserville Fire Station. It will also be available online via Zoom.

Pursuant to California Assembly Bill 361, the District is authorized to hold public meetings remotely and to make those meetings accessible to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the Board by remote means. All members of the public seeking to observe and/or address the Board may participate in the meeting in the manner described below. This meeting can be viewed using the Zoom platform:

Telephone: **669-900-6833**

Meeting ID: **825 2066 9333**

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82520669333?pwd=V0hTTXA4YlNlRZmdpbXF3TFFWdEtnUT09>

1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by President Paul Bernier
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Rob Stewart [] Fred Peterson [] Larry Heiges [] Paul Bernier [] Scott Newman []
- d. Approval of the Agenda

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: The public is welcomed and encouraged to address the Board at this time on matters 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.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Strategic Planning Updates: Report plan updates and progress.
- b. Fire Station Updates: Discuss any updates on potential and existing sites and facilities.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of Approval to Hire Bookkeeper: The Board will consider approval to hire a bookkeeper or accountant for financial assistance with grants and other financial matters.
- b. Consideration of Approval to Create a District-Wide Service Zone: The Board will consider approval to create a Service Zone to make vegetation management a responsibility of the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District.
- c. Consideration of Approval to send Special Tax Zone Invoices: The Board will consider approval of a request from the Special Tax Zone to send invoices to 2 properties.
- d. Resolution 2022/2023-0216-01: The Board will consider approval of Resolution 22/23-0216-01 appointing Sanford Kingsley to the Advisory Committee for a one-year term expiring February 28, 2024.
- e. Resolution 2022/2023-0216-02, Resolution 2022/2023-0216-03, Resolution 2022/2023-0216-04: The Board will consider approval of Resolution 22/23-0216-01, 02, and 03, approving the filing of

up to 3 applications for the California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program, certifying that the Board has sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects, that the funds are available to begin the projects and appointing the Administrative Manager as the signer for the projects.

- f. Resolution 2022/2023-0216-05: The Board will consider approval of Resolution 2022/2023-0216-05 adopting a Cal VTP Project-Specific Analysis and Addendum for the Geysers Peak to Pocket Peak Fuel Break.
 - g. Discussion of Fitch Mountain and Sotoyome Emergency Response: The Board will discuss the process to address emergency response and fire prevention to the Fitch Mountain and Sotoyome areas.
 - h. Discussion of Fire Sales Tax Measure: The Board will discuss the potential fire sales tax measure, including where it currently sits, and begin formulating questions about the proposed tax.
 - i. CSDA Call for Nominations: The Elections and Bylaws Committee of the CSDA is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the CSDA for the 2024-2026 term.
5. **MINUTES**: Review and approval of the minutes from the January 7, 2023 Special Meeting and the January 19, 2023 Regular Meeting.
 6. **FINANCIAL REPORT**: Review of current financial reports.
 7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**:
 - a. Warrants: Review and approval of January/February warrants to be paid.
 - b. Budget Revisions: Review and approval of February budget revisions for 22/23 budget to accommodate upcoming Type 3 lease payment.
 8. **CHIEF'S REPORT**: Review and questions regarding the Chief's monthly report and any verbal updates on the status of the District and matters pertaining to the operation of the Department.
 9. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**: Report from the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District Board President
 10. **GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT**: Report from the GVFA Liaison
 11. **NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE JPA COMMITTEE REPORT**: Report from the Northern Sonoma County Fire JPA Committee
 12. **CORRESPONDENCE**: This time is set aside to read any letters or related correspondence to the Fire Department.
 13. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**: This time is set aside for comments from the Board members and the public regarding general interest such as special events, parties, announcements, fundraisers, etc.
 14. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**: Discussion and schedule of the next regular meeting to be held on March 16, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

The District does not transcribe its proceedings. Anyone who desires a verbatim record of this meeting should arrange for attendance by a court reporter or for other acceptable means of recordation. The public is allowed to use any form of audio or video recording, absent a reasonable finding by the Board that this action will disrupt proceedings. Such arrangements will be at the sole expense of the individual requesting the recordation. Questions about this agenda – call the Fire District's Office at 707/857-4373.