



# NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

Pursuant to the Governor of California's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, and to maximize public safety, this meeting will occur via Zoom.

Telephone: 669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 884 9057 8515

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88490578515?pwd=NDNjQW5GSDlIMlFkcEFuWEJpZWtQQT09>

### 1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by President Paul Bernier
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Rob Stewart [ ] Fred Peterson [ ] Tatsuo Okaya [ ] 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. **SPECIAL TAX PUBLIC HEARING:** Continue public hearing to consider the Resolution authorizing the calling for a Special District Election by Mail to be held on May 4, 2021 for the purpose of presenting the question to voters of whether a Fire Special Tax should be levied.

4. **MINUTES:** Review and approval of the minutes from the January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting and the January 27, 2021 Special Meeting.

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Review of current financial reports.

### 6. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Review and approval of January warrants to be paid.
- b. Mid-year budget adjustments.

7. **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.

8. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Report from the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District Board President

9. **GEYSERVILLE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION REPORT:** Report from the GFEA Liaison

**10. GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT:** Report from the GVFA Liaison

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Meeting request from Knights Valley Volunteer Fire Department Board

**12. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Consolidation and Annexation: Discussion and exploration of possible future annexations and consolidations with neighboring fire departments and corresponding tax agreements.
- b. Alexander Valley Fire Station: Discussion and updates on the pursuit of money from MAC for the maintenance of the Alexander Valley Fire Station.
- c. Social Media Policy: Review of updates to the draft social media policy.
- d. Knights Valley Update: Director Newman will provide an update to the District on Knights Valley.
- e. Strategic Planning: Presentation of notes on future goals and planning issues of the fire district.
- f. Chalk Hill Property Update: Latest findings of the triangle property.
- g. Wildland Firefighting Positions SOP: Presentation and discussion of the Wildland Firefighting Positions SOP.

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Fee Schedule: Review and update 2015 Fee Schedule.
- b. Firefighter Funding: Report on the procurement of \$275,000 to fund a second on-duty firefighter.
- c. Reallocation of MAC funding from vegetation management to the Alexander Valley Fire Station upgrade project.
- d. District recognition of volunteers.

**14. 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.

**15. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** Discussion and schedule of the next regular meeting to be held on March 18, 2021 at 7:00 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.