South Lake County Fire Protection District

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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Located at the Middletown Fire Station Board Room,
21095 Highway 175, Middletown, CA 95461

This regular meeting is for the purpose of discussing the following items:

1. *President Cline called meeting to order at* 7:04pm
2. *President Cline led the Pledge of Allegiance.*
3. *Present: Directors Madelyn Martinelli, Rob Bostock, Matthew Stephenson Vice President Jim Comisky and President Stephanie Cline. Also, present Chief Paul Duncan, Battalion Chief Joshua Lau, Board Clerk Gloria Fong and Office Tech Karin Collett.*
4. **MARTINELLI/ BOSTOCK** Motion to approve agenda: with closed session 7d to be heard after the pinning. *AYES: Bostock, Martinelli, Cline, Stephenson, Comisky. NOES: none.* ***MOTIONED CARRIED***
5. Citizens' Input: Any person may speak for three (3) minutes about any subject of concern provided it is within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors and is not already on today's agenda. The total period is not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes, unless extended at the discretion of the Board. *none*
6. Communications:

   6.a. Fire Sirens – *No report*

   6.b. Fire Safe Council – *Attached to agenda packet.*

   6.c. Volunteer Association – *Todd Fenk invited all to attend June 27th dinner auction and is excited for this time of year with recruits firefighters' graduation*.

      6.c.1. Promotion: Fritz Pelobello – Paul Duncan, introduced Fritz Pelobello being promoted to Operator.

      6.c.2. Badge Pinning and Oath Given: Alyssa Cardenas, Everett Fenk, Mark King, and Ava McDowell

   6.d. Chief's Report – *Good information in the report regarding Northshore Fire. Federal excess forklift arrived.*

   6.e. Finance Report – *Nothing to add other than there has been a lot of communication with the county regarding their new financial system.*

   6.f. Directors' activities report

   Comisky – *A lot of stuff going on in the state, FIRMS board enhancing behavioral health options for our employees. He attended the water tender event, which McGuires team invited him to, the celebration of life for Mike Keesee, which was well attended along with South Lake County represented at the service.*

Stephenson – *He attended the open house and the kids had a blast*

Bostock- *nothing to report*

Martinelli- *She made bank run*

Cline- *She reports the revenue ad hoc committee met and came across some areas for the committee to focus on, Geysers response, Twin Pine response, transient and occupancy tax, and battery storage.*

7. Regular Items:

7.a. PUBLIC HEARING Consider and approve Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Recommended Budget. Placed on the agenda by Staff Services Analyst Gloria Fong.

Finals will be available with Final being presented at the August meeting.

MARTINELLI/STEPHENSON MOTION** to approve 7a as written. AYES: Bostock, Cline, Martinelli, Stephenson, Comisky. NOES: None **MOTIONED CARRIED

7.b. Consider and approve Fechter & Company CPAs engagement letter for Fiscal Years ended 2025 and 2026 audit. Placed on the agenda by Staff Services Analyst Gloria Fong.

***COMISKY/MARTINELLI MOTION** to approve 7a as written. AYES: Bostock, Cline, Martinelli, Stephenson, Comisky. NOES: None. **MOTIONED CARRIED**.*

7.c. Board President appoints directors to ad hoc committee to review and or recommend updates to Board of Directors policy manual.

President appoints, Director Martinelli as Chair and Bostock as second member. The reason for this is to review SB 707.

7.d. CLOSED SESSION Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9 (one case)

Closed session called at 7:18pm and regular meeting reconvened at 7:34pm.

***COMISKY/BOBSTOCK MOTION** to accept the claim in the amount of $2,674.54 and to pay it subject of full release from claimant.. AYES: Bostock, Cline, Martinelli, Stephenson, Comisky. NOES: None. **MOTIONED CARRIED**.*

8. Consent Calendar Items: (Approval of consent calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. They will be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Any Board member may request that an item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion later.)

8.a. April 21, 2026 – Meeting Minutes

8.b. Warrants – May

8.c. Budget Transfers

The US Bank check total is changed to $53,360.20 because of the addition of charges to Amazon in amount of $1,910.16, to Stryker for $178.00, to Space Exploration for $265, to American Heart Association for $1,545.02, and the addition of an AT&T invoice of $416.74

COMISKY / MARTINELLI MOTION** to approve consent calendar with addition and changes by Gloria. AYES: Bostock, Cline, Martinelli, Stephenson, Comisky. NOES: None ABSENT: None **MOTIONED CARRIED

9. ***STEPHENSON/BOSTOCK MOTION** to adjourn meeting at 7:51 p.m. All members in attendance are in favor of adjournment.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Karin Collett, Office Technician

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READ AND APPROVED by,
Stephanie Cline,
President, Board of Directors

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