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South Lake County Fire Protection District
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 18, 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 7:00 p.m.*
2. *President Cline led pledge of allegiance.*
3. *Roll Call: Directors Rob Bostock, Madelyn Martinelli, Matthew Stephenson, Vice President Jim Comisky and President Stephanie Cline. Also, present Chief Matt Ryan, Battalion Chief Chris Aragon, Board Clerk (SSA) Gloria Fong, and Office Tech Karin Collett.*
4. ***BOSTOCK/MARTINELLI MOTION** to approve agenda. AYES: Bostock, Comisky, Martinelli, Stephenson, Cline. 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 from them other than not being open because of construction over there.*
   - 6.b. Fire Safe Council
   - 6.c. Volunteer Association – *Association President Todd Fenk reports Byron Madole and paid call firefighters did the work next door at the sirens, bagged groceries at Grocery Outlet and handed out Fire Extinguishers and tools. Tonight, we are here to celebrate the promotion of Michael Berardino who will start paramedic school next week and will be handing over to others the high school shadow program he handled last school year. Last school year he had 4 students sign up and after that round he had 14-16 students.*
     - 6.c.1. Promotion from paid call firefighter to paid call operator: Michael Berardino – pinned by Chief Duncan.
   - 6.d. Chief's Report – *In addition to his report, chief reports they are starting to look at how staffing will look like for the MAHA development and just drafted Director Comisky to help*.
   - 6.e. Finance Report – *SSA Fong helped with Woodside incident for about a week, paying for meals and hotels.*

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6.f. Directors' activities report -

Stephenson- *No activities to report.*

Comisky- *Reports he continues to work with Fire District of California, hitting Sacramento often, fighting for fire funding.*

Bostock- *Reports he and Director Martinelli are on the policy committee and will be meeting.*

Martinelli- *Reports she updated Wells Fargo Bank signature cards.*

Cline- *Reports she been working with Roberta MacIntyre on funding with Northern Sonoma Fire District, who are agreeable in moving forward*.

7. Regular Items:

7.a. PUBLIC HEARING: Consider and approve Resolution No. 2026-27-01, A Resolution Certifying and Requesting County of Lake Collect Special Tax (Direct Assessments) on the 2026-2027 County Tax Rolls. Placed on agenda by SSA Gloria Fong.

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

7.b. PUBLIC HEARING: Consider and approve Resolution No. 2026-27-02, A Resolution Adopting Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Placed on agenda by SSA Gloria Fong.

Resolution recaps $8,619,419 budget being adopted. Prices are up about 3% across the board.

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

7.c. Consider and approve the surplus of water tender (1985 Van Pelt). Placed on the agenda by Chief Paul Duncan.

With the receipt of the date on the new water tender we can surplus the old water tender.

COMISKY/BOSTOCK MOTION *to approve 7c. AYES: Bostock, Comisky, Martinelli, Stephenson, Cline. 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. July 21, 2026 – Meeting Minutes

8.b. Warrants – August

Check 12176 to US Bank is changed to $34,070.50 because of additional charges for $240.00 to Space X (Starlink), $600.60 to Rancho Landscape and $565.50 to Layne Paving and check 12177 to AT&T in amount of $368.72 is added. This change and addition changes tonight's warrant total to $196,034.87.

BOSTOCK/MARTINELLI MOTION *to approve consent calendar with correction. AYES: Bostock, Comisky, Martinelli, Stephenson, Cline. NOES: None.* ***MOTIONED CARRIED.***

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9. ***MARTINELLI/COMSIKY MOTION*** *to adjourn meeting at 7:25 p.m. All in attendance in favor.*

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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