



Sonoma County Fire District Board of Directors
Regular Board Minutes
Tuesday February 17, 2026, 2:00 PM
Location: Fire Station 1 - 8200 Old Redwood Hwy. Windsor

CALL TO ORDER

Briare called the meeting to order at 2:00
Present for Staff: Chief Busch, Washington
Present for Counsel: Adams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

President Klick- virtual	
Vice President Briare- present	Secretary/Treasurer Weaver- present
Director Tognozzi- present	Director So- present
Director Hamann- present	Director Treanor- present

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

2 members of the public spoke and provided letters to the Board of Directors and Fire Chief.

Heather Aiello spoke about her husband Michael Aiello.

John Aiello also spoke about his son Michael Aiello.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

n/a

SONOMA COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jason Jones spoke about the Rancho Adobe relationships and things seem to be going well; welcome to the new members of our Prevention Division: some employees are out on injury.

PROFESSIONAL FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Michael Stornetta spoke thanking for the opportunity to collaborate towards a completed MOU.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

n/a

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Busch provided an overview of the crews' activities and community events over the past month. His highlights were; reminding BOD to log into Vector Solutions for annual training; call volume was 1030 in January; EOS compliance was 97.82 % overall; Haz Mat call on SR Ave. drew multiple agencies; ongoing training for members and the 25-2 academy is completed; active attacker training at admin; Kathy Washington was employee in focus this month; we are hiring, 8-9 FF/Medics; Prevention division on target for inspections and community risk reduction; Estero Americano in Bodega Bay continue to be a parking issue for neighbors and the road itself is too narrow for first responders; Facilities workshop took place; Town of Windsor is doing a budget workshop and will discuss revenue and challenges.



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CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A motion by Hamann and a second by Treanor approved all the consent items below. 7-0-0 A roll call vote was taken.

1. Approve the minutes from February 17, 2026, Regular Board of Directors Meeting
2. Approve bills and payables for February 2026.
3. Status report on the District's operation in EOA-1.
4. Report out on Compassionate Care/Hardship Application(s)

ACTION ITEMS

1. PROCLAMATION- BILL LELLIS

The Board will present this Proclamation to Chief Bill Lellis in gratitude and recognition of his exceptional service and commitment to plan review and code enforcement. Chief Lellis has dedicated more than 26 years to serving the community, demonstrating professionalism, integrity, and commitment to public safety.

Briare read the Proclamation and expressed his gratitude to Bill Lellis.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE SONOMA COUNTY AG & OPEN SPACE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT GRANT - MONTEBELLO / CARRIAGE LANE EUCALYPTUS REMOVAL & FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT

The Board will consider authorizing the acceptance of the Sonoma County Ag & Open Space Vegetation Management Grant, authorize the Fire Chief to execute the grant agreement and related documents, and execution of a professional services agreement with Frontier Resource Management (FRM) pursuant to SCFD purchasing policy §1203.15, and authorize staff to implement the Montebello / Carriage Lane Eucalyptus removal & fuels reduction project.

A motion by Weaver and a second by So accepted the grant and authorized the Fire Chief to execute the grant. 7-0-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT BOB BRIARE AS ALTERNATE NEGOTIATOR FOR THE PROFESSIONAL FIRE CHIEFS OF SONOMA COUNTY

The Board will consider appointing Vice President Briare as the alternate negotiator for the Professional Fire Chiefs of Sonoma County.

A motion by Treanor and a second by Hamann appointed VP Briare as the alternate negotiator. 7-0-0. A roll call vote was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Standing Committee: Finance- Briare thanks Terri and her staff for the hard work on the budget mid-year review.



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2. Standing Committee: Facilities- Klick discussed the new potential location for SCY 9 and mentioned the Facilities Workshop.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Enclosed

COMMUNICATIONS

Enclosed

CLOSED SESSION- Staff entered closed session at 2:55.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation (two cases) (Government Code section 54956.9(b)).
2. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: 4732 Old Redwood Hwy, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Agency Negotiator: Chief Busch
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment under negotiation
3. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: 16290 5th street, Guerneville, CA 95446
Agency Negotiator: Chief Busch
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment under negotiation
4. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code section 54957.6)
SCFD appointed negotiator Steve Klick. Employee Organization: Professional Fire Chiefs of Sonoma County.

REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION - Staff ended closed session at 4:00. Direction given to staff, no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Ronald Busch- Fire Chief