



South Santa Clara County Fire District

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Marcus Hernandez, Fire Chief

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGUAR MEETING OF May 14, 2025

1. Opening

1.1. CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chairperson Jay Johnson

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the South Santa Clara County Fire Protection District was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at the Masten Fire Station located at 10810 No Name Uno, Gilroy, CA 95021. Vice Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was present via in-person pursuant to Government Code 54953(e).

1.2. ROLL CALL – Acting Clerk Nick Giampaoli

- a. Commissioners Present: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Keesling, Commissioner Acker, Commissioner Lewis
- b. Fire District Staff: Chief Giampaoli, Chief Terry, Chief Steggall, Consultant Athey
- c. Absent: Chairperson Lopez, Commissioner Ludewig, Commissioner Monaco

1.3. DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA Per Government Code 54954.2 – Acting Clerk Nick Giampaoli

1.4. Introductions

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Agenda Amendments and Changes

None.

4. Approve Consent Agenda

4(a) Minutes Approval

Possible Action:

- a. Approve the April 9, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes.

4(b) Expenditures Approval

Possible Action:

- a. Approve Expenditures from April 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025.

4(c) Staff Reports Approval

Possible Action:

- a. Approve Incident Statistical Report.
- b. Approve Grant Writer Report.
- c. Approve Mitigation Fees Report.
- d. Approve Staffing Report.

Motion: Approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lewis
SECONDER:	Acker
AYES:	Lewis, Acker, Johnson, Keesling
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Lopez, Ludewig, Monaco

Regular Agenda Items for Discussion

5. Old Business Info/Action

5.1. Division Chief Vehicle – Action

Provide directions to staff regarding the purchase of the division chief vehicle, given the upcoming District dissolution.

Possible Action:

- a. Direct staff to cancel the purchase contract with Winter Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe due to the dissolution of the South Santa Clara County Fire District.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Acker
SECONDER:	Keesling
AYES:	Lewis, Acker, Johnson, Keesling
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Lopez, Ludewig, Monaco

5.2. Inventory of District Equipment – Information

Receive a status report on the inventory of District equipment.

Chief Giampaoli reported that the inventory of the operational equipment was completed. The remaining inventory will be completed by May 30, 2025. Staff is working with the Santa Clara County Central Fire District to complete.

5.3. Fire District Consolidation Ad Hoc Committee – Information

Receive a report from the Fire District Consolidation Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Acker reported that the committee had their first meeting. It is proceeding as expected. Nothing new to report.

5.4. Partner With Snug to Promote Their Daily Check App as a Community Outreach Safety Program – Information/Action

Possible action:

- a. Review Snug program, the partnership agreement and marketing materials, and approve posting on our website.

Commissioner Johnson reported that after checking with Snug he found there was not a significant increase in calls for service due to procedures already in place. Chief Glass confirmed that Central Fire’s Community Education Specialist has agreed that it is a positive program and their department supports it. It will continue on the website after the annexation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Johnson
SECONDER:	Acker
AYES:	Lewis, Acker, Johnson, Keesling
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Lopez, Ludewig, Monaco

6. New Business

None.

7. Volunteer Firefighter Report – Brandon Winters

None.

8. Battalion Chief Report – Chief Terry

- Central Fire has completed a walkthrough of the Masten Fire Station.
- Reported on incidents of significance:
 - 04/30 – Structure Fire: Paradise Valley Lane
 - 05/01 – Structure Fire: Edmundson
 - 05/05 – Vegetation Fire
 - 05/10 – Vegetation Fire: Cordevalle San Martin – crews kept to 1 acre

9. Chief's Report – Chief Giampaoli

- Chief Giampaoli reported that Chief Hernandez was appointed the Unit Chief of Santa Clara and gave a brief summary of his background. Unfortunately, Chief Hernandez had a prior commitment in San Diego and couldn't attend tonight.
- Thanked Chief Hess for his guidance and assistance and the Commissioners for their service and dedication to the District.
- Company 70 completed validation of training records.
- Working with Santa Clara County on Solar Project Credits
- The state is starting to see more fire activity.
- Four Santa Clara Unit hand crews have completed certification

10. Events

None.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

None.

12. Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Lewis asked how the transition will happen on July 1st. Chief Glass responded that there would be no drop-in service. At a specific date and time there would be a transition of command.

13. Next Meeting is June 11, 2025

14. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

ATTEST

Signed by:

Jay Johnson

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Jay Johnson, Vice Chairperson

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Nick Giampaoli

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Nick Giampaoli, Acting Clerk of the Board