



SVFPD MINUTES February 12, 2026

Summarized MINUTES from a regular Board of Commissioners meeting of Scott Valley Fire Protection District, Greenview, California. Chair Larry Alexander opened the meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026. Also present were Commissioners Gregory Lindholm, Kevin Hullquist, and Gregory Ryan, plus Administrative Officer Nancy Salucci and Assistant Chief Steve Poling

Public Report Period: None

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Larry Alexander, Chair
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BOARD REPORTS

Larry Alexander, Chair (Fire Safe Council Liaison)

Approval of Minutes The January 8, 2026 minutes were approved. Motion Lindholm/2nd Hullquist. Four ayes, Passed.

Update on recruitment of new Administrator

The Board interviewed a prospective candidate, but later learned that she chose to remain with her current employee.

Progress on additional Board member recruitment Board members have been unable to interest any community members in serving on the Board, but they are continuing to look. Alexander explained that it is OK to continue with only four on the Board. Information received from County Clerk, Laura Bynam:

"The deadline to consolidate with the June election has passed, so it would be a "stand alone" special election for the district. I would estimate those costs to be approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 (without doing a comprehensive estimate). Typically, districts will have the vacant position remain vacant until their next regularly scheduled election due to the costs of a special election, and Scott Valley Fire's next regularly scheduled election is November 2027. You may want to reach out to your legal counsel in the event the Board of Supervisors does not make an appointment for the next steps the district should take regarding the vacancy."

Biennial Board Member Elections Kevin Hullquist nominated Larry Alexander to continue serving as Board Chair: Ayes Lindholm, Hullquist, Ryan; and Gregory Lindholm was nominated to continue serving as Vice Chair: Ayes Alexander, Hullquist, Ryan. Nominations accepted.

Annual Employee Evaluations (Closed session) The meeting reopened and Chair Alexander announced that the Board gave the highest evaluations to all three employees and granted monthly salary increases to the Chief and Assistant Chief of \$706.66 and \$735.34 to the Administrator. The pay-rate increases apply retroactively from January 1, 2026. Chair Alexander directed the Administrator to contact Personal Preference in Weed to determine their recruiting procedure and fees as we continue to search for a replacement for retiring Administrator Salucci. (preferredpersonnel.com/employer is the link to the agency.)

Firesafe Council monthly update (listed as CWPP on Agenda) Members include SVFPD, Etna FD, FJFD, BLM, USFS, Karuk Tribe, and the timber company. The core group is Larry Alexander, Charna Gilmore, and Jay Perkins. They have public meetings to discuss the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the entire watershed. They identify projects and needs on an annual basis. Scott Valley land owners are automatically members. The team is hoping to have monthly meetings to keep the community informed. Alexander asked for a written copy of our umbrella policy with SDRMA. (See attached Certificate of Coverage)

Continuing/new business Nothing to report

Gregory Ryan Dalmatians Liaison

Dalmatians Report

\$27,635.09 in Edward Jones account; \$22,579.55 in Banner Bank. Salucci and Ryan reviewed history of Dalmatians. Questions were raised about whether annual reporting (i.e. Form 990) documentation is up-to-date. Ryan will connect with Ms.Ritola to see how he can help revitalize the Dalmatians. Historically, copies have been sent to the Department.

Need to determine legality of only one person filling all Dalmatians Board positions of i.e. President and Treasurer. *(See attached Required reporting and rules.)*

Gregory Lindholm, Vice Chair (Building oversight proposed Scott River Station)

Dalmatians report Gregory Ryan is the new liaison.

Continuing/new business: Scott River Station A lease agreement was sent to Mrs. Merchant at Tyler Gulch. The Merchants were invited to our Board meeting. Lindholm and Chief Buchter will meet with the Merchants this month when they will develop a building and site plan. "Everyone is still on-board with this project."

Kevin Hullquist

Continuing/new business: Hullquist continues to review the monthly receivables and payables prior to submission to the County Auditor.

Administrative Officer Nancy Salucci

Approval and payment of bills, deposits, donations, and ACH debits for IRS/EDD

ACH Debits: EDD \$265.64; IRS \$1855.04.

Paul Buchter	1194.40	Salary
Steve Poling	1194.40	Salary
Nancy Salucci	3192.63	Salary
Siskiyou Tel	102.39	Utility
Pacific Power	1035.45	Utility
Mean Gene's Gas	940.75	Kerosene
USBank	1130.00	Pump septic tank
Ft Jones Ace Hardware	24.66	Hdw and traps
Valley Tire	89.30	Flat tire repair
Allstar Fire Equipment	1,625.00	Repair SCBAs

Motion to approve the bills Motion Hullquist 2nd Lindholm. All ayes, passed.

Donation Acceptance None

Facebook update Nothing to report. Salucci will contact FB Administrator Kraus for up-date and possibility of advertising the Admin position.

Assistant Chief Steve Poling

Station and vehicle maintenance A new station ID sign was installed at the French Creek Stn. George Poe with assistance from the Deadwood Camp crew will install signs at the Callahan Stn. Additional work (ad-ons) for the water tenders needs prior Board approval. Tires have been checked on all vehicles. The roll-up doors at the Moffett and Greenview stations have been repaired.

Assistant Chief Poling may hire Mobile Mechanic for additional repairs although he is scheduling two months out. Water pumps need to be certified, so a qualified specialist will need to be hired. There are qualified specialists in Sacramento and Redding, but travel and access are expensive and difficult. Commissioner Hullquist recommended Ed Steinhoff in Yreka.

Continuing/new business As discussed last year, it is prudent to have a policy whereby SVFPD can hire strike team participants from other departments to fill a 4-member strike team as needed. Our number of red-card qualified personnel who can participate in out-of-county strike teams are limited. Put on March agenda.

Chief Paul Buchter (excused absence) Written annual report:

- Assisted with applying for and receiving several grants to purchase much needed and updated gear.
 - CA Fire Foundation, CAL Fire 50/50, FEMA Safer (with FJ and Etna)
- Completed the Albert Buchter Training Center and began the planning process for a potential new station on Scott River road.

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- Assisted with and advised on fuels treatments and prescribed burning on private property within the departments DPA, treating several hundred acres that will directly assist with home and property protection, in the case of wildfire.
- Acquired Active 911 for the department, which will ultimately facilitate better responses and tracking. Will eliminate future pager purchases and upkeep.
- Renewed our Mutual Aid agreement with the USFS.
- Participated in and advised in meetings assessing the feasibility of potential consolidation between departments in the valley.
- Collaborated (with Assistant Chief Steve Poling) in the ongoing retrofitting and updating of our water tankers. Applied to OES to be on their list for excess Type 1s.
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- Taught several NWCG courses, facilitating certification of multiple individuals. Currently administering State Fire Marshall Firefighter 1 course, conducting training in Greenview, the third Wednesday of each month.
- Conducted annual fire inspections at Kidder Creek Camp, Rockside Ranch and two individual new daycares.
- Represented the Department in a filmed event, available online, at the Valley Oaks Center, presenting department information, fire safety and recruitment.
- Represented the Department, in opposition of the FJ City Councils proposal to charge for water, ultimately getting the proposal dropped.

Motion to Adjourn Hullquist/2nd Ryan. All ayes, passed.

Date _____

Chair

Administrative Officer