



# SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE

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## SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 2, 2025 | 1:00 P.M.

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### MINUTES

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#### Members

VACANT	District 1 – Seat 1
Mike Stein	District 2 – Seat 2
Debra Foster	District 2 – Seat 3
Randy Lyle	District 2 – Seat 4
Ben Tullock	District 2 – Seat 5, Chair
John Clark	District 3 – Seat 6 (absent)
Jesse Robles	District 4 – Seat 7
Bret Sealey	District 5 – Seat 8
Clifford Kellog	District 5 – Seat 9, Vice Chair

#### Guest

#### County Staff

Jeff Collins	County Fire/Director
Marc Regier	County Fire/Assistant Director
David Sibbet	County Fire/Fire Services Coordinator
Bob Spanbauer	County Fire/Chief Admin Services
Ryan Silva	CALFIRE/Deputy Chief Community Risk Reduction
Melissa Keane	County Fire/Program Coordinator
Nicole del Toro	County Fire/EMS Admin Secretary



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- I. CALL TO ORDER at 1:00 pm.
  - A. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - B. Roll call was taken.
  - C. A quorum was declared present with six (6) members in attendance, one (1) absent.
  - D. Introductions were made.

- II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION  
There was no public communication.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2025 (VOTE)

**ON MOTION of Member Kellog, seconded by Member Foster, the Advisory Board approved the minutes of November 17, 2025. Motion carried, with two abstentions.**

**AYES: 5      NAYS: 0      ABSENT: 1      ABSTAIN: 2**

- IV. CHIEFS REPORT

- A. Fire Chiefs Update – Deputy Chief Ryan Silva on behalf of Chief Tony Mecham
  - Updates were provided on Operations
    - Ramona airbase
    - In-service training
    - I-200 classes rolled out
    - Funding received to hire Firefighter IIs
    - Full scale technical rescue exercise at Camp Pendleton
- B. Director’s Update – Jeff Collins
  - Updates were provided for the following:
    - Twin engine helicopter being purchased – will be staffed and flown out of Ramona
    - Facilities – Jacumba and new fire station in Descanso

- V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Selection of a Chair and Vice Chair for 2026 – Voting Item

**ON MOTION of Member Sealey, seconded by Member Foster, the Advisory Board voted to re-nominate Member Tulloch as Chair and Member Kellogg as Vice Chair. Motion carried.**

**AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      ABSENT: 1      ABSTAIN: 0**

- B. Updates to County Fire’s Fire Marshall Program Fees – Pending Board of Supervisors Action

**ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board received a presentation on proposed fee updates, and voted to support the proposed County Fire fee increases for full cost recovery. Motion carried.**

**AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      ABSENT: 1      ABSTAIN: 0**

- C. Updates to the San Diego County Fire Protection District Ground Ambulance Service Area Fees – Pending Board of Directors Action



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ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Kellogg, the Advisory Board received a presentation on proposed fee updates, and voted to support the SDCFPD proposed fee increases to ensure no impact to the existing ambulance transportation system. Motion carried. Member Robles abstained.

AYE S: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 1

- D. County Fire Facilities Maintenance and Capital Construction Initiatives – Pending Board of Supervisors Action

ON MOTION of Member Robles, seconded by Member Kellogg, the Advisory Board voted to support County Fire’s request to the Board for 1) Advertising and awarding construction contract or contracts for the site work of a fire training tower at the Fire Training Center, 2) Designating the Director, San Diego County Fire as responsible for administering the construction contract or contracts for the site work of a fire training tower, 3) Advertising and awarding a construction contract or contracts for the site work of a workout shed at the Palomar Mountain Fire Station, 4) Designating the Director, San Diego County Fire, as responsible for administering the construction contract or contracts for the site work of a workout shed.

AYE S: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

- E. SDCFPD Annual Fire Mitigation Fee Program Participation and Capital Improvement Plan – Pending Board of Directors Action

ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board voted to support the participation in the FMF program and the Capital Improvement Plan for FMF revenue. Motion carried.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

- F. Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Safety and Workforce Standards – Information Only

The Advisory Board members received an update from County Fire staff on proposed outreach and potential options for the Board to consider on May 5, 2026.

## VI. NEXT MEETING

The next Fire Advisory Board meeting will be held Monday, May 11, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the San Diego County Fire Office (County Operations Center) - 5560 Overland Ave, Ste 400, Balboa Rm, San Diego 92123.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Advisory Board adjourned at 2:20 pm.

NOTE: These Minutes set forth all action taken by the Advisory Board on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

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