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SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 9, 2026 | 1:00 p.m. | 10200 Willow Creek Rd suite 100 San Diego, CA 92131

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER
   A. Pledge of Allegiance
   B. Roll Call
   C. Declaration of Quorum
   D. Introductions

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Members of the public may address the Board on any subject matter within its assigned purview and not on the agenda. Please notify County staff prior to the meeting.

III. Disclosures

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 17, 2026 **(VOTE)**

V. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT
   A. Fire Chief's Update
   B. Director's Update

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Brown Act and Conflict of Interest Training—Informational Only
   B. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Corp Grant Acceptance—Pending Board of Supervisors Action
   C. Establish the 2026 Fire Advisory Board Meeting Schedule **(VOTE)**
   D. Ambulance Transportation in the Grossmont Service Area Update—Informational Only/Standing Agenda Item

VII. NEXT MEETING
   A. TBD at 1:00 pm at the San Diego County Fire Office – 10200 Willow Creek Road, San Diego, CA 92131.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Written materials distributed to the Fire Advisory Board in connection with this agenda will be made available to the public less than 72 hours before the meeting at the Office of San Diego County Fire.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE DISABLED

If you are planning on attending this meeting and need special accommodations, please contact County Fire staff at least 24 hours before the meeting. Individuals requiring sign language interpreters should contact the Americans with Disabilities Coordinator at (858) 505-6521, in advance of the meeting.

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Monday, August 17, 2026 | 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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
Jesse Robles	District 4 – Seat 7
Bret Sealey	District 5 – Seat 8
Clifford Kellogg	District 5 – Seat 9, Vice Chair

Guest

Theresa McKenna	San Miguel Fire & Rescue
Andrew Shouten	Attorney representing San Miguel Fire Consolidated Fire Protection District
Billy Tomasello	CALFIRE/Firefighters Local 2881 Vice President

County Staff

Tony Mecham	CALFIRE/Chief
Jeff Collins	County Fire/Director
Marc Regier	County Fire/Assistant Director
David Sibbet	County Fire/Fire Services Coordinator
Melissa Keane	County Fire/Program Coordinator
Daniel Twohy	CALFIRE/Battalion Chief
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 eight (8) members in attendance, and no absences.
   D. Introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
Public communication from Theresa McKenna and Andrew Shouten occurred during agenda items V.C. and V.D.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 11, 2026 (VOTE)

ON MOTION of Member Kellog, seconded by Member Sealey, the Advisory Board approved the minutes of May 11, 2026. Motion carried.

AYES:	**8**	**NAYS:**	**0**	**ABSENT:**	**0**	**ABSTAIN:**	**0**

IV. CHIEFS REPORT
   A. Fire Chiefs Update – Chief Tony Mecham
      - Staffing 96%
      - Started hiring process for the fourth person at Station 36 in Jamul
      - 5-year staffing plan has begun to coincide with the County's 5-year budget forecast
      - New EMS Bureau – quality assurance, training, skills lab
      - Ramp re-opening of Ramona Air Base
      - Facilities – major maintenance program, purchased tower on Jamacha, started design at Descano Station 45, new Borrego Station 60
      - Fleet – vehicles are currently in the queue: three medium rescues; five replacement ambulances ordered, 3 training fire engines, two type 1 engines and two type 1 ambulances

   B. Director's Update – Jeff Collins
      - Kudos to Chief Mecham's efforts in regards to getting the C130 down here and his support on the firehawk to contain the Sorrento fire
      - Budget process with the Board of Supervisors – our expected cost increase, two water tenders being fully staffed
      - Presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday regarding Wildlife Preparedness

V. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Firefighter Wellness – Information Only

The Advisory Board members received a presentation on firefighter wellness and safety.

   B. Mandated Fire Inspection Reporting for Fiscal Year 2025-26 – Pending Board of Directors Action

ON MOTION of Member Cliff Kellogg, seconded by Member Debra Foster, the Advisory Board

received the report and voted in support of the findings. Motion carried.

AYES: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

C. Approve a New Cooperative Agreement Between the County of San Diego and CAL FIRE for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services – Pending Board of Supervisors Acton

A public comment and request was made from Theresa McKenna with San Miguel Fire & Rescue to see the cooperative agreement and postpone the vote until each Advisory Board member has done their due diligence and ensure it is the best use of County taxpayer money to be entering into a new contract with the State.

ACTION: County Fire staff will send out a copy of the existing cooperative agreement as well as the instructions on how to find it, which can be found on the County's Purchasing & Contracting website.

ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Kellogg, the Advisory Board voted to support a new cooperative agreement between the County and CAL FIRE for continued fire protection and emergency medical services. Motion carried. Member Robles abstained.

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

D. Enhancing Ambulance Transportation Services within the Grossmont Ambulance Operating Area – Pending Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors Actions

Board of Supervisors:

A public comment was made by Attorney Andrew Shouten, representing the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District, that there is no transparency or public accountability on the services. Costs and revenue were questioned.

A public comment and request was made by Theresa McKenna with San Miguel Fire & Rescue, to slow down the process and work together. They want local control of their district and to stand up two ambulances. A copy of the contract was also requested.

ACTION: A request was made by Member Robles to receive a copy of the ambulance transportation contract between Grossmont Hospital Corporation and American Medical Response (AMR).

ON MOTION of Member Robles, seconded by Member Stein, a vote was taken to table this item until additional information (the contract between Grossmont Hospital Corporation and AMR) has been received, and increased collaboration with the impacted stakeholders in Zone 1. Six members opposed. Motion failed with 2 members in favor and 6 members opposed.

AYES: 2 NAYS: 6 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Board of Directors:

ON MOTION of Member Clark, seconded by Member Sealey, the Advisory Board voted to support the following actions1) voted in support to authorize a competitive solicitation for the LEMSA and County Purchasing and Contracting on behalf of the San Diego County Fire Protection District; 2) voted in support to authorize a revenue agreement for the San Diego County Fire Protection District; 3) voted in support of allowing the San Diego County Fire Protection District to accept the current contract between the Grossmont Hospital Corporation and the private provider and to make amendments. Motion carried.

AYES:	6	NAYS:	2	ABSENT:	0	ABSTAIN:	0

ACTION: A request was made by Member Sealey, as a regular agenda item for the next few meetings, that County Fire comes back and gives the Advisory Board regular updates on this process, the continued engagement with the stakeholders, and get a better fidelity on with what the interim solution looks like as we are preparing for our staff updates.

E. CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevent Grant Award Acceptance – Pending Board of Supervisors Action

ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Stein, the Advisory Board voted to support accepting funds to implement the targeted grazing program to support fire prevention in the San Diego County Fire Protection District, if County Fire is awarded grant funding. Motion carried.

AYES:	8	NAYS:	0	ABSENT:	0	ABSTAIN:	0

F. Increasing Battery Energy Storage System (BESSS) Safety Practices – Information Only

The Advisory Board received an update from staff.

G. Funding for a Contracted Firefighting Helicopter – Pending Board of Supervisors Action

ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Kellogg, the Advisory Board voted to support County Fire's future request to seek an increase in funding from SDG&E and issue a competitive solicitation for a contracted firefighting helicopter to serve our region. Motion carried.

AYES:	8	NAYS:	0	ABSENT:	0	ABSTAIN:	0

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next Fire Advisory Board meeting will be held Monday, November 9, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the San Diego County Fire Office – 5560 Overland Ave, Suite 400, Balboa Room, San Diego, CA 92123 (County Operations Center).

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Advisory Board adjourned at 4:03 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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Brown Act and Conflict of Interesting Training—Informational Only

County Counsel will be providing verbal training on the Brown Act and Conflict of Interest.

Recommendation: N/A

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Corp Grant Acceptance—Pending Board of Supervisors Action

In 2024, San Diego County Fire was awarded $1.3 million grant from the California's Employment Development Department (EDD) to establish an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Corp program for 60 transitional aged youth (18-26). The program prioritized individuals who have been impacted by the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems. EMS Corp was first launched in Alameda County in 2008 and has been highly successful. While active in EMS Corp, students receive 380 hours of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) employment (double the minimum hours), wraparound support with purchasing equipment, transportation, ride alongs, mentorship, monthly stipends and career readiness. Existing grant funding expires in March 2027.

On November 2, 2026, County Fire submitted a grant proposal to EDD for up to $1.25 million in additional funding to maintain EMS Corp in our region. Proposals were limited to existing EMS Corp sites in California. It is anticipated that awards will be made in early 2027. Additional funding will be used to fund up to 3 cohorts, 60 students total, in partnership with Southwestern College. In addition, wraparound support services, mentorship, and post-academic job placement will continue with new funding.

Recommendation: Support County Fire accepting additional EDD grant funding to continue EMS Corp in San Diego County.

Establish the 2026 Fire Advisory Board Meeting Schedule

To continue providing input for San Diego County Fire Protection District future Board of Directors actions, and County Fire's actions on behalf of fire protection and emergency medical services in our region, a 2026 Fire Advisory Board meeting schedule is needed. County staff has provided four (4) options:

Monday, February 22, 2027
Monday, May 10, 2027
Monday, August 23, 2027
Monday, November 15, 2027

Recommendation: Provide feedback to County Fire staff

Ambulance Transportation in the Grossmont Service Area Update—Informational Only/Standing Agenda Item

At the August 17, 2025, Fire Advisory Board meeting, a request was made to provide a regular update on ambulance transportation in the Grossmont Service Area at each meeting.

Recommendation: Receive a verbal update on system oversight in the Grossmont Service Area.

Conflict of Interest — A Reference Guide for Fire Advisory Board Members

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1. Your Core Duty

- A conflict of interest exists when your private interests clash with your official responsibilities.
- Follow the County's Code of Conduct. You are a link between residents, County staff, and the Board of Supervisors; the public's confidence depends on your impartiality.

2. Disclosure Obligations

Conflict of Interest Code. The Political Reform Act requires each agency to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code. The applicable Code identifies what financial information you must report. Codes are posted on the Clerk of the Board's website.

Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interests). Some members must file a Form 700. The Clerk of the Board will tell you if you are a filer and will notify you of deadlines.

3. When You Must Step Aside — Recusal & Disqualification

You cannot influence or vote on any matter that you know, or have reason to know, will have a reasonably foreseeable **material effect on your economic interests**.

How to recuse:

1. State the conflict out loud (or in writing) **before** the Board takes up the item, e.g., "I am recusing myself because I have a financial interest in this matter."
2. Do not discuss the item with staff or fellow members.
3. Your presence is not counted toward the quorum; leaving the room is recommended.
4. Your disclosure and decision not to act become part of the public record.

Financial interests that trigger recusal (any one of these):

- An investment in a business or real property worth **$2,000 or more**.
- A source of **income of $500 or more** in the 12 months before the decision.
- A **management position** (director, officer, partner, trustee, or employee) in a business entity.
- A **gift or gifts totaling $630 or more** from a single source in the prior 12 months.
- A **$500 or more** financial benefit or loss to you or an immediate family member from the decision.

Timing is everything. Disclosure must come *before* the discussion and vote not after. A late disclosure does not cure the problem.

4. Contracts & Dual-Board Membership (Government Code § 1090)

Section 1090 bars public officers and employees, including those involved in an advisory capacity, from being financially interested in a contract they help make. This is the area of greatest risk for FAB members who **also serve on another board or draw a salary or stipend from another agency.**

- **Why it reaches this Board:** "Making" a contract is read broadly it covers recommendations, discussions, and planning, not just the final signature. Because the Supervisors routinely adopt FAB recommendations, a FAB vote on a contract is part of the County's contracting process.
- **Serving on two boards is allowed; voting on everything is not.** If an agency that pays you, or on whose board you sit, would benefit from a contract before the FAB, you have a financial interest in that contract.
- **A narrow exception exists** for an interest that is only a government salary or stipend but only if you **disclose the interest on the record at the time the item is considered** and it is **noted in the Board's minutes.** Where the interest is more than minimal, you must also **abstain.**
- **The stakes are high.** One member's uncured § 1090 conflict can disqualify the entire Board on that item, and a resulting contract can be declared **void** a challenge may be brought up to four years after the violation is discovered. A flawed FAB vote can taint the Supervisors' later action.

Quick self-check before any contract item: *Does an agency that pays me, or on whose board I serve, stand to benefit?* If yes say so on the record before discussion, and ask County Counsel whether you may participate or must abstain.

5. Standards of Conduct

Gifts. Do not accept gifts totaling **$630 or more** from anyone who would benefit from a Board decision. You cannot accept gifts on the County's behalf without Supervisor approval.

Bribery & graft. Never solicit or accept anything of value in exchange for how you perform your duties. Do not use your position or nonpublic information for private gain, and do not use it to pressure anyone for a financial benefit.

Campaign contributions (Levine Act). If you are running for office, special rules limit your participation in licensing, contract, and permit proceedings that affect your contributors for 12 months. There are also limits on accepting contributions over $500 from parties with matters pending before the agency.

Lobbying. Lobbyists seeking to influence specified County boards must register with the Clerk of the Board. County candidates face local limits on lobbyist contributions and gifts.

6. Where to Get Help

- **Potential conflict?** Raise it with staff and **County Counsel** as soon as you spot it, before the item is heard.

OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Appointment to a County board, commission or committee (BCC) constitutes a **public trust** that must always be respected
- You serve as an important link between County citizens, County staff, and the Board of Supervisors and are integral to the process of the government of the County
- You are to abide by the standards and expectations in the County's Code of Conduct
- A conflict of interest exists when your private interests conflict with your official responsibilities
- You may never engage in an activity that creates a conflict between your personal interests and those of the community that you represent, and you should also avoid situations that **could give the appearance of a conflict**

INCOMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Decision-making BCCs, as specified by Board of Supervisors resolution, are required to file an incompatible activities statement with the Clerk of the Board.
- This statement is on the Clerk of the Board's website. Disclosure includes whether member is engaged in any outside employment or activity for compensation, or is an officer or member of a policy-making board of a nonprofit organization funded by the County. This statement is reviewed to determine whether activities are incompatible with the appointment.
- Clerk of the Board will notify BCC members subject to this requirement.

INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

- The doctrine of incompatible offices prohibits a “public officer” from simultaneously holding two public offices if the offices are incompatible, such as when:
  - Either of the offices may audit, overrule, remove members of, dismiss employees of, or exercise supervisory powers over the other office or body
  - Based on the powers and jurisdiction of the offices, there is a possibility of a significant clash of duties or loyalties between the offices and
  - Public policy considerations make it improper for one person to hold both offices
- Common exceptions include those positions authorized by statute, service on a body that only has advisory powers, and employment with another agency
- **BCC members may serve on more than board and with more than one agency and participate with each if the BCC is an advisory group**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES

- The Political Reform Act requires the adoption of Conflict of Interest Codes by each agency.
- Conflict of Interest Codes have been adopted for some County BCCs, which can provide information on the types of financial information that should be disclosed on the Form 700.
- Conflict of Interest Codes can be found at the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors website: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/cob/conflict_interest/coidepartments.html

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

- All BCC members are required to:
  - Recuse themselves when they have a financial interest in a decision
  - Publicly disclose economic interests when recusing/disqualifying themselves
- Some BCC members are required to file a Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests. Check Conflict of Interest Code on Clerk of the Board website. Clerk of Board will notify you in advance of filing deadline.

WHAT TO DISCLOSE ON FORM 700

- Investments
- Interests in Real Property (not principal residence)
- Commission, Income & Loans to Business Entities
- Income From Rental Property
- Income (other than loans and gifts)
- Income from Loans and Gifts ($50+)
- Business Positions

WHEN TO FILE FORM 700 STATEMENTS

- Financial disclosure statements must be filed:
  - When filing a petition for nomination with Registrar of Voters
  - Within 30 days of assuming office
  - Annually by March 31 for seated members
  - Within 30 days of leaving office
- Form 700 statements must be filed timely and accurately
- Contact support staff for assistance to file with the Clerk of the Board

WHERE TO FIND FORM 700

- Available from the FPPC at:
  - https://www.fppc.ca.gov/form-700/
  - Advice Line: 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772)
  - General Contact Line: 1-916-322-5660
  - Resources, including video tutorials, are available on the FPPC website

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST INTRODUCTION

- Generally governed by the Political Reform Act & Gov't Code Section 1090
- These laws preclude an official from participating in a decision if it will impact the official's economic interests
- The Political Reform Act applies to bodies with decision making authority – however it may also apply to a body whose recommendations are regularly approved by local agency or other public official without significant changes – recommended to comply to avoid any appearance of a conflict
- Most common: "500-foot rule" of disqualification applies when you own property within 500 feet of the boundaries of the property that is the subject of a decision
- Government Code Section 1090 covers all involved with the contracting process—including advisory bodies
- Other potential conflicts of interest should be discussed with staff and County Counsel as soon as they are identified

DISQUALIFICATIONS

- You cannot influence or vote on any decision that you know or have reason to know will have a reasonably foreseeable material effect on your economic interests
- You must disclose any disqualifying interests and recuse/disqualify yourself from discussions in which you have a conflict
- Your determination not to act and disclosure of disqualifying interests is a public record
- Important: Disqualification precludes any and all discussion of the item with staff and/or fellow BCC members

RECUSALS

- If a conflict of interest arises you must recuse/ disqualify yourself from taking part in the group discussion and vote:
  - Oral or written disclosure of the financial interest (for example, “I will be recusing myself from participating in this item because I own a home within 500 feet of the property that is the subject of this decision”)
  - Presence not counted towards the quorum
  - Recommended to leave the room
- Doing so shows respect for the public trust placed upon you as a member and ensures that you are not violating the Political Reform Act.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS THAT ARE CONFLICTS

- Any business entity or real property in which you have an investment worth $2,000 or more
- Any source of income totaling $500 or more provided to, received by, or promised to you within 12 months prior to a decision
- Any business entity that you are a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or hold any position of management
- Any donor of a gift(s) totaling $630 or more provided to, received by, or promised to you within 12 months prior to decision
- Any financial benefit or loss of $500 or more to the official or the official's immediate family member in any 12-month period due to the decision

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- You may represent your personal interests before the group if you recuse/disqualify yourself
- “Personal interests” include:
  - Real property owned entirely by the official, members of the official's immediate family, or the official and members of the official's immediate family;
  - A business entity owned entirely by the official, members of the official's immediate family, or the official and members of the official's immediate family; or
  - A business entity over which the official, members of the official's immediate family, or the official and members of the official's immediate family solely or jointly exercise full direction and control.

CONTRACTUAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (GOV'T CODE § 1090)

- Government Code Section 1090 prohibits a public official from being financially interested in a contract if the official "participated in making the contract" in his or her official capacity.
- A conflict of interest under 1090 includes influencing the execution of the contract by others.
- Direct and indirect financial interests, which are not defined:
  - The "prohibited financial interests may be indirect as well as direct, and may involve financial losses, or the possibility of losses, as well as the prospect of pecuniary gain." CA FPPC Adv. C-14-033 (2014)
- The purpose of Section 1090 is "not only to strike at actual impropriety, but also to strike at the appearance of impropriety."

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TYPES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Differences between 1090 and Political Reform Act:

- 1090 only applies to contracts
- In case of a multimember board or council, the entire board is disqualified for a 1090 conflict. The conflict cannot be resolved by recusal of the official (unless a remote interest is identified or the rule of necessity applies).
- Penalties for a 1090 violation are more severe, and the decision is automatically void.
- FPPC may now provide advisory opinions to officials and may now enforce 1090 violations. AB 1090 (2013)—they must inform the Attorney General's office and the county's district attorney's office.

BRIBERY OR GRAFT

- You **may not** solicit, accept, or agree to accept anything of value in return for performing or refraining from performing your membership duties
- You **may not** use your position to:
  - Use information that is not available to the public to secure private gain for you or your family
  - Induce or coerce, or appear to induce or coerce any person or entity to provide financial benefit to yourself or other entity or person
- Under County Code of Ethics, you may not accept or give the appearance of accepting any gratuity in the form of compensation, preferential treatment, entertainment, service or promise of future benefits in exchange for providing special favors, privileges, benefits or services that otherwise would not have been provided

GIFTS

- You **cannot** accept any gifts on behalf of the County without Board of Supervisor approval – County Code Sec. 66
- Under the Political Reform Act, you **cannot** accept any gift(s), gratuity, favor, entertainment, loan or any other thing of monetary value totaling $630 or more, either directly or indirectly, from any person, firm, corporation, or other entity which would benefit materially from the outcome of a group decision (unless exempt)
- Form 700 filers must report any acceptance of gifts totaling $50 or more, and recuse/disqualify yourself from participating in group activities related to the person, firm, corporation, or other entity responsible for the gratuity
- See FPPC Fact Sheet on gifts as a resource at: https://www.fppc.ca.gov/siteassets/documents/tad/fact_sheets/gifts_travel/local_gift_fact_sheet_final.pdf

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS – LEVINE ACT

- Prohibits any “officer” running for office from participating in certain proceedings affecting contributors for 12 months following contribution
- Only applies to specific types of decisions related to licenses, contracts, permits, or other entitlements for use
- Also prohibits soliciting/accepting contributions over $500 from party with pending proceeding before agency for 12 months after decision
- Note: S.B. 1439 (2022) extended this rule to elected officials and not just those who are appointed

LOBBYING ACTIVITIES – LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

- If running for County office, a San Diego County ordinance prohibits receipt of contributions and gifts from registered lobbyists, as specified. County Code of Regulatory Ordinances, Section 23.101.
- Lobbyists who seek to influence decisions of specified County boards and offices are required to register with the Clerk of the Board.
- Specific provisions are set forth in the ordinance.
- County Counsel does not advise on individual campaign issues.

ETHICS TRAINING

- Some BCCs must complete the State mandated ethics training (A.B. 1234) for local officials if compensated, reimbursed for expenses, or required by the Board of Supervisors within six months of being seated (on or after January 1, 2026) and every two years after the initial training.
- Clerk of the Board will notify BCC members subject to this requirement.

ACCESSING ETHICS TRAINING

- State mandated ethics training (A.B. 1234) is available from two organizations:
  - Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC): https://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/public-official-and-employee-rules/ethics-training/
  - Institute for Local Government (ILG): https://www.ca-ilg.org/post/ab-1234-self-study
- Two Hours of Self-Study (reading materials and test)
- Upon completion, forward your Training Certificate to County staff to receive credit for taking the training (in order to fulfill the mandate, the certificate or certificates need to document two hours of training)

FISCAL TRAINING – NEW!!!

- S.B. 827 requires all members of Brown Act bodies and certain local agency employees to take a new fiscal (two hours) training regarding:
  - **BUDGETS:** financial administration and short- and long-term fiscal management principles, including financial administration, financial policies, municipal budgets and budget processes, and financial reporting and auditing
  - **INVESTING:** capital financing and debt management, mechanisms for local agency revenues, pensions and other postemployment benefits, cash management and investments, the prudent investor standard, and the ethics of safeguarding public resources
  - **CONTRACTING:** General fiscal and financial planning principles and a local agency's procurement and contracting practices and responsibilities
- New members starting on or after January 1, 2026 have 6 months, and all existing members have 2 years to complete the training. Training must be renewed every 2 years. Clerk of the Board will notify BCC members of options to take the training and when to complete it.

THANK YOU!

ANY QUESTIONS?