



# SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE

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## SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 2, 2026 | 1:00 p.m. | San Diego County Fire Office, Balboa Room

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### AGENDA

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- 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 17, 2025 (**VOTE**)
  
- IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT
  - A. Fire Chief's Update
  - B. Director's Update
  
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Selection of a Chair and Vice Chair for 2026—Voting Item
  - B. Updates to County Fire's Fire Marshall Program Fees—Pending Board of Supervisors Action
  - C. Updates to the San Diego County Fire Protection District Ground Ambulance Service Area Fees—Pending Board of Directors Action
  - D. County Fire Facilities Maintenance and Capital Construction Initiatives—Pending Board of Supervisors Action
  - E. SDCFPD Annual Fire Mitigation Fee Program Participation and Capital Improvement Plan—Pending Board of Directions Action
  - F. Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Safety and Workforce Standards—Information Only
  
- VI. NEXT MEETING
  - A. Monday, May 11, 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

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.

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Monday, November 17, 2025 | 1:00 P.M.

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### MINUTES

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#### Members

Jason Shanley	District 1 – Seat 1 (absent)
VACANT	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 (absent)
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
Jessica Martinez	County Fire/Group Program Manager



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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, two (2) absent.
  - D. There were no introductions.

- II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION  
There was no public communication.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 (VOTE)

**ON MOTION of Member Kellog, seconded by Member Lyle, the Advisory Board approved the minutes of September 8, 2025. Motion carried.**

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

- IV. CHIEFS REPORT

- A. Director's Update – Jeff Collins
  - Updates were provided for the following:
    - Apparatus
    - Staffing
    - Facilities
    - New leased space for EMS Bureau
    - 5 Year Strategic Plan 2020-2025

- V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. San Diego County Consolidated Fire Code Update – Pending Board of Supervisors Action

**ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Tulloch, the Advisory Board voted to support County Fire's recommended changes to the Consolidated Fire Code**

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

- B. Authority to Enter into an Assistance by Hire Agreement with CAL FIRE – Pending Board of Directors Action

**ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Kellogg, the Advisory Board voted to support County Fire's recommendations to authorize a new agreement with CAL FIRE for Assistance by Hire.**

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

- C. Emergency Medical Services Corp Grant Acceptance – Pending Board of Supervisors Action

**ON MOTION of Member Kellogg, seconded by Member Clark, the Advisory Board voted to support, if approved by Workforce Partnership's Policy Board, County Fire's request to the Board of Supervisors to accept \$500,000 in San Diego Workforce Partnership grant funding to expand EMS Corp to inland North County.**



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**AYE S: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 0**

- D. Authority to Accept Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding for Hazardous Fuels Reduction – Pending Board of Supervisors Action

**ON MOTION of Member Robles, seconded by Member Kellog, the Advisory Board voted to support County Fire in accepting FEMA HMGP funding for hazardous fuels reduction and authorize the actions necessary to implement the grant.**

**AYE S: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 0**

- E. Authority to Accept Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding for the Wildfire Mitigation Home Hardening Project – Pending Board of Supervisors Action

**ON MOTION of Member Robles, seconded by Member Kellog, the Advisory Board voted to support County Fire in accepting FEMA HMGP funding for home hardening and defensible space and authorize the actions necessary to implement the grant. Member Lyle abstained.**

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

- F. Establish the 2026 Fire Advisory Board Meeting Schedule

Monday, March 2, 2026  
Monday, May 11, 2026  
Monday, August 17, 2026  
Monday, November 9, 2026

**ON MOTION of Member Lyle, seconded by Member Kellog, the Advisory Board voted to support the 2026 Fire Advisory Board Meeting Schedule.**

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

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next Fire Advisory Board meeting will be held Monday, March 2, 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 2:00 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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## Fire Advisory Board Notes

### Selection of a Chair and Vice Chair for 2026—Voting Item

Article 4 (“Officers”), Section B, of the San Diego County Fire Protection District Fire Advisory Board bylaws requires the Fire Advisory Board to annually elect from its members a Chair and Vice Chair.

**Recommendation:** Fire Advisory Board membership to vote for the selection of a Chair and Vice Chair.

### Updates to County Fire’s Fire Marshall Program Fees—Pending Board of Supervisors Action

San Diego County Fire staff, on behalf of the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD), are responsible for reviewing and enforcing the County’s Consolidated Fire Code within the SDCFPD. This includes reviewing plans for new commercial and residential development projects, grading permits, and fire alarm systems. By charging fees for actual County staff time, County General Purpose Revenue can better support fire protection and EMS services within the SDCFPD. Existing fees were last updated prior to Fiscal Year 2025-26. The average increase is 5% with labor costs being the primary factor. County Fire is proposing 7 new fees to recover costs associated with false fire alarm responses and business owners refusing mandated business inspections. An attachment with notes has been included that identifies current fees and proposed changes.

**Recommendation:** Receive a presentation on proposed fee updates. Support the proposed County Fire fee increases for full cost recovery.

### Updates to the San Diego County Fire Protection District Ground Ambulance Service Area Fees—Pending Board of Directors Action

San Diego County Fire staff, on behalf of the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD), is responsible for managing the ground ambulance transportation in the SDCFPD as well as the Deer Springs, Valley Center, Alpine, and a portion of the San Miguel Fire Protection Districts. Services are provided through a combination of CAL FIRE firefighter paramedics and a private contractor. County Fire owns all the equipment, including ambulances, and is responsible for billing public and private insurance for cost recovery. Ambulance transportation fees were last updated in Fiscal Year 2023-24 and included a 5% annual escalator that expires on June 30, 2026.

County Fire staff, in coordination with a consultant, has evaluated current costs and is proposing a modification to the current rates to keep up with cost increases and mitigate the request for County General Fund money to ensure high-quality ambulance services to some of our most geographically isolated and underserved communities. The proposal is for a 5% increase for 3 fiscal years through FY 28-29.

Service	FY 2025-26 Current Rate	FY 2026-27 <u>Proposed</u> Rate*	FY 2027-28 <u>Proposed</u> Rate*	FY 2028-29 <u>Proposed</u> Rate*
Base Rate (per transport)	\$3,743	\$3,930	\$4,127	\$4,333
Mileage (per mile)	\$48	\$50	\$53	\$56
Treat, No Transport (per occurrence)	\$460	\$483	\$507	\$532
Standby/Special Event (per house)	\$235	\$220	\$230	\$240

\*Will increase by 5% annually through FY 28-29

**Recommendation:** Receive a presentation on proposed fee updates. Support the proposed SDCFPD proposed fee increases to ensure no impact to the existing ambulance transportation system.

County Fire Facilities Maintenance and Capital Construction Initiatives—Pending Board of Supervisors Action

On January 13, 2026, the Board of Supervisors, at the recommendation of Chair Terra Lawson-Remer, directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to authorize County Fire to pilot a major maintenance or capital construction and determine if financial efficiencies can be realized by leveraging technical expertise and construction delivery methods utilized by CAL FIRE on their State-owned fire stations. In addition, the Board directed the CAO to allow CAL FIRE staff to undertake upkeep, repair, removal, and improvement activities at County Fire facilities consistent with the skillset of CAL FIRE staff and activities at fire stations.

County Fire and CAL FIRE staff have evaluated two projects—one major maintenance and one capital—that are needed to enhance service delivery. A fire training tower at the County Fire Training Center and a workout shed at the Palomar Mountain fire station have been identified as pilot sites. County Fire will be going to the Board to receive approval for competitive solicitations to be issued for public works contracts at these locations.

**Recommendation:** Receive a presentation on how County Fire and CAL FIRE will pilot innovative construction methods on the Fire Training Tower and Palomar Mountain Fire Station Workout Shed projects to determine if cost savings can be realized and reinvested into other priority projects. 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 administrating the construction contract or contracts for the site work of a workout shed

SDCFPD Annual Fire Mitigation Fee Program Participation and Capital Improvement Plan—Pending Board of Directions Action

To participate in the Fire Mitigation Fee (FMF) Program, fire agencies must adopt a resolution on an annual basis authorizing participation in the FMF Program that states the percentage of the maximum fee ceiling for collection and adopt a plan for the future use of FMF revenue. The Fiscal Year 2026-27 Fire Mitigation Fee Program Fee Schedule for SDCFPD is listed below and includes the automatic cost escalator based on the annual Los Angeles Construction Cost Index (LACC Index) based on the previous 12-month period (October to October). The LACC Index increase for the FMF program for FY26-27 is 3.6%

SDCFPD - FMF 2026-27							
FY	RESIDENTIAL*	COMMERCIAL/ RETAIL	HOTEL	INDUSTRIAL	MEDICAL	OFFICE	AGRICULTURE
2025-26	\$3.08	\$2.68	\$1.44	\$2.12	\$5.03	\$10.07	\$0.09
2026-27	\$3.19	\$2.78	\$1.49	\$2.20	\$5.22	\$10.43	\$0.09
**LACC Index: 3.6%							

The FMF will generate approximately \$2,000,000 in revenue in the next fiscal year. The use of mitigation fees will be used to support new development within the boundaries of the San Diego County Fire Protection District to include:

1. Save and/or utilize funding for fire station projects identified in the Capital Improvement Needs Assessment
  - a. Training Center
  - b. Station 80 (Ramona) expansion
2. Save and/or utilize funding for vehicles in accordance with the Department Fleet Plan
  - a. Additional Ladder Truck (East Otay Mesa Station 38)
  - b. Second Light and Air Vehicle

**Recommendation:** Support the participation in the FMF program and the Capital Improvement Plan for FMF revenue.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Safety and Workforce Standards—Information Only

On February 10, 2026, the Board of Supervisors approved the first reading of the 2026 San Diego County Consolidated Fire Code. During the meeting, the Board voted to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with staff, County Counsel, and a stakeholder working group on feasibility and options to incorporate minimum workforce safety standard for BESS projects in the unincorporated area and return in 90 days.

**Recommendation:** Receive an update from County Fire staff on proposed outreach and potential options for the Board to consider on May 5, 2026.

San Diego County Fire- Fire Marshal Fees

Fee	FY 2025/26 Current	FY 2026/27 Proposed	+ / - from Current to Proposed	% change from Current to Proposed
1.a. Residential Building Permit w/o Fire Sprinklers	\$ 232	\$ 224	\$ (8)	-3%
1.b. Residential Building Permit w/ Fire Sprinklers	\$ 451	\$ 425	\$ (26)	-6%
2.a. Commercial Building Permit w/o Fire Sprinklers	\$ 493	\$ 401	\$ (92)	-19%
2.b. Commercial Building Permit w/ Fire Sprinklers	\$ 1,315	\$ 975	\$ (340)	-26%
3. Commercial Tenant Improvement	\$ 384	\$ 537	\$ 153	40%
4. Grading Plan Review (Fire)	\$ 143	\$ 306	\$ 163	114%
5. Gate Plan Review (Fire)	\$ 84	\$ 77	\$ (7)	-8%
6. Fire Safety/Site Inspection	\$ 280	\$ 276	\$ (4)	-1%
7. Special Event (Fire)	\$ 324	\$ 245	\$ (79)	-24%
8. Fire Alarm System	\$ 547	\$ 491	\$ (56)	-10%
9. Alternative Fire Suppression System	\$ 460	\$ 500	\$ 40	9%
10. Initial Inspection and Re-inspection (Hourly Rate)	\$ 181	\$ 175	\$ (6)	-3%
11.a. Fire Apparatus Standby - Type I (Hourly Rate)	\$ 173	\$ 162	\$ (11)	-6%
11.b. Fire Apparatus Standby - Type II (Hourly Rate)	\$ 164	\$ 116	\$ (48)	-29%
11.c. Fire Apparatus Standby - Type III (Hourly Rate)	\$ 157	\$ 91	\$ (66)	-42%
11.d. Fire Apparatus Standby - Type IV (Hourly Rate)	\$ -	\$ 82	\$ 82	
11.e. Fire Apparatus Standby - Type V to VII	\$ -	\$ 83	\$ 83	
11.f. Fire Apparatus Standby - Water Tender Tactical I	\$ 148	\$ 98	\$ (50)	-34%
11.g. Fire Apparatus Standby - Water Tender Tactical II	\$ 127	\$ 98	\$ (29)	-23%
11.h. Firefighter I	\$ 40	\$ 41	\$ 1	3%
11.i. Firefighter II	\$ 49	\$ 50	\$ 1	2%
11.j. Firefighter II (Paramedic)	\$ 56	\$ 58	\$ 2	4%
11.k. Fire Apparatus Engineer	\$ 54	\$ 56	\$ 2	4%
11.l. Fire Apparatus Engineer (Paramedic)	\$ 62	\$ 63	\$ 1	2%
11.m. Fire Captain	\$ 61	\$ 62	\$ 1	2%
11.n. Fire Captain (Paramedic)	\$ 69	\$ 70	\$ 1	1%
11.o. Battalion Chief	\$ 69	\$ 72	\$ 3	4%
12.a. Fire Protection Technician I (2/1/26-1/31/27)	\$ -	\$ 170	\$ 170	
12.b. Fire Protection Technician I (2/1/27-1/31/28)	\$ -	\$ 175	\$ 175	
12.c. Fire Protection Technician II (2/1/26-1/31/27)	\$ -	\$ 195	\$ 195	
12.d. Fire Protection Technician II (2/1/27-1/31/28)	\$ -	\$ 205	\$ 205	
12.e. Fire Protection Technician III (2/1/26-1/31/27)	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 300	
12.f. Fire Protection Technician III (2/1/27-1/31/28)	\$ -	\$ 310	\$ 310	
12.g. Fire Protection Engineer I (2/1/26-1/31/27)	\$ -	\$ 220	\$ 220	
12.h. Fire Protection Engineer I (2/1/27-1/31/28)	\$ -	\$ 230	\$ 230	
12.i. Fire Protection Engineer II (2/1/26-1/31/27)	\$ -	\$ 255	\$ 255	
12.j. Fire Protection Engineer II (2/1/27-1/31/28)	\$ -	\$ 265	\$ 265	
12.k. Senior Fire Protection Engineer I (2/1/26-1/31/27)	\$ -	\$ 285	\$ 285	
12.l. Senior Fire Protection Engineer I (2/1/27-1/31/28)	\$ -	\$ 290	\$ 290	
12.m. Senior Fire Protection Engineer II (2/1/26-1/31/27)	\$ -	\$ 340	\$ 340	
12.n. Senior Fire Protection Engineer II (2/1/27-1/31/28)	\$ -	\$ 345	\$ 345	
13.a. Inspection Violation (Failure to Comply) - 3rd Inspection No Progress	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	
13.b. Inspection Violation (Failure to Comply) - 4th Inspection No Progress	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	
13.c. Inspection Violation (Failure to Comply) - 5th Inspection No Progress and Subsequent Warnings	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	
14. Immediate Life Safety Hazard	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
15.a. False Alarm (3rd Response Within 12-Month Period)	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	
15.b. False Alarm (4th Response Within 12-Month Period)	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	
15.c. False Alarm (5th and Subsequent Responses Within 12-Month Period)	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	