ALPINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS — REGULAR BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 · 5:00 P.M. · 1364 Tavern Road, Alpine, CA 91901

****MINUTES****

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by: Director Willis
Roll Call Quorum: Present – Director Willis, Mehrer, Taylor, Paskle and Cromwell

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance by: Director Taylor
Invocation by: Director Willis

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Director Mehrer
Second by: Director Cromwell
AYES: (5) NOES: (0)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

Members of the public may address the Board on any agenda item or matter within the District's jurisdiction. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes per topic.

Joel Anderson's representative honored Director Chase Cromwell in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to Alpine Fire Protection District as a member of the Board of Directors

5. PRESENTATION: FY 25/26 FINANCIAL AUDIT – Nigro & Nigro

Auditor Paul from Nigro & Nigro presented the District's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Financial Audit to the Board of Directors, reviewing the audit findings and the District's financial statements.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Recognition of Director Cromwell for his four years of service

Moved to after the consent calendar.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be acted upon by one motion unless a Board member requests separate consideration.

7.1 Board Meeting Minutes — September 15, 2026
7.2 District Financial Reports
7.3 Monthly Incident Report
7.4 Correspondence: San Diego Business Chamber Honors Region's Public Safety Heroes – Firefighter Paramedic Kyle Setter
7.5 Correspondence: Letter to Supervisor Joel Anderson from San Diego County Fire Districts Association

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with additional discussion by Director Mehrer
Second by Director Taylor

Director Taylor wanted to compliment the new format for the monthly incident report. Compliment Firefighter Kyle Setters achievement and the Open House was wonderful. The correspondence letter to Joel Anderson was very well written.

Motion to amend the motion following amendments to the minutes: Under Item 6.0, clarify that the Public Hearing was opened by Director Willis. Under Item 8.1, Board of Director Reports, additional clarification is needed regarding Director Willi's reports provided by Director Taylor
Second by Director Mehrer
AYES: (5) NOES: (0)

8. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Recognition of Director Cromwell for his four years of service

Alpine Fire Protection District recognized Director Chase Cromwell for his four years of dedicated service and commitment to the District as a member of the Board of Directors. Thank you for your contributions to our community.

9. PUBLIC HEARING #2– Ordinance No. 2026-03: An ordinance of the Alpine Fire Protection District which adopts the Defensible Space Ordinance with certain amendments, additions, and deletions

Public Hearing #2 – Open 05:28 by Director Willis

Fire Marshal McBroom provided an overview of the proposed amendments, additions, and deletions, outlining the changes and providing additional details for the Board's review and consideration.

Public Hearing #2 – Closed 05:29 pm by Director Willis

10. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Resolution 26/27-10 Adoption of an Updated Procurement Policy

Motion to approve Resolution 26/27-10 Adoption of an Updated Procurement Policy Director Taylor to include the changes made by Fire Chief O'Gorman

Second by: Director Mehrer

Roll Call Vote: Director Willis, Mehrer, Taylor, Paskle and Cromwell

9.2 Resolution 26/27-11: Amendment to Resolution 26/27-09 Purchase of Zoll Cardiac Monitor and the updated amount to include sales tax

Motion to approve Resolution 26/27-11: Amendment to Resolution 26/27-09 Purchase of Zoll Cardiac Monitor and the updated amount to include sales tax by Director Mehrer

Second by: Director Cromwell

Roll Call Vote: Director Willis, Mehrer, Taylor, Paskle and Cromwell

9.3 Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-03

Motion to approve Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-03 by Director Mehrer

Second by: Director Mehrer

Roll Call Vote: Director Willis, Mehrer, Taylor, Paskle and Cromwell

9.4 2026 End of Year Board Meeting Schedule Availability

Fire Chief O'Gorman wanted to confirm the Board of Directors availability for November and December. Director Mehrer will be available in November but ill be on duty in December.

11. REPORTS

10.1 Board of Directors

Director Mehrer expressed his appreciation following the presentation of the financial audit, specifically recognizing Debbie, Jennifer, Fire Chief O'Gorman, and former Fire Chief Boggeln for their efforts and work related to the District's pension obligation debt. He emphasized the significant impact this obligation has on the District and noted that the Board's role is to approve the work, while much of the time and effort goes into the preparation behind the scenes. He stated that the financial security of the District is paramount and wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank everyone involved. Fire Chief O'Gorman added that when former Fire Chief Paskle was here he really put it on our radar, and, during his time as a firefighter, sent him to a CalPERS conference to better understand the obligations and challenges facing the District. Director Mehrer extended his appreciation to former Fire Chief Paskle as well.

10.2 Fire Marshal

Fire Marshal McBroom extended his appreciation to Director Cromwell for his years of service and for continuing to maintain his relationship with the District. He reported that the October 17th Chip Drop was successful, filling 10 dumpsters, and noted that the 2027 chipping dates will be announced once available. The District has applied for the 2027 Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grant and is progressing with the Tavern Road fuel reduction project, with Phase 1 expected to be completed within two weeks and Phase 2 extending from 915 Alpine Boulevard into the Puetz Valley area. Additional conceptual grant applications have been submitted to the San Diego River Conservancy for fuel reduction projects along Chocolate Summit Creek toward Glen Oaks, Petra, and Tavern Road. The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District will be sending a representative to observe the Air Burner, which the District anticipates using in November.

Additionally, Fire Marshal McBroom is working with the crew to pursue REMS Program grants and identify additional equipment to support fuel break operations.

10.3 Fire Chief

Fire Chief O'Gorman reported that the SDCFCA Executive Board recently met with County OES to improve coordination and that work on the County OES Hazard Mitigation Plan is ongoing. Jay Petterson's contract with Heartland Fire Training Authority was approved. He also noted that Debbie and he attended a PASIS Board Meeting last week, with an upcoming RCS meeting scheduled for next week. Engineer Ross and Firefighter Horton are handling radio-related matters, and REMS training drills are ongoing. Captain Dotson recently returned, while Firefighter Padilla deployed to assist with REMS operations. Fire Chief O'Gorman provided photo updates from the Open House and several incidents.

10.4 Alpine Firefighters Association — Local 2638

Captain Lavigne provided an update on the District's fleet and the progress of the Type 1 engine build, highlighting the extensive planning, coordination, and work involved in completing the project. He reported that five employees will travel at the end of the month to assist with the build process. Firefighter Ozbirn expressed his thanks and appreciation to Director Cromwell on behalf of the District, Union, and community, recognizing his years of dedicated service and contributions. Firefighter Horton was recognized for spearheading the REMS Program and offering to provide training for all zones. The upcoming Captain's promotional examination is scheduled for next month, with four applicants expected to participate. Firefighter Smith was recognized for his outstanding performance on multiple incidents, receiving top-tier paramedic evaluations and being requested by other agencies to provide assistance. Firefighter Kyle Setter was congratulated for being recognized by the San Diego Business Chamber as one of the Region's Public Safety Heroes. Firefighter Bailey was thanked for his efforts in coordinating this year's Open House, which was a great success with an excellent turnout.

12. ADJOURNMENT 5:52 pm

Motion to Adjourn by Director Cromwell

Second by Director Mehrer

AYES: (5) NOES: (0)

Minutes Approved:

Stephen R. Taylor

Stephen R. Taylor, Board Secretary

11/17/26

Date

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2026 · 5:00 P.M. 1364 Tavern Road, Alpine, CA 91901

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MEETING MATERIALS

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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Agenda was posted near the regular meeting place of the Board at least 72 hours in advance of this Regular Meeting. (Gov. Code § 54954.2)

Jennifer Davis, Clerk of the Board

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