



MINUTES

Teleconference Participation: Director Tim Mehrer attended via teleconference from 447 F Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by: Director Willis

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Willis, Taylor, Paskle and Mehrer (Via Teleconference); Noes – 0

Absent: 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 Taylor

Second by: Director Paskle

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Willis, Taylor, Paskle and Mehrer (Via Teleconference); Noes – 0

Absent: Cromwell

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.

None at this time

5. 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.

- a. Board Meeting Minutes — February 17, 2026
- b. District Financial Reports
- c. Monthly Incident Report
- d. Correspondence

Motion to approve consent calendar by: Director Taylor

Second by: Director Paskle

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Willis, Taylor, Paskle and Mehrer (Via Teleconference); Noes – 0

Absent: Cromwell

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget Adjustments

Fire Chief Boggeln - This item was tabled by the Board at the February Board meeting and directed to be brought before the Board at the March Board meeting with instructions to align revenue and expense adjustments so that they net zero. Mid-year adjustments were

implemented to address uncertain or previously unbudgeted costs, including strike team overtime, unclassified and meeting overtime, and the utilization of the paramedic resource pool. Additional adjustments reflect confirmed funding from the San Diego Fire Foundation grant and additional costs for legal counsel. The total expense adjustment is \$342,964, fully offset by corresponding revenue adjustments.

Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget Adjustments as presented by: Director Taylor

Second by: Director Paskle

Discussion: Director Taylor inquired on the definition for OT – Unclassified/Meetings. Fire Chief explained that's a category for a catch-all of overtime that can't be attributed to other categories.

Director Taylor also requested clarification regarding the presentation of income and gross profit on pages 21 and 24, noting that total income appeared without corresponding expenses. Admin Director Pinhero explained that this is a function of how QuickBooks categorizes and displays financial data, and that the terminology is system-generated.

Additionally, Director Taylor asked for a general explanation of the increase in legal expenses. Attorney Fitch responded that the increase reflects fees and costs associated with investigations, as well as employee-related and human resources matters.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Willis, Taylor, Paskle, and Mehrer (Via Teleconference); Noes – 0
Absent: Cromwell**

- b. Resolution No. 25/26-07: Authorization to Participate in the Fire Mitigation Fee Program for Fiscal Year 2026/27 and Adoption of a Capital Improvement Plan for the Use of Fire Mitigation Fee Revenue**

Fire Marshall McBroom provided details on the resolution to increase the fire mitigation fee based on the recommendations from the County of San Diego.

Motion to approve Resolution 25/26-07: Authorization to Participate in the Fire Mitigation Fee Program for Fiscal Year 2026/27 and Adoption of a Capital Improvement Plan for the Use of Fire Mitigation Fee Revenue by Director Paskle. Seconded by: Director Taylor

No Discussion

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Willis, Taylor, Paskle, and Mehrer (Via Teleconference); Noes – 0
Absent: Cromwell**

- c. Resolution No. 25/26-08: Annual Report on the Status of State-Mandated Inspections in Compliance with Senate Bill 1205**

Fire Marshall McBroom provided a report to the Board on the 100% completion rate of state-mandated inspections.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 25/26-08: Annual Report on the Status of State-Mandated Inspections in Compliance with Senate Bill 1205 by Director Paskle Second by: Director Taylor

No Discussion

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Willis, Taylor, Paskle and Mehrer (Via Teleconference); Noes – 0
Absent: Cromwell**

d. Resolution No. 25/26-09: Adoption of the Annual Special Benefit Tax for Fiscal Year 2026/27

Fire Marshall McBroom provided details on the resolution.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 25/26-09: Adoption of the Annual Special Benefit Tax for Fiscal Year 2026/27 to a maximum benefit tax fee to 3.9% by Director Taylor.
Seconded by: Director Willis**

No Discussion

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Willis, Taylor, and Mehrer (Via Teleconference); Noes – Paskle
Absent: Cromwell**

7. REPORTS

a. Board of Directors

Director Taylor extended his appreciation for the ice supplied by the Fire Station in the two recent Kiwanis events.

b. Fire Marshal

The air burner project is facing ongoing challenges with the San Diego Air Pollution Control District, which has nearly used up the initial \$2,535 review deposit while still treating the small mobile unit as if it were a much larger system. In contrast, Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District has successfully permitted the same unit and is providing documentation showing that emissions are minimal. A virtual meeting is scheduled with APCD leadership, CAL FIRE, and staff to present this evidence and push for approval, including the ability to operate year-round like other air burners in California. The project is considered necessary for disposing of Mexican fan palms and diseased trees, but APCD requirements—such as large setback distances and high fees—are seen as excessive and inconsistent with other jurisdictions. Efforts are underway with Councilwoman Johnson to create a specific fee category for air curtain burners, as current processes treat them as unfamiliar equipment. While some progress has been made in reducing fees, frustration remains with APCD's resistance. If necessary, the issue may be escalated beyond the local level.

c. Assistant Chief

Assistant Chief O'Gorman thanked the Board for supporting the Alpine/Viejas Fire Safe Council. He provided an update on District matters – two employees are attending the Fresno Training Officers Symposium; two employees are traveling to La Paz to volunteer; Chief O'Gorman will attend the FAIRA meeting with Chief Boggeln, Heartland 40th academy graduation will be at 9 am on March 28th.

d. Fire Chief

Dispatcher Appreciation Week is April 13-17th, taking them dinner on the 13th. This coming Monday 03/23 the crane will be here to remove the HVAC and hopefully it's a one- or two-day process. I will be out of town 03/23-03/26 up in Sacramento and then attending FAIRA Meeting.

e. **Alpine Firefighters Association — Local 2638**

REACH Air Medical came out and asked if we would participate in the blood drive taking place at Mike Hess Brewery on March 28th, from 10-2. We will try to attend as we also have animal training going on that same day. Firefighter Ozbirn and Holt to stay up to date on the current NFPA requirements.

8. **CLOSED SESSION Board entered Closed Session at 5:32 pm**

The Board will convene in Closed Session pursuant to the following:



- a. Conference with Labor Negotiators — Represented Employees (Gov. Code § 54957.6)
Employee Organization: Alpine Firefighters Association, Local 2638 | Agency Negotiators: Director Paskle, Director Mehrer, Chief Boggeln
- b. Conference with Labor Negotiators — Unrepresented Employees: Administrative Director; Fire Marshal (Gov. Code § 54957.6)
Agency Negotiators: Director Paskle, Director Mehrer, Chief Boggeln
- c. Conference with Labor Negotiators — Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief (Gov. Code § 54957.6)
Agency Negotiators: Director Paskle, Director Mehrer

Out of closed session at 5:57 pm: Direction Given; No Action Taken

9. **ADJOURNMENT 5:58 pm**

Motion to Adjourn by: Director Paskle
Second by: Director Taylor

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Willis, Taylor, Paskle and Mehrer (Via Teleconference); Noes – 0
Absent: Cromwell

Minutes Approved:	
	
Stephen Taylor, Board Secretary	Date

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 · 5:00 P.M. · 1364 Tavern Road, Alpine, CA 91901