

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
2:30 PM

The Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Protection District met in the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, on the above date pursuant to adjournment, and the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Present:

Pat Crew, Chair
Dan Epperson, Director
Logan Carnell, Vice Chair
Jeff Brown, Director

Absent:

Brian Oneto, Director

Staff:

Robert Withrow, Fire Chief
Nicole Cook, Clerk of the Board

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Brown and seconded by Director Epperson and carried 4-0-1 to approve the agenda as presented, Dir. Oneto absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Carnell and seconded by Director Brown and carried 4-0-1 to approve the agenda as presented, Dir. Oneto absent.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Mike Milton of Shingle Springs, representative of Remote Hydrants, a rural water supply systems company presented and advertised to the board their services regarding portable hydrants, specializing in portable water in remote areas, utilizing existing resources such as ponds, lakes, rivers, etc. Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Fire Chief Update: presented by the Fire Chief. The following discussions ensued relative to subject matter, no action was taken.

Operations: The fire investigation for the McKenzie Fire is complete and nothing suspicious was found or discovered. Proud of the overall volunteer FF program, the fact that Amador Fire can get all 5 water tenders out if needed in an emergency is a great service to our communities. We currently have a type 3 Engine Company; Engineer (Eng.) Roller, Eng. Lunde and FF Harlan assigned to the Gann Fire who are actively mobilizing to the Timber Fire. The Fair was successful; we staffed a booth for fire prevention, thank you to our volunteers and career staff who occupied the booth in shifts and our PIO Kayla Dale for organizing. In addition to the booth we staffed a side by side each day with a minimum of 2 Firefighter EMTs for Fire/EMS calls. Recently weather forecasted the county may experience a lightening event, we staffed additional resources in

anticipation. Currently Amador Fire is teaching a dual enrollment Fire I class (the student is collecting High School and college credits) at Argonaut High School.

Fire Prevention: Tom Tomlinson, Fire Prevention Officer reported that 4 illegal burning citations have been issued; 3 of 4 were due to rubbish trash burns. Continuing the last 2 business inspections for this calendar year, fulfilling defensible space inspection requests; issuing the Good Neighbor packets (good feedback from the public and individuals).

Public Information Officer: Kayla Dale, Public Information Officer reported that the 10 to Defend Campaign finished week 10 at the Fair, which came full circle. Great turn-out, community engagement and participation, and attended the daily Fair Board meetings. September Firewise Quarterly Leads meeting is coming up, discussion items include Fire Safe Council resources, defensible space projects, etc. There are 5 new communities interested in becoming Firewise.

New Fire Station Construction Progress Update: Larry White with WGA, Inc. presented report pertaining to the new fire station construction progress update, estimates and expenditures. Refer to New 114 Memo Update Dated: August 18, 2026, Training Tower materials are enroute, main structure should be delivered at end of August with the construction to follow. Fire Chief reported and requested the Board to rescind bid approval for the solar work as the district missed a step advertising in the local newspaper pertaining to work at the new fire station. The law firm that contacted us agreed that any future work that has not had any money spent or started needed to be advertised in newspaper prior to awarding. Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

Cindy Grandbois, member of the public, stated that a lot of people assume that Amador Fire Board is a part of the county because the same board also serves as the County Supervisors, why is that way. County Counsel: in 1990, when Amador Fire was created, the voters decided it would be organized as a Dependent Special District sharing the existing Board of Supervisors. For Amador Fire to have an independent Board, a special election would need to take place and be voted on. Fire Chief: Originally, when Amador Fire was formed and would be generating revenue from the benefit assessment the community wanted to have appropriate oversight over the revenue. One of the many benefits of having the same Board as the Supervisors is added accountability and transparency. The Auditor's oversight into the district's revenue and expenses is thorough. Also, the Board is dually elected every 4 years.

MOTION: It was moved by Dir. Epperson and seconded by Dir. Brown and carried 4-0-1 to approve the resolution rescinding prior Board action and authorizing consideration of a revised option. Dir. Oneto absent.

RESOLUTION NO. AFD 26-10

Resolution Rescinding Prior Board Action and Authorizing Consideration of a Revised Option

Surplus Vehicle and or Equipment: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Dir. Epperson and seconded by Dir. Brown and carried 4-0-1 to approve the surplus vehicles, Dir. Oneto absent.

Real Estate Financing: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter of financing real property in escrow 11020 Hwy 49 Jackson. Due to the Martell location, response obligation, existing calls, the price of per square footage, and potential growth; the opportunity to purchase the property at such a relatively low cost was something the district should not pass up. There is a triple net lease currently; with the potential to buy out of the lease plus adding the potential sale of the Mt. Zion property, monies could replenish funds used for down payment. Request the board to approve three hundred thousand dollars paid from operating (general) reserves as a down payment, project cost of five hundred sixty-five thousand dollars with a net financing amount of two hundred sixty-five thousand dollars paid over ten years at 6.12%, with lender Republic First National (RFN). Robert Kightlinger (new Jackson City Manager) addressed the board:

asking who responds to calls in that area? And will this change affect Measure M? Discussion ensued relative to subject matter and Mr. Kightlinger requested a meeting with the Fire Chief at a later date.

MOTION: It was moved by Dir. Epperson and seconded by Dir. Brown and carried 4-0-1 to approve lease purchase agreement with Republic First National Bank Financing Commercial Real Property with a down payment of three hundred thousand dollars paid from general reserves. Dir. Oneto absent.

Direction to staff: Initiate the sale of Mt. Zion property

RESOLUTION NO. AFD 26-09

Resolution approving lease purchase agreement with Republic First National Bank Financing Commercial Real Property with a down payment of three hundred thousand dollars

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

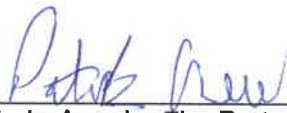
Regular Meeting Minutes from July 21,2026: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Dir. Carnell and seconded by Dir. Brown and carried 4-0-1 to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented, Dir. Oneto absent.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes from July 21,2026: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Dir. Epperson and seconded by Dir. Carnell and carried 4-0-1 to approve the closed session meeting minutes with updating Chair from Dir. Brown to Dir. Crew, Dir. Oneto absent.

ADJOURNMENT: At 3:26 PM Pat Crew, Chair adjourned the meeting until September 15th,2026 at 2:30 PM



Chair, Amador Fire Protection District

