

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California  
Tuesday, January 20, 2026  
10:30 AM

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:**

Jeff Brown, Chair  
Logan Carnell, Director  
Pat Crew, Vice Chair  
Dan Epperson, 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 Crew and seconded by Director Carnell and carried 4-0-1 to approve the agenda as presented. Dir. Oneto absent.

**PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None

Fire Chief updated the Board that one of his priorities this upcoming year will be to focus on moving dispatch from Camino to Amador County.

**PRESENTATION:** Fire Chief presented a 2025 yearend power point slide along with a yearend video [2025 Year In Review Video - Amador Fire Protection District](#). Discussion ensued relative to subject matter; in summary: Amador Fire covers 85% of county to include the merger of Lockwood. Covering an area is more than just getting the closest fire engine arriving to an incident, it also includes the weight of response. The weight of response is not just the number of units responding but also the resources; this includes fire prevention and investigation, etc. The transition from stipend apprentice firefighters to paid firefighters at fire station 121 in anticipation of Acorn Ridge Casino opening has commenced. The district hired a full-time mechanic. 24 Insurance letters were mailed to Insurance Companies. The letters meant that the Fire Chief inspected the property, etc. There is over a 60% success rate; either the insurance company has reduced the rate or did not cancel coverage; state partners are missing the mark with this. CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) program launched, and it identifies certain emergencies such as following proper protocol and is there anything the district could be doing better. Special thanks to Medical Director Dr. Bryan Sloane and the CQI committee.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

**New Fire Station:** Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Fire Chief presented. The plans were submitted to the County Building department before the last day of the year. PG&E application initiated. Still anticipate breaking ground late March early April.

**Amendment to the Amador County Ordinance 7.30:** Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Dir. Crew and seconded by Dir. Epperson and carried 4-0-1 to approve the amended County Ordinance 7.30 as presented to include the “Good Neighbor” packet as it relates to 7.30: Defensible Space Requirements and Hazardous Vegetation and Combustible Material Abatement. Dir. Oneto absent.

Direction given staff to request the changes be made before the County Board of Supervisors.

**Adoption of the Amador Fire’s 2026-2031 Strategic Plan:** Discussion ensued relative to subject matter. Fire Chief Presented.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Dir. Crew and seconded by Dir. Carnell and carried 4-0-1 to approve and adopt the Amador Fire’s 2026-2031 Strategic Plan with minor changes. Dir. Oneto absent.

**District Monthly Reports:** Discussion ensued relative to subject matters. Fire Chief presented.

**Training Report:** No action taken, report only.

**Vehicle Maintenance Report:** No action taken, report only.

**Call Report:** No action taken, report only. Fire Chief presented.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**

**Regular Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2025:** Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

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

Direction given to staff to approve and sign partnership agreement between Amador Fire and Amador Resource Conservative District, defensible space assessment support.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 11:18 AM Jeff Brown, Chair adjourned the meeting until February 17, 2026, at 10:30 AM.

  
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Chair, Amador Fire Protection District