

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California
Tuesday, May 19th, 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
Brian Oneto, Director

Absent:

Staff:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Epperson and seconded by Director Brown and carried 5-0-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Carnell and seconded by Director Brown and carried 5-0-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Dir. Epperson and Dir. Brown congratulated the new Firefighter recruits.

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

Operations: Thank you to the Directors who were able to attend the Firefighter Academy Graduation; proud of the recruits and thankful for the Academy Cadre for dedicating their time to training and instruction these last eight weeks. There is an annual Cal Fire AEU local operating plan agreement given to the local agencies; this agreement covers how to respond mutual aid on vegetation fires, etc. This will go before County Counsel for review. This is a standard annual agreement; however, the difference is moving from one year to four years. Incidents mentioned: garage fire in River Pines and an escape debris fire on Inspiration West. Other reports: hay truck overturned incident; HWY 88 was closed for several hours. Amador Fire's involvement lasted less than an hour and then turned over to Cal Trans. Dir. Carnell expressed concerns over traffic control on such incidents. Amador Fire works with California Highway Patrol to do traffic control. Chief noted: priority is treating the injured patient, upon arrival. Sometimes the initial traffic control is the rig in the road with its code three lights on.

Chief acknowledges and agrees with Director Carnell's concern. Fire Engineer job announcement has been posted due to the recent promotions for staffing station 121 - Acorn Ridge. Fire Prevention Officer will be with Amador Fire until end of July, there were 4 applications received for the position, interviews scheduled this week. Grateful for Ashley's service. Rehired Engineer Ervin and thankful he is back, honored to have him back on our team. Held an Apprentice FF meeting, purpose of meeting is to start 24-hour staffing with Apprentices at station 123, Fiddletown.

Fire Prevention: Ashley Anaya, Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) gave report, in summary: Inspections continue, school inspections are complete. Passenger vehicle fire(s) recently; no injuries, not suspicious, mechanical issues. Assisted City of Jackson with commercial fire. Current projects include Pine Grove Bakery. There has been an uptick in property inspection requests due to insurance companies.

Public Information Officer:

Chief: Kayla was the featured speaker for a nation-wide social media summit on Public Safety and First Responder. Kudos on the event and congratulations to her for completing a bachelor's degree in emergency management.

Kayla Dale, PIO gave report, in summary: Evacuation Drills; Rolling Oaks in Fiddletown completed, the last evacuation drill of the season will end with Tyler Road on June 20th. Hosting Fire Safe/Firewise event for Meadow Lark. Quarterly meeting scheduled for Firewise Leads; primarily focused on answering questions regarding fuel reduction work, signage, mock evacuation drill planning, etc. Events: The 2nd annual Burn Your Own in Fiddletown is scheduled. Programs: Defensible Space Assistance Program opened; met with RCD Fire Safe (who are also the lead agency); applications are still available (grant money from Cal Fire). Selection requires a specific demographic; senior citizens, disabled veterans or low income. There is a total of 150 applications that cannot exceed 4 hours and the objective is helping people with creating defensible space. Other: Amador Fire partnered with KVGC by utilizing their push notifications through their app; KVGC gave the stats and Amador Fire posts has the most openings.

Chief: The fire service is evolving; focusing much more on community risk reduction which keeps the community informed in hopes of preventing fires and how to become more resilient.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

New Fire Station: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

Chief: correction on Agenda Transmittal Form: the request is for the Board Chair to approve and sign authorization to pay the invoices and not the Fire Chief.

Larry White with WGA, Inc. presented report pertaining to the new fire station update. In summary: obligation to pay along the way. Presented Progress Pay #1.

MOTION: It was moved by Dir. Epperson and seconded by Dir. Brown and carried 5-0-0 to approve the payment of Progress Pay #1 as presented. Progress Pay #1, future "progress pay" requests, and other expenses related to the new fire station build that exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars or more requires Chair or Vice Chair's review and signature authorizing payment(s).

No cost overruns at this time, however more rock onsite than anticipated. Contractor completed major grading, waiting for utilities. 80% of underground storm drain system installed and started the water main extension, FDC connection, etc. Leach field excavation disposal field started. Tully Consulting Group onsite last week; and continues. CJS buildings; engineering expected to be received in June. Delivery of main building in August and training tower delivery in September. Solar

moved from ground mount to roof mount due to grading issues. PG&E came up with their fees and final design. The power to the site is estimated at \$70,000.

Benefit Assessment Fiscal Year 2026-2027: Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Epperson and seconded by Director Carnell and carried 5-0-0 approving the intention to continue assessments for fiscal year 2026-2027 preliminarily approving the engineers report and providing for notice of public hearing for the Amador Fire Protection District, fire protection and emergency response services assessment and scheduling public hearing notice for June 16, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. AFD 26-04

Resolution of intention to continue assessments for fiscal year 2026-2027 preliminarily approving the engineers report and providing for notice of public hearing for the Amador Fire Protection District.

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

MOTION: It was moved by Director Oneto and seconded by Director Brown and carried 5-0-0 approving the surplus of E-5123 a 2001 International Westmark with 109,998 miles.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

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

MOTION: It was moved by Dir. Brown and seconded by Dir. Carnell and carried 5-0-0 to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: At 3:16 PM Pat Crew, Chair adjourned the meeting until June 16th, 2026 at 2:30 PM



Chair, Amador Fire Protection District

