



Foresthill Fire Protection District

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Foresthill Fire Protection District
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 09, 2026
District Administration Office
24320 Main St., Foresthill, CA 95631

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:01PM

2. FLAG SALUTE – Led by Director Drone

3. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:

- a. All Directors of the Board were present.
- b. Chief Martin was present.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL:

- a. Vice president Michelini moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Director Drone, passes (5/0).

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: A resident commented about concerns with CalFire defensible space inspection and the follow-up after declaring a property to need additional work to become compliant. Chief Mertens from CAL Fire is in attendance to address concerns with defensible space inspections (DSI) and enforcement. Chief Martin addresses cooperation in defensible space inspections with CAL Fire with regard to home insurance requiring inspections for continuing coverage. 2020-02 Ordinance and MOU with Placer County effective Aug. 13th 2020 to be reviewed to ensure items approved by the Board are being introduced/enacted by the department going forward.

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Vice president Michelini made motion to approve consent item: minutes from Aug. 12, 2026-Regular Board of Directors meeting, second by Director Reams, motion passes (5/0).

7. FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Staffing

- We currently have a Captains vacancy, to be filled from within.
- We have an FF/P in backgrounds which will complete our hiring process.
- Firefighter/Paramedic application process is continually open.

Incident Responses

- Total calls for service for August of 2026 were 55.
- Last year at this time there were 66 calls for service.
- Total EMS calls for August of 2026 were 36 and 48 for August of 2025.
- Ambulance transports for August 2026 were 29 and 27 last year.

Training

- 183 Training Hours were documented for the month of August.

- Monthly Training with the JOA is on-going.

Community Risk Reduction

- August – 5 Inspections (1 LPG Rough, 1 LPG Final, 3 Defensible Space).

Community Interactions

- Tevis Cup Ride.
- Talbot Fire, (Use Agreement established with CalFire for our building use).
- MP-18 Fire.

Fleet

- Medic 88 is OOS (Rear Differential).
- Medic 90 repaired, Air Bag Compressor replaced.
- Medic 89 needs the A/C Compressor replaced.
- E388 is OOS – Oil leak and performance issue, currently at G&T. Used on Talbot incident.
- E88 is back in service – Fan Clutch and Fan Replaced.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Approve the purchase of a utility task vehicle and trailer (UTV). Total cost: \$80,000 Polaris 1000XP Off-Road Winter Track Kit, Snow Operations, Enclosed Trailer, Helmets, Seam Lighting, Door Lettering, Tie-Down Kit, Tool Kit, Spare Drive Belts. Recommend funding from Unrestricted General Reserve Fund. Motion made by Vice-President Michelini seconded by President Hercules, roll call vote, passes (5/0).
- b. Placer County Board of Supervisors appointment of Director. No one to appear on Ballot for this year's election. Only candidate was John Michelini that gives him an automatic appointment to one of the two positions. County Clerk Reporter Ronco states appointed person does full 4-year term with Board of Supervisors recommendation for second appointment to District's Board of Directors. Recommended name in time for election is Troy Simonick. Motion made by Vice-President Michelini recommend Troy Simonick to the Board of Supervisors for Director of FFPD, seconded by President Hercules, roll call vote, passes (5/0).
- c. To approve the second reading of Resolution 2608 with intention for contract of retirement through CALPERS with employees of the district. Motion made by Vice-President Michelini, second by both Director Perry and President Hercules, roll call vote, passes 5/0.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Vice President Michelini discussed our questioning the County Auditor and Assessors on Measure M direct charges and mobile homes. Waiting for a meeting with the County. Suggestion of driving through each park to make sure of the correct number of parcels in each to charge. Inventory the mobile home parks prior to March 31, 2027.
- b. Presentation to receive and file measure M audit. Use code 9 – Mobile Home Parks 286 listed spaces 276 are occupied with only 174 appearing on tax rolls (102 missing). Mobile homes manufactured prior to 1981 are taxed as vehicles, not as secured property. Measure M does not have an exemption and therefore the district needs to supply the county with a list of the missing properties to add to the tax roll. Inconsistencies in taxation of Mobile Home Park parcels since 2012. No taxes on any Mobile Home Park parcel from measure M since 2017. Deficiency of \$464,102 in tax revenue from 2012 to

present. No action requested at this time by the board, but will send notifications to Mobile Home Parks for future updated tax roll reporting to the county.

10. REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee - (Michelini/Perry) Did not meet
- b. Strategic and Long-Range Planning - (Hercules/Michelini) Did meet this month, Reviewed improvements and efforts in the district. Discussions of current fire service in Placer County and those that affect us.
- c. Assets and Facilities - (Drone/Reams) Did not meet.
- d. Directors Report- No reports

11. NON-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

- a. Foresthill Volunteer Firefighters Association- None
- b. Foresthill & Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council Report- Going to hold a wildfire preparedness event, TBD. Suggest that a HS student with an interest in the Fire Service and in journalism is trying to work with Steve @ the FH Messenger to engage the public with a newsletter or podcasts.

12. CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from the elections office

13. OLD BUSINESS: None

14. CLOSED SESSION: None

15. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sarah VanVoltinburg (via recording)

Administrative Assistant/Clerk