

PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting

May 12, 2026, Minutes

Tina Holum- Board Chair, Randy Rossi-Vice Chair, Scott de Bie-Secretary, Tony Marcaccio-Director, Candance Flaming-Director
May 12th, 2026, 6:00 PM meeting was conducted in person at 7061 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset, CA 95684.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

1.1 Roll Call Present – Directors de Bie, Rossi, Holum, Flaming
Absent - Marcaccio

Administration: Chief Whitt, Admin Vierra & Telfer, Captain Walsh, FF Self

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance – Holum

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda

(M/S) Rossi/de Bie

Passed 4/0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Open Forum)

3.1 Sandridge Fire Safe Council would like to put up a sign at Station 32. Chief Whitt gave verbal permission. The question was also asked whether Station 32 would ever be staffed again. There are no plans currently to open any other staffed stations in the district.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Minutes from April 14, 2026, Board Meeting

4.1 Administration recommends BOD approve: Payment of Bills – green sheets for April 2026
(M/S) Flaming/Rossi
Passed 4/0

5. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

5.1 Administrative/Chief's Report

Chief Whitt gave a brief overview of the Chief's report as printed in the board packet

TO: Pioneer Fire Protection District Board of Directors

FROM: David Whitt, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY: David Whitt, Fire Chief

DATE: May 12, 2026

ITEM: May Board of Director's Meeting: Chief's Report for the Month of April

RECOMMENDATION: Receive information about the District

Calls For Service in January:

<u>Call Type</u>	<u>April</u>
Fire	2
Rescue and Emergency Medical	32
Hazardous Condition (no fire)	0
Service Call (Public Assist)	3
Cover other districts stations	0
Good Intent	0
False Alarm	0
TOTAL	37
Fire Loss Total	\$ 000.00

Apparatus

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- E-38 is still in the shop for electrical problems. Parts have been ordered and are in transit.
- E-335 has been repaired and is our backup Engine.
- E-338 is still our front-line apparatus.
- Gifted a reserve apparatus to ROP Fire (donated to us from an allied agency).

Facilities

- All facilities are doing well.

Personnel

- All are good!
- Completed our Refresher Training for Wildland fire season. Well attended by most all staff and feedback was very positive.

Administration

- We were able to review the newly arrived iTurri at Rescue Fire Protection District. Seems like the apparatus would be a good fit for Pioneer with a couple of modifications to meet our needs.
- Preparing for the upcoming budget.

Operations

- We are hosting a rope rescue operations class this week for personnel and for a couple of personnel from outside agencies. Instructors have met with staff to determine logistical needs.
- We will be closing Chapman and Four Corners Landing Zones. Pioneer Park remains in service and the new LZ at Saluti will be up and running sometime mid-June.

OPTIONS: The Chief's Report is for informational purposes. The Board of Directors may take one or more of the following actions:

- 1) Provide Staff with comment.
- 2) Provide Staff with additional direction.

FISCAL IMPACT: As noted in the report.

ACTION PLAN: None.

RELATED ACTION(S): None.

5.2 Local #4586

Captain Walsh provided the board with a handout and requested a closed session for Labor Negotiations be placed on the agenda for June.

5.3 PVFA

No Report

5.4 Affiliated Organization Reports.

Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's Fire Wise Day will be July 18th.

5.5 Financial

Chief Whitt gave a brief overview of current financials.

5.6 Standing Finance Committee Report

No report- did not meet.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Winery Water Access

There is a plan to have a county wide process to identify all water sites available.

6.1 Drafting Hydrants

Combine Drafting Hydrants with Winery Water Access and rename them to Rural Water Supply for future agendas.

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6.2 **Landing Zones**

Chief Whitt reported on this item in his Chief's report. Chapman and Four Corners Landing Zones will be closing. Pioneer Park Remains in service and the new LZ at Saluti will be up and running sometime in mid-June.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 **Preliminary Budget FY 2026-2027**

Chief whit gave brief overview of the Preliminary Budget FY 2026-2027

7.1 **New Apparatus**

Item was addressed in the Chief's report.

7.2 **Chief's Salary & Compensation Package**

A brief overview was provided that the Chief's review was positive. A closed session will be on the June Agenda for Labor Negotiations. The finance committee will meet in 2 weeks and present information about the Chief's salary and compensation at the June board meeting.

7.3 **Withdrawal & De-Fund FEMA Project #660768 PW00052 & 5553033 PW 00045**

Chief Whitt gave overview in the staff report explaining why we need to withdrawal and refund PW 00052 & PW 00045.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

8.1 The 33 Annual Fair Play Cemetery Clean Up Day will be Memorial Day Monday May 25th 2026 8:00Am – Noon

8.2 Director Rossi Suggested we have the Natural Resources Conservation Service come to a board meeting and present information about NRCS Grants and how to go about obtaining one. The south County Fire Safe Council is willing to support having them come to one of their meetings as well.

9. **AGENDA ITEMS (For Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting)**

9.1 Public Hearing for Appropriations Limits, Adoption of Preliminary Budget, 26/27 2026-27 SP Prop 4 Resolution, Closed session for Labor Negotiations for MOU with FF, Closed Session for Labor Negotiations for Fire Chief, and policy change in Board Manuel for submission date for agenda items. Closed Sessions will start at 5:30PM, Open Board meeting to start at 6PM.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**– Motion to Adjourn

(M/S) Flaming/de Bie 5/0 Meeting adjourned 6:51PM