



**ALPINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS — REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 · 5:00 P.M. · 1364 Tavern Road, Alpine, CA 91901

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**\*\*\*\*MINUTES\*\*\*\***

Teleconference Participation: Director Tim Mehrer will attend via teleconference from 447 F Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by: Director Willis  
Roll Call Quorum: Present - Director Willis, Taylor and Paskle  
Absent - Director Cromwell and Mehrer

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

Pledge of Allegiance by: Director Taylor  
Invocation by: Director Willis

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda by: Director Paskle  
Second by: Director Taylor  
Ayes – 3; Noes – 0 Absent – 2

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION**

*Members of the public may address the Board on any agenda item or matter within the District's jurisdiction. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes per topic.*

**None at this time**

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be acted upon by one motion unless a Board member requests separate consideration.*

- 5.1 Board Meeting Minutes — March 17, 2026
- 5.2 District Financial Reports
- 5.3 Monthly Incident Report

Motion to approve consent calendar by: Director Taylor  
Second by: Director Paskle  
Ayes – 3; Noes – 0 Absent – 2

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

### 6.1 AFD Policy No. 1112 – Capital Asset Policy

Fire Chief Boggeln explained that staff is proposing updates to the District's Capital Asset Policy following discussions with auditors and changes in accounting guidelines. The new policy would replace the current single-paragraph policy and establish clearer guidelines for the capitalization and depreciation of capital assets, ensuring compliance with county standards and accurate financial reporting. Capital assets include tangible items such as stations and apparatus, as well as intangible items like software, that are used in operations, have a useful life of more than one fiscal year, exceed established dollar thresholds, and improve or extend the life of an asset. Routine maintenance would not qualify for capitalization. Staff proposed increasing capitalization thresholds from the current \$5,000 level to \$50,000 for command vehicles and large equipment, \$250,000 for apparatus, and \$1 million for fire stations, which would reduce the number of tracked capitalized items from approximately 60 to 10 and simplify the audit process. Proposed depreciation schedules include 12 years for command vehicles, 10 years for apparatus, 15 years for large equipment, and 50 years for fire stations. Director Taylor questioned whether the thresholds were appropriate and suggested considering a lower threshold of \$35,000, while Director Paskle noted that most excluded items would fall below that range and supported keeping the threshold at \$50,000. Staff noted the recommendations were based on guidance from the auditors and practices adopted by other districts.

### Director Cromwell arrived at 5:07 pm.

Motion to approve Adjusting our Capital Asset Policy No. 1112 - eliminating the word, "Large," in front of Large Equipment and the cost of \$35,000 by Director Taylor

Second by: Director Paskle

Ayes – 4; Noes – 0 Absent – 1

## 7. REPORTS

### 7.1 Board of Directors

Director Taylor acknowledged receipt of Fire Chief Boggeln's retirement letter and thanked him for his years of dedicated service to the District, expressing appreciation for the advance notice provided. Director Willis reported attending the HTF meeting, where discussions focused on Line of Fire training opportunities. He noted that the availability of additional training and the involvement of many new personnel were very positive developments for the organization.

### 7.2 Fire Marshal

Fire Marshal McBroom reported that the draft permit for the AirCurtain Burner from the Air Pollution Control District was received late Friday and is currently under review for accuracy, with minor corrections still needed. He noted that the Alpine Viejas Fire Safe Council will provide an additional \$2,000 to help cover increased costs, and the project is approximately 98% complete. Two designated airburner locations have been identified within the District, including a parcel near the West Willows off-ramp and property owned by the Grossmont Union High School District. Fire Marshal McBroom also shared plans to meet with a contractor to evaluate vegetation clearing and the creation of a green waste drop-off site for residents. He highlighted the completion of the Alpine Community Creek Cleanup project, with crews continuing fuel reduction work in several areas including the strip of fuel between 1730 Alpine Boulevard, the baseball field, going all the way up the marquis side for the Ayres Inn. Contractors were working over the weekend in Glen Oaks, working a hundred feet on both sides of that creek, cutting and clearing all the fuel. Community response has been positive, with several residents inquiring about participation opportunities. Additionally, the Tower Road Evacuation Hazardous Fuels Project is expected to begin within a month after receiving environmental exemptions, and Alpine Creeks Hazardous Fuels Reduction Phase 2 is scheduled to begin the week of April 27 with two crews assigned to maintenance and reduction efforts. Plans are also underway to pursue future funding for Phase 3, which would extend fuel reduction work through Chocolate Creek to Tavern Road. Fire Marshal McBroom emphasized the District's ongoing commitment to securing funding and continuing hazardous fuels reduction projects throughout the community. Director Paskle inquired about the final cost of the AirCurtain Burner permit. Fire Marshal McBroom reported that the District has already submitted a payment of \$2,569, with an estimated additional \$2,000 expected, bringing the total permit cost to approximately \$4,600. He noted that the initial estimated cost was \$10,000, but staff successfully worked with the Air Pollution Control District to significantly reduce the amount. Once the permit is fully issued, annual renewal costs are expected

to be approximately \$750. Fire Marshal McBroom also shared that a request was submitted to the California Air Resources Board to establish a specific classification for Air Curtain Incinerators, rather than categorizing them as miscellaneous equipment, which would streamline the permitting process for future users. He added that a Cal Fire biologist expressed interest in purchasing four units for use on tribal lands, where permits are exempt, if the District completes the groundwork for the permitting process. While Viejas declined interest in the program, Fire Marshal McBroom noted that Sycuan and Barona have expressed interest in participating.

### 7.3 Assistant Fire Chief

Assistant Fire Chief O'Gorman reported that he is attending the FDAC Conference in the Monterey Bay area, marking today as day one of the event. He shared that it has been a productive conference with valuable networking opportunities and the chance to meet many people in the fire service community. Last week, in recognition of Dispatcher Appreciation Week, department personnel delivered dinner to all dispatchers to thank them for their continued service and support. In addition to ongoing trainings, crews successfully completed large animal rescue training last week. Upcoming events and trainings include hosting the Wildland Safety Training for the Department of Animal Services on May 16<sup>th</sup>, as well as participation in the upcoming County Wildland Drill. Firefighter Appreciation Night will be held at the Alpine VFW on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### 7.4 Alpine Firefighters Association — Local 2638

Firefighter/Engineer Ozbirn reported the Plan B training this month with the focus this month on Wildland Command Training and getting crews through. We will be sending two of our employees in the first week of May to the California Fire Mechanics Academy hoping to bring back some knowledge to be a little more through with their apparatus and learn about that. Captain Dotson added the EVOC Training has started.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT 5:23 pm

**Motion to Adjourn by: Director Paskle**  
**Second by: Director Cromwell**

**Ayes – 4 Noes – 0 Absent – 1**

Minutes Approved:

  
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Stephen Taylor, Board Secretary

5/16/26  
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Date

*Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 · 5:00 P.M. 1364 Tavern Road, Alpine, CA 91901*

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#### MEETING MATERIALS

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#### CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Agenda was posted near the regular meeting place of the Board at least 72 hours in advance of this Regular Meeting. (Gov. Code § 54954.2)



Jennifer Davis, Clerk of the Board

