



Felton Fire Protection District Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Time: Monday, August 18, 2025, 6PM

Location: Felton Fire Protection District, Training Room, 131 Kirby Street, Felton, CA.

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1.0 - Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Director Crandell

1.1 – Pledge of allegiance

1.2 - Roll call

Directors present – Crandell, Shults, Anderson Schwanbeck, Winter

2.0 – Agenda Amendments

Per Government Code §54954.2, the legislative body may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda under any of the three conditions stated below. Prior to discussing any item pursuant to this subdivision, the legislative body shall publicly identify the item.

(1) Upon a determination by a majority vote of the legislative body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in §54956.5.

(2) Upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present at the meeting (i.e. 4 if 5 are present) , or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those

members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the District after the agenda was posted as specified in subdivision (a) of §54956.5.

(3) The item was agendized at a prior meeting of the Board not more than five calendar days before the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior Board meeting the item was continued to the Board meeting at which action is being taken.

2.1 – Considerations to agenda – add / remove / table

Remove item 4.0

3.0 - Public comment

Member of the public spoke to their desire to see a unified San Lorenzo Valley fire department

4.0 - Correspondence – Email from Merry Alter

Removed from agenda

General Business

5.0 - Update from ad hoc committee – Consolidation / contract

Director Anderson and Shults spoke to their belief that a consolidation may be possible but that it represented many other challenges without addressing the causes of the issues. Director Anderson also spoke to the issues of consolidation and that the majority of identified agencies would have problems staffing the fire district under the present expected 24-hour model without also putting a tax measure in place to supplement funding. He also noted consolidating would increase the amount of time for an agency to receive the appropriate amount of funding for the district compared to a standalone Felton option.

5.1 - Update from ad hoc committee – Self sustained district

Directors Schwanbeck and Winters spoke to their desire to see the fire district remain Independent. Both directors brought up that the district was performing much better than identified in the LAFCo report and that given their opinion and the report from the other ad hoc committee that they believed a stand-alone option was better for the public as well as a faster and more secure option for stability within the district.

5.2 - Discussion / action to select and implement an initial primary and secondary option for the district to act on based off the Felton Fire District LAFCo report dated 7-25-2025

The Board discussed the pros and cons of consolidation and standalone options. All board members commented on the concern that if a consolidation took place that even with existing assessments applied that they would still be insufficient for the needs of the community of Felton. The board voted unanimously to move forward in keeping the Felton

Fire District a standalone agency, but also stated their desire to seek interest from other agencies for consolidation should a tax assessment put forth by Felton Fire fail.

- 5.3** - Update- draft after action review of Ben Lomond Fire District contract for services with the Felton Fire District - Schwanbeck

Tabled

- 6.0** - **Set next meeting date**

September 1st, 6PM

- 7.0** - **Adjournment**

7:58PM