



# Felton Fire Protection District

131 Kirby Street, Felton CA 95018

Office (831) 335-4422

## Board of Directors

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**Date** Monday, January 12, 2026

**Time** 6:00 PM

**Location** Training Room  
Felton Fire Protection District  
131 Kirby Street  
Felton, CA 95018

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### Meeting

- This meeting is being conducted as an in-person meeting under the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953, and a quorum of the Board must participate from the location(s) within the District that are identified above.
- Members of the public may attend the meeting at the identified location(s).



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## Agenda

### 1. **Call to order** *Meeting called to order at 6:01PM*

- 1.1. Pledge of allegiance
- 1.2. Roll Call

*Directors Crandell, Shults, Anderson, Schwanbeck, Winter all present*

### 2. **Consent Agenda**

- 2.1. Approval of Vendor Claims for December 2025

*Motion to approve 1st by Director Shults, 2nd by Director Schwanbeck - Vote - All in favor- Motion passes*



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## 2.2. Approval of CalCard claims for December 2025

*Motion to approve 1st by Director Anderson, 2nd by Director Shults- Vote - All in favor- Motion passes*

## 2.3. Approval of minutes for December 8th meeting

*Motion to approve 1st by Director Schwanbeck, 2nd by Director Anderson- Vote - All in favor- Motion passes*

### 3. Agenda Amendments

3.1. 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.

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

3.1.2. (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.

3.1.3. (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.

3.2. Considerations to agenda – add / remove / table

### 4. Public Comment

### 5. Directors Report



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*Director Anderson talked about the reduction of workers compensation premium and outlined a savings of roughly 80,000 dollars to the district this year. He also talked about the struggles other small fire districts are facing and referenced a news article from KSPW in regards to a tax assessment for Solidad Fire and Gonzalez Fire.*

*Director Winter talked about the performance review and talked about how the Adhoc was going to complete it and return it for signature at the next meeting.*

## **6. Correspondence - None**

## **7. Fire Chiefs Report**

*Chief Blum outlined his written chiefs report, addressed the communication memos that he presented to the firefighters. He also outlined the annual response times and noted that Felton's current response is quicker than it has ever been recorded when compared to annual reports. Chief Blum also noted LAFCo would be conducting a 5 year study on all fire districts in the county and that Joe Serrano would be leaving a place in Felton's report to outline the changes over the last two years compared to the previous years.*

## **8. General Business**

### **8.1. 2026 Meeting Dates**

8.1.1. Second Monday of the month

8.1.2. Dates

8.1.2.1. February, 9, 2026

8.1.2.2. March, 9, 2026

8.1.2.3. April, 13, 2026

8.1.2.4. May, 11, 2026

8.1.2.5. June, 8, 2026

8.1.2.6. July, 13, 2026

8.1.2.7. August, 10, 2026



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8.1.2.8. September, 14, 2026

8.1.2.9. October, 19, 2026

8.1.2.10. November, 9, 2026

8.1.2.11. December, 14, 2026

*Motion to approve list of meeting dates 1st by Director Schwanbeck, 2nd by Director Anderson- Vote - All in favor- Motion passes*

8.2. SCI Consulting Group tax assessment update - Chief Blum

*Chief Blum outlined the minimal updates from SCI from the last meeting but did advise that he would have another meeting soon to go over the engineered numbers for the assessment and that he anticipated an SCI presentation at the next meeting.*

8.3. Western Confluence Group 3rd party validation study update - Chief Blum

*Chief Blum stated that he had been in contact with WCG and that they hoped to have a preliminary report to the chief before the next Board meeting.*

8.4. Discussion - PERS exit and funding - Board, Chief Blum

*Chief Blum discussed with the Board the need to make a decision to stay in or get out of PERS. Chief Blum noted that the board had previously drafted a resolution to get out of PERS and that the PERS Obligation was one of the contributing factors outlined in the last LAFCo report. All members of the Board agreed that there was a need to exit PERS. Chief Blum indicated his desire to use the Cell tower lease/buy out money to offset the PERS buy out. Director Schwanbeck stated she would support that and that she would complete the RFP for the cell tower and that she intended to make a motion at the next Board meeting to exit PERS as long as the RFP for the cell tower was conditionally approved at the same meeting.*

8.5. Brief "RING" radio system and discuss with Board - Chief Blum

*Chief Blum asked the Board if they had any questions in regards to the Email sent with the new RING radio system information. The Board collectively indicated their*



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*understanding of the information and Chief Blum stated he would advise them of any significant changes.*

- 8.6. Resolution 01-2026 - approval and agreement of terms of grant 7FG25038 (volunteer fire grant for personal protection equipment) - Recommendation to approve the grant as received. Possible Action: Approve, Table, Modify, Postone Indefinitely

*Motion to approve resolution 01-2026 - 1st by Director Anderson, 2nd by Director Schwanbeck- Vote - All in favor- Motion passes*

- 8.7. Approval to pay Santa Cruz Regional 911

Possible Action: Approve, Table, Modify, Postone Indefinitely

*Motion to pay SCR911 - 1st by Director Schwanbeck, 2nd by Director Anderson- Vote - All in favor- Motion passes*

- 8.8. Discussion by Board to establish goals for the District and Fire Chief for year 2026

*Director Crandell asked the Board to work with the Fire Chief to establish a relevant tangible set of goals for year 2026 and to bring them up at the next meeting.*

- 9. Set Next Meeting - 9th of February at 6PM**

- 10. Adjournment** *Meeting adjourned at 7:48PM*