



# Felton Fire Protection District

131 Kirby Street, Felton CA 95018

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting Agenda Minutes

Date Monday, March 9, 2026

Time 6:00 PM

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

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### Meeting

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## Webinar/Public Link

- <https://zoom.us/j/5760128085?pwd=JAZOaz5bfa58Utm0XV4tNgz6M5KEmA.1&omn=92432869912>
  - +1 (669) 900-6833
  - +1 (669) 444-9171
- Webinar ID: 576 012 8085
- Passcode: 321462

## Agenda

1. **Call to order** - *Meeting was called to order at 6:02PM*
  - 1.1. Pledge of allegiance
  - 1.2. Roll Call - *Directors Carandell, Shults, Anderson, Schwanbeck, Winter present*
2. **Consent Agenda**
  - 2.1. Approval of CalCard claims for February 2025
  - 2.2. Approval of Vendor claims for February 2025
  - 2.3. Approval of minutes for February 9th and 13th meetings  
*Motion to approve all consent agenda items made - Director Anderson 1st, Director Shults 2nd- Vote - All - motion carries*



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## 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 - *None*

4. **Public Comment** - *Several members of the public made comments during this time. Refer to Zoom for comment.*

5. **Directors Report** - *Director Anderson reported he was assigned to an ad hoc fire committee by LAFCo.*

6. **Correspondence** - *Addressed under agenda item 8.5*

7. **Fire Chiefs Report** - *Fire Chief provided a verbal report on the previous month's statistics and response. Refer to the Zoom meeting for further.*

## 8. General Business

8.1. SCI Consulting Group update - Blum - *Chief Blum discussed the need to possibly increase the SFE rate due to a large number of parcels within the fire district that would*



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*not be assessed a fee or misreported by the county. Chief Blum again identified that the need for the change was to provide the additional base minimum revenue and not a surcharge or overage.*

*A discussion from the Board ensued to increase the SFE rating to provide for the 1.7M in the identified needs. Refer to Zoom for further.*

8.2. Prop 218 Fire Tax Assessment, community meeting schedule - Board/Blum  
*The Chief Blum outlined the dates that he would be hosting a town hall type meeting to discuss the 218 assessment and to answer community questions.*

8.3. Western Confluence Group 3rd party validation study update - Blum  
*Chief Blum advised that he had contact with WCG and that they are prepared to provide a presentation of their evaluation of the district at the April 13th meeting.*

8.4. PERS exit update - Blum  
*Chief Blum gave a basic update of where the district was at in the PERS exit process.*

8.5. "RING" radio system update - Blum  
*A letter addressing Santa Cruz County RING radio system was presented and Director Crandel identified that we would be a signer of the letter. The letter specifically addressed some of the concerns that the fire districts have in the county. Director Schwanbeck also indicated she intended to go to the County Board of Supervisors meeting to advocate for the Felton Fire District. Refer to the Zoom recording for further.*

8.6. RFP update - Blum  
*Chief Blum gave a verbal report on where the fire district was at in the process of RFP solicitation. Refer to Zoom recording for further.*

8.7. Administrative assistant update - Blum  
*Chief Blum reiterated that he had addressed 8.7 under his Fire Chiefs brief.*

8.8. Goals 2026 slide - Winter/Blum



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*Director Winter spoke to a slide compiled with goals that he and the fire chief had worked on for the year 2026. Refer to Zoom recording for further.*

- 8.9. Discussion - process/timeline for solicitation of permanent Fire Chief - Board/Blum

*Chief Blum discussed the need to pursue a fulltime fire chief and presented the Board with a timeline. A good discussion by the Board was had. It was identified that Directors Schwanbeck and Winter would constitute the ad hoc for this process. There were several public comments made during this agenda item. Refer to Zoom for further.*

- 8.10. Fire Chief performance review update - (Adhoc - Winter/Shults)

*This agenda item was identified as a requirement of the Board to conduct an annual performance review but the completed performance review was not discussed in depth. Director Winter spoke about the process and forms used. There were several public comments made during this agenda item. Refer to Zoom for further.*

- 8.11. Discussion - replacement of vehicles by priority - Blum/Shults

*Chief Blum stated that he would like to create a list of command vehicles needing replacement by priority. Refer to Zoom for further.*

- 9. Set Next Meeting - April 13th at 6PM**

- 10. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM**