

## MINUTES

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**BURNEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
3:00 PM Regular Meeting**

### **OPEN SESSION**

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**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Irene May called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Irene May led the flag salute.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Irene May - Present  
Roger Valinoti - Present  
Pamela Grant - Present  
Karen VanCleave - Present  
Brian Harris - Present

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

On a motion by R. Valinoti and second by B. Harris, the Agenda was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: I. May, R. Valinoti, P. Grant, K. VanCleave, B. Harris  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**6. PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE**

None.

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by R. Valinoti and second by K. VanCleave, the Consent Calendar was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: I. May, R. Valinoti, P. Grant, K. VanCleave, B. Harris

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- a. Approval of check register (January 6, 2026, Batches #01, 02, 03, January 8, 2026, Batch # 04, January 20, 2026, Batches # 05, 06, January 21, 2026, Batches # 07, 08, 09, 10)
- b. Monthly Funds Transfer Summary for January
- c. Approval of the Minutes: Regular Meeting January 20, 2026
- d. Monthly financial reports for January
- e. Ambulance accounts receivable reports for January
- f. January Incident Counts

## **8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

## **9. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

- a. 2025 Fiscal Audit Report

The Fiscal Audit Report was created by RT Dennis Accountancy and sent to the Secretary of State. The net position of the fire district shows a long-term liability of \$575,000 for PERS contributions that will remain for as long as the district is in the PERS system.

The General Fund had \$1,021,481 in income and \$996,505 in expenses for FY 2024-2025.

There are still two unfilled full-time positions (firefighter and fire chief).

Measure F is expected to bring in approximately \$250,000 in additional revenue for the upcoming fiscal year.

This is a big improvement from 4 years ago.

On a motion by K. VanCleave and second by B. Harris, the 2025 Fiscal Audit Report was approved to receive and file by the following vote:

Ayes: I. May, R. Valinoti, P. Grant, K. VanCleave, B. Harris

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- b. Meeting Date Change

The March meeting was canceled due to a planned vacation, and the next meeting will be on April 21, 2026.

On a motion by B. Harris and second by K. VanCleave, the meeting date change was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: I. May, R. Valinoti, P. Grant, K. VanCleave, B. Harris

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

#### **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

A new Fiscal Budget will be ready to be adopted in June 2026.

#### **11. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Fire Chief has submitted applications for three grants; portable radios, thermal imaging cameras, and mobile data computers for ambulances and engines.

A utility pickup truck was transferred to another fire department through the FETTS program.

A new copy machine has been installed.

A significant event occurred where a baby was delivered in a vehicle en route to the hospital, requiring CPR on the infant.

All heavy vehicles have been serviced.

#### **12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Concerns were raised about LAFCO's potential interference in the fire department's code enforcement. There is a perception that LAFCO, particularly Chris Kelstrom and Corky Harmon, are attempting to influence the fire department's operations and code enforcement actions despite lacking expertise in fire codes.

LAFCO is reportedly considering a re-vote on the fire department's spirit of influence.

The fire department is committed to enforcing fire codes, as failing to do so could set a dangerous precedent and lead to liability.

#### **13. CLOSED SESSION**

A closed session was called at 3:37 pm. The session was concluded at 4:45 pm.

- a. Public Employee Appointment/Employment  
(Gov. Code § 54957)  
Title - Fire Chief  
Title: Paid Call Firefighter and EMS Personnel
- b. Potential Litigation Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2) – Two Matters

#### **14. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

There was no reportable action from the closed session.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Irene May adjourned the meeting at 4:46 pm.

A complete agenda packet is available for public inspection at the office of the Board Secretary, 37072 Main Street, during regular business hours, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday – Thursday.

Irene May  
Irene May, Board Chair

4-21-26  
Date

Kathy Newton  
Kathy Newton, Administrative Assistant

4-21-2026  
Date