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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES April 29, 2026

Regular Meeting held at
11329 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949

NCCFD DIRECTORS

Present: Grueneberg (President), Bennett, Dorland, Carrington, Slade-Troutman, Nelson, Hall

STAFF:

Present: Fire Chief Robitaille, Fire Marshal Mason, Administrative Services Manager Long, Ophir Hill Fire Chief Rothenberger and staff from Ophir Hill Fire.

STANDING ORDERS:

President Grueneberg called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and took roll call, noting all Directors but were present. He led in the pledge of allegiance.

*PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Per CA Government Code 54954.3

No public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Acceptance of Minutes – March 25, 2026
2. Fund Balances, Check History Report and Credit Card History Report

Director Carrington motioned to accept the consent calendar as presented. Director Slade-Troutman seconded. **MOTION** passed unanimously with all Directors present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE/BUDGET: Hall, Slade-Troutman

PERSONNEL: Carrington, Bennett, Nelson

AD HOC COMMITTEES

BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURES: Grueneberg

REORGANIZATION: Carrington, Dorland, Grueneberg

LOCAL AGENCY ASSIGNMENTS

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY (JPA): Bennett, Robitaille

Finance – No report

Personnel – No report

Board Policy & Procedures – No report

JPA – No report

Reorganization – Later

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Discussion and Possible Action, Grand Jury Report Published April 2026.** President Grueneberg believed the report to be accurate, proving our suspicions. He said Penn Valley Fire has a lot to respond to. President Grueneberg reiterated how our District tries to do everything correct, having our audit and other documents readily available online. After some discussion, the general consensus was that the report validated our decision to table the consolidation with Penn Valley Fire. Chief Robitaille stated our district is always focused on service and that he's excited to join Ophir Hill Fire. He said good did come from this, Station 59 was kept open and that we co-staffed Station 59 with continuity. He emphasized a lot of time and energy went into it. Director Carrington brought up the Budget Workshop that was occurring at the County today and into tomorrow and they gave us no heads up except an email the day before stating we could come and have 3 minutes to speak, which was during our scheduled Board Meeting. The Board was not thrilled with this and will be trying to get on the agenda of another meeting.

4. **Correspondence – Thank you letters to Fire Marshal Mason and Chief Robitaille.** President Grueneberg stated we received two cards and it was very nice of them.

CHIEFS MONTHLY REPORT

Fire Chief Robitaille briefed the board on meetings and updates including Congressman Kevin Kiley funding our request for the medium rescue – which is part of the Special Operations Package, timeline is 1 year. He attended the Region IV meeting. The state wants 10 USAR task forces, we most likely could participate since there is nothing North of Sacramento. He met with Senator Schiff and Padilla's offices for different projects with high thresholds. Additionally, BC Nunnink and the Chief also submitted an Inclement Weather Package with the USDA Grant, consisting of a tow vehicle, a large snowplow, a trailer, snow cat, two snow mobiles and a side by side with tracks, costing approximately \$700,000. This project has one more step to be approved. Another project being \$7.6 for a new station at 86 at Paye Property and advised we made Senator Schiff's list today to move forward. He met with NID regarding the MOU agreement, DGS regarding Station 92 project, attended FDAC in Seaside and a Joint Meeting with CSDA, NID and Nevada County OES. The district participated in Banner Mountain FWC Workday, the Chief met with Evan with Nevada City OES and conducted Chief Interviews for Firefighter applicants. The Chief went over monthly statistics with 296 incidents. Fire Marshal Mason updated the Board with 7 plan reviews and 17 inspections. He met with a property owner on Little Deer Creek Lane to discuss driveway standards, met with the developer of Yerba Buena Court regarding vegetation removal, met with the owner of 49 Self Storage for an expansion project and met with several property owners about vegetation removal and complying with Nevada County Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance. Lastly, there was a fire evacuation drill/public education event at Plumline Learning, assisted a resident on Marigold with smoke detectors and provided 17 hours of mentorship for a senior project.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The next LAFCo meeting is on May 21, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

President Grueneberg adjourned the meeting at 11:42am.

Attest:

Tricia Bush

Tricia Bush
Board Secretary

Approved by:

Keith Grueneberg

Keith Grueneberg Jun 1, 2026 11:13:16 PDT

Keith Grueneberg
President of the Board









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