



**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
DEER SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DSFPD)  
April 9, 2025 Board Minutes  
Open Session 4:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

President Jackson-Present  
Vice-President Sealey-Present  
Secretary/Treasurer Kerrin-Present  
Director Gordon-Absent  
Director Caples-Present

**2. Pledge of Allegiance-Led by President Jackson**

**3. Adoption of Agenda-** Director Kerrin moved to adopt April 9 agenda; Director Sealey seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Gordon); 0 Abstain.**

**4. Public Comments Period-None**

**5. Fire Safe Council Report-**Firefighters Appreciation dinner has been postponed until fall. The Sellers Faire will resume on April 13. The Chipping Program continues with increased demand. Met with Mr. Stenberg, Wildfire Division Director of NFPA, and Chief Silva regarding Firewise Communities and CAL FIRE Captain Janata to plan for local fuels reduction and Moosa fuel breaks. Working on a Spring Mailer for the Deer Springs Community.

**6. Approval of Minutes-** Director Sealey made a motion to approve March 12 board minutes with corrections; Director Kerrin seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Gordon); 0 Abstain.**

**7. Acceptance of March Finance Reports-General, Capital and Mitigation Funds-** Director Jackson made a motion to approve March Financial Reports; Director Sealey seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Gordon); 0 Abstain.**

**8. Chief Report**

- During month of March the District received 169 calls for service
- Deer Springs Firefighters attended the 2025 Truck Academy
- Deer Springs Firefighters attended the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for US Navy Royce Williams
- Del Dios Fire Station 77 Battalion 7, is now station 14 and included in Battalion 1, Northern Division
- Three priority projects with the County for Deer Springs District working with Community Risk for brush clearance with State Grant funding.

a. **Fire Marshal Report-**March Prevention Report included 6 Annual business inspections, 2 Fire Safety/Site inspections, 1 Fire Permit and 12 plan reviews.

**Community Emergency Response Team Report-**CERT held a 501(c)(3) meeting on March 18, election of officers. On April 12, 10a.m second Fire Extinguisher Training will be held Deer

Springs Hidden Meadow Station 3. Regular scheduled monthly meeting will be on April 15, 6:30pm via zoom.

## 9. Committee Reports

1. Station 2 Improvement-Director Gordon, and Chief Morrison

Purpose: To oversee the transition of Station 2 from the existing facility to a permanent facility

Type: Ad hoc

Director Kerrin attended the construction meeting; Director Gordon was not able to attend. Security cameras in place Station 2 site, storm water system operational. Discussed additional electrical outlets in conference/training room; meeting scheduled Friday April 18 for further discussion. No tariff generated procurement delays foreseen for project, everything on schedule.

2. Threats, Hazard, and Mitigations-Directors Sealey, Kerrin and Chief Morrison

Purpose: To develop the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), develop the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) and develop the Deer Springs Annex to the San Diego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP)

Type: Ad hoc

Director Sealey made a motion due to changes with FEMA this committee to be disbanded until further notice from FEMA; Director Caples seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Gordon); 0 Abstain.**

3. County of San Diego and Deer Springs Cooperative Approach Committee-Directors Jackson and Sealey

Purpose: To develop a revision to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Deer Springs Fire Protection District and County of San Diego, Public Safety Group, San Diego County Fire dated June 2023.

Type: Ad hoc-No Report

4. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Committee-Directors Kerrin and Caples

Purpose: Pursuant to Policies C01 and C02, develop the District's General, Capital, and Mitigation Preliminary Budgets for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; publish the Preliminary Budgets for public review; prepare Final Budgets; and make recommendations on Standby/Availability and Fire Suppression fee changes to go into effect July 1, 2025

Type: Ad hoc

Scheduling a budget meeting in next several weeks to present a Preliminary Budget at May board meeting.

## 10. Unfinished Business

- a. Standby/Availability Fee. The fee was established by the residents upon the formation of the District in 1981 to provide emergency services, with the ability to increase the fee by the Consumer Price Index if needed. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code §13910, if the District determines the amount of revenue available to the District is inadequate to meet the costs of providing services, the Board may raise the fee. The first reading of the Resolution was conducted on March 12, 2025.

**Action requested: Adopt Resolution 25-01 to increase the Standby Fee from \$20.54 per benefit unit by the Consumer Price Index for San Diego County to \$21.11 per benefit**

**unit effective July 1, 2025. The proposed values are a 2.78% annual increase to last year's rate-Director Sealey made a motion to adopt resolution 25-01 to increase Standby Fee from \$20.54 per benefit unit to \$21.11 per benefit unit; Director Jackson seconded the motion, roll call vote. Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Gordon); 0 Abstain.**

- b. Fire Suppression Assessment Fee. The fee was established by the residents in 2004 to increase emergency service capabilities, with the ability to increase the fee by the Consumer Price Index if needed. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code §13910, if the District determines the amount of revenue available to the District is inadequate to meet the costs of providing services, the Board may raise the fee. The first reading of the Resolution was conducted on March 12, 2025.

**Action requested: Adopt Resolution 25-02 to increase the Fire Suppression Assessment from \$0.2703 per benefit unit by the Consumer Price Index for San Diego County to \$0.2787 per benefit unit effective July 1, 2025. The proposed values are a 3.11% annual increase to last year's rate-Director Sealey made a motion to adopt resolution 25-02 to increase Fire Suppression Fee from \$.2703 per benefit unit to \$0.2787 per benefit unit; Director Jackson seconded the motion, roll call vote. Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Gordon); 0 Abstain.**

- c. Fire Mitigation Fees and Capital Improvement Program. Pursuant to Government Code §66000, et seq. San Diego County has established a Fire Mitigation Fee program for new development that allows local agencies to participate. Government Code §66002 allows local agencies to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan to determine location, size, time of availability, and estimates of cost for all facilities or improvements to be financed with the fees. Deer Springs has historically used these fees to repay a General Fund loan for the building of Station 3, located at 10308 Meadow Glen Way East (APN 186-620-57-00). Action requested: Adopt Resolution 25-03 to participate in the County of San Diego Fire Mitigation Fee Program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and update the established Capital Improvement Plan

Director Sealey made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-03, Participation County of San Diego Fire Mitigation Program FY 2025/2026 and adoption of updated Capital Improvement Plan; Director Jackson seconded, roll call vote. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Gordon); 0 Abstain.**

## **11. New Business**

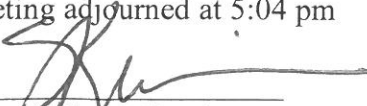
- a. Discussion: 2025-26 DSFPD Goals and Objectives and how to measure-Director Jackson presented goals and objectives for FY 25-26, copy attached with minutes.

## **12. Correspondence-None**

## **13. Directors Comments-Director Sealey will not be at the May 14 board meeting**

## **14. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm

  
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Director Steve Kerrin  
Secretary-Treasurer

## 2025-26 Goals and Objectives discussion 4-9-2025

- I. Most Important Requirements to Fire/EMS + Ambulance services
  - a. Human Responder Safety MIR #1 (safety accolades)
  - b. Fire/EMS dispatch response (accolades on metrics + need to fine tune)
    - i. EMS
    - ii. Traffic Collisions
    - iii. Vegetation Fires
    - iv. Structure Fires
  - c. Community Prevention
    - i. Wildfire education
    - ii. Defensible Space Inspections
- II. Goals to measure
  - a. Turn out (Fire/EMS + Transport)
  - b. Community Involvement - ?
  - c. Defensible Space Inspections
- III. Comparison to other Districts' metrics
  - a. County Fire