



**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
DEER SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DSFPD)**

**April 8, 2026 Agenda
Open Session 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: DSFPD Station 1, 8709 Circle R Drive, Escondido, CA 92026

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Public Comments Period

Any member of the public may speak on any matter that is not on the agenda. However, under State law, no decisions or actions can be taken and any such matters shall be deferred to the next meeting.

5. Fire Safe Council Report

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Board Meeting March 11, 2026

7. Acceptance of March Finance Reports-General, Capital and Mitigation Funds

8. Chief Report

a. Fire Marshal Report

b. Community Emergency Response Team Report

9. Committee Reports

a. Permanent Station 2 -Directors Gordon and Kerrin
Purpose: To oversee the construction of Station 2 permanent facility
Type: Ad hoc

- b. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Station 2-Directors Jackson and Gordon
- c. FY 2026-2027 Budget Committee-Directors Caples and Kerrin
Purpose: Pursuant to Policies C01 and C02, develop the District's General, Capital, and Mitigation Preliminary Budgets for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; 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, 2026
Type: Ad hoc

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 11, 2026.

Action requested: Adopt Resolution 26-01 to increase the Standby Fee from \$21.11 per benefit unit by the Consumer Price Index for San Diego County to \$21.93 per benefit unit effective July 1, 2026. The proposed values are a 3.88% annual increase to last year's rate.

- 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 11, 2026.

Action requested: Adopt Resolution 26-02 to increase the Fire Suppression Assessment from \$0.2787 per benefit unit by the Consumer Price Index for San Diego County to \$0.2892 per benefit unit effective July 1, 2026. The proposed values are a 3.79% annual increase to last year's rate.

11. New Business

- a. Resolution 26-03, 1st reading, final hearing in May, Participation in the County of San Diego Fire Mitigation Fee Program Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan

12. Correspondence

13. Directors Comments

14. Adjournment

Members of the public may submit written comments. The public is strongly encouraged to submit their comments on agenda and non-agenda items via e-mail to liz@dsfd.sdcoxmail.com. All comments submitted are sent to the members of the Board for their consideration. Written comments will be accepted until 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. Public comments that are submitted will be read into the record at the Board Meeting. The public retains the right to make comments during the course of the meeting.

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