



**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
DEER SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DSFPD)
April 8, 2026 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-Present
Director Caples-Present

2. Pledge of Allegiance-Led by President Jackson

3. Adoption of Agenda-Director Gordon moved to adopt April 8, agenda; Director Caples seconded the motion. Motion is adopted; 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain

4. Public Comments Period-None

5. Fire Safe Council Report-Chipper Program has resumed and Spring Defensible Space Inspection mailers are scheduled for May 1.

6. Approval of Minutes

a.Regular Board Meeting March 11, 2026-Director Gordon moved to approve March 11, 2026 board minutes with amendments; Director Kerrin seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0; 0 Abstain.**

7. Acceptance of March Finance Reports-General, Capital and Mitigation Funds- Director Jackson made a motion to approve March Financial Reports; Director Gordon seconded the motion. Motion is adopted; 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.

8. Chief Report-Chief Thomas Shoots

- During the month of March 144 calls for service
- Station 2 personnel have moved out of Greens Storage
- Defensible Space Program will be starting next month with new hires. Each engine station will be responsible for 400 inspections
- The Board Directors would like to track and monitor Defensible Space inspections and evacuation routes with some type of map product.

- a. **Fire Marshal Report**-Prevention Report included 7 Annual business inspections and 12 building plan reviews.
- b. **Community Emergency Response Team Report**-No 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
Director Gordon reported it's a work in progress to furnish the fire station and believes the committee is no longer needed. Certain items have been purchased and ordered, waiting on delivery. The FFE budget will remain active to cover costs as they arise until all necessary furnishing, installation, and setup of the station are finished. Director Sealey will send a final release letter to Banner Bank for release of retention funds. Director Jackson will meet with Greens Storage for discussion regarding final close out of our lease.
- b. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Station 2-Directors Jackson and Gordon-Director Gordon and Chief Shoots have decided to change the time of event from 9:00am-11:30am, with formal ceremony starting at 9:30am.
- 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

First budget meeting held on April 2 and working on revising the chart of accounts.

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.

Director Jackson made a motion to 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; Director Sealey seconded the motion, roll call vote. **Motion is adopted; 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 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 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.

Director Jackson made a motion to 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; Director Sealey seconded the motion, roll call vote. **Motion is adopted; 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.**

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

Director Sealey recommends that we postpone vote on Resolution 26-03, and have 1st. reading in May. He will review and revise the Mitigation Resolution and make changes to Capital Improvement Plan to include costs to Station 2 facility to be financed with fire mitigation funds in a separate resolution.

12. Correspondence-None

- 13. Directors Comments-**President Jackson and Director Sealey will work together on the CAL FIRE Agreement regarding staffing for FY 2026-2027

14. Adjournment-Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm



Director Steve Kerrin
Secretary-Treasurer