



Albion Little River Fire Protection District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 10:00AM

Please note that this meeting will be held at ALRFPD Station 810, 33900 West Street, Albion, CA and via videoconference on the Zoom platform. Information on attending this meeting can be found on our website: <https://www.alrfpd.com> under the NOTICES tab.

1. **Call to Order and determination of a quorum.**
2. **Roll Call.**
3. **Motion by Secretary Steve Acker to adopt the agenda:**
4. **Public communication to the board:**

ZOOM Invitation

Albion-Little River Fire Protection District is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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When

Wednesday Oct 28, 2026 · 10am – 12pm (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Location

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This meeting is being presented in a hybrid format, both in person at ALRFPD Station 810 and via ZOOM.

To speak during public comment portions of the agenda via ZOOM, please join the meeting and use the raise hand feature when the Board President or the Board Vice President calls for public comment on the item you wish to address.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Members of the public may address the board pursuant to the Brown Act. No person shall speak without being recognized by the Board President or the Board Vice President. Public comments are restricted to three (3) minutes per speaker.

Any citizen, after being recognized by the Board President or Board Vice President may speak on any topic that may be a proper subject for discussion before the Board for such period of time as the Board President or Board Vice President may determine is appropriate under the circumstances of the particular meeting, including the number of persons wishing to speak or the complexity of a particular topic. Time limitations shall be set without regard to a speaker's point of view or the content of the speech, as long as the speaker's comments are not disruptive of the meeting.

BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS: The Brown Act does not allow action or discussion on items not on the agenda (subject to narrow exceptions). This will limit the Board's response to questions and requests made during this comment period.

*WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS: Written public comments received after agenda publication are forwarded to all Board members as soon as possible after receipt. **Members of the public may address the board by emailing the board at board@albionfire.com on any matter within the jurisdiction of the board.***

5. **Chief's report:**
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Building Committee:**
 - b. **MCAFD report:** Linstedt (see packet)
 - c. **Fire Tax Ad Hoc Committee**
 - d. **Fire Safe Council:** Lapidus
 - e. **Strategic plan:**
7. **Items for discussion and possible action by the board**
 - a. **Review of Conflict of Interest Code in Bylaws (Sec 1120 found on page 9).** (see packet)
 - b. **Resolution for legal services annual maximum \$.** (see packet)
 - c. **Fundraising.**
 - d. **Newsletter**
8. **Directors Discussion:**
 - a. **Political Position - Discussion - should the Board discuss taking a political position?**
9. **Closed Session:** Gov. Code 54957(b)(1) Personnel
10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MCAFD Meeting ~ #61 October 14, 2026

Participants: Emily Tecchio, Ben MacMillan (Elk), Andres Avila (AVCSD), Anne (Mendocino), John Allison (Westport), Joe Sutphin – FB, Scott Cratty (Ukiah Valley Fire); Michelle (Little Lake), Eric Alvarez, Pam Linstedt

B) District updates

ALRFPD-(new fire station federal “appropriations” if budget passes/CalTrans); hired a new Office Admin – Leslie Hrbacek (fire captain, too). 501c3

Anderson Valley – looking for new locations in next 10-15 years

CSD (fire is successfully saving \$ for future needs, the rest of the CSD is looking to use that “excess funding” – Andres is working to keep it)

Elk – new to them Type I engine (2010, replaced a 1996 model). VFD existed autonomously in the past. CSD came into being in 1990. Water/Fire authority/relationship being refined.

Elk is awarding water tanks to residents; Need volunteer EMTs

Mendocino – new Type 6 and new Medical Response vehicle

Ukiah – new Chief Buckingham

Westport – new Type 6 (from McGuire) is in service; main fire house is > 50 years old; replacing the roof and siding

Michelle (Little Lake Fire)– Conflict of Interest Code (Grand Jury request) okay to show that we discussed it currently at a Board meeting; **suggested that minutes are thorough to document required topics**

C) Fire Rep updates

Strategic Planning Comm ongoing. Emily will be creating a quarterly report for Chief's Association and sharing it to all.

Working with 6 public ambulance providers – **JPA** all year; BoS presentation next month
Emily will (likely) be joining Ukiah's District Board, and plans to remain Chair of MCAFD

D) Statewide

1) **Prop 43** – taking an opposed stance as a District?

Elk Board stays away from taking political positions; FB is posting signs against 43

2) **Fire Districts Association (FDAC)** - state action in support of the white paper, how Districts can help from home – slideshow for their timeline

a) ERAF calculation, Prop 172 calculations (Money returned from 172 is related to ERAF \$); compare 172 to previous ERAF for loss and/or contribution to dispatch

Background from Ben: Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund-30% of CA budget prior to the State not having sufficient funding in late 1980s- 1990s.

Thus, the State dipped into Special Districts, etc and never stopped dipping. Prop 172 was passed to backfill ~ 50% to Fire Agencies, but many Counties have not shared. (2015 MCAFD formed to get funding from county).

Fire agencies are paying for dispatch in the County- cost needs to be reviewed/discussed by Chiefs (Avila)

ERAF shift – Emily will try to put together a spreadsheet to show the loss

Ben was able to obtain the numbers from the County in 2016

One fire district puts the ERAF loss in their budget every year

FEB 2 – Legislative Day

E) Next year suggestions? Notes, Website for information, Standing report to BoS (Emily will do her quarterly report)

JPA (Joint Powers Authority) – update by Emily, Andres and Ben

911 Ambulance Services – concept is to generate revenue from billing (doesn't work in rural counties, and isn't true nationwide). Nationwide average cost is \$3000. Average revenue generated is \$1300. Nationwide a \$1700 shortfall – in our county since we are using volunteers, our numbers are not that bad.

Government healthcare reimbursements are the LOWEST and low call volumes also contribute to the expense. Majority of our county uses government healthcare.

Public providers handle 30% of countywide calls (rural, challenging economic areas). *70% is provided by private providers as they can make money.*

Coast Life Support, Anderson Valley, Elk, Laytonville (*i.e.*, \$110K annually subsidizing emergency services), Ukiah, Legget, Covelo

Start with an agreement and do phased implementation. Working on shared Medical Director and shared CQI, group purchasing and shared training. Working on Economies of Scale for the EMS side.

Next 2026 MCAFD Meeting is December 9th

1120 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. The Political Reform Act, Government Code Subsection 8100, et. seq., requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. This Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation, 2 cal. Code of Regs., Subsection 18730, which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. It can be incorporated by reference and may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission after public notice and hearings to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 cal. Code of Regs., Subsection 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference and., along with the attached Appendix A in which members of the Board of Directors and employees are designated, and in which disclosure categories are set forth, constitute the conflict of interest code of the Albion Little River Fire Protection District.
2. All Directors will file statements of economic interests (Form 700) with the Clerk of the County of Mendocino within 30 days of assuming office and annually per Government Code Section 87200.

APPENDIX A

Designated Positions:

All members of the board of directors of the Albion Little River Fire Protection District.

Disclosure Categories for Above Designated Positions:

All sources of Income.

Interests In real property:

Investments and business positions in business entities.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10-28

REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTRACTING FOR LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Albion Little River Fire Protection District (ALRFPD) is in need for legal services regarding real property issues with a pending CalTrans project, as well as potential future use as District General Counsel.

WHEREAS, the current understanding is that CalTrans is requesting to purchase a piece of District property for use associated with the new Albion Bridge project, and further may continue to request District property for one of their Staging Areas.

WHEREAS, the ALRFPD recognizes that funding is extremely limited and legal fees have not been included in the FY 26-27 approved budget.

WHEREAS, the ALRFPD currently has a District General Counsel who is not under contract and has not offered services for lengthy legal representation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Albion Little River Fire Protection District that:

1. The Board reaffirms its commitment to protect and preserve District property while limiting legal service fees in a single fiscal year to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) unless a specific resolution allows for any payment in excess of that amount.
2. The Board formally authorizes the Fire Chief or specified Director to sign all documents and pay all invoices associated with these legal services.

3. The Board formally authorizes the Fire Chief or specified Director to proceed with all necessary legal action ensuring that operations at Albion Fire Station 810 on the District-owned parcel at 33900 West Street are not interrupted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a vote of the Board of Directors of the Albion Little River Fire Protection District at a regular meeting in Albion, California, this **21th day of October, 2026**, as follows:

Director Name	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Pam Linstedt, President				
Eric Campbell, Vice President				
Lee Welty, Treasurer				
Steve Acker, Secretary				

Pam Linstedt, President, _____
Board of Directors, Albion Little River Fire Protection District

ATTEST:---Steve Acker, Secretary, _____
Board of Directors, Albion Little River Fire Protection District