



Albion Little River Fire Protection District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 10:00AM

Please note that this meeting was held at ALRFPD Station 810, 33900 West Street, Albion, CA and via videoconference on the Zoom platform.

1. **Call to Order and determination of a quorum.** The meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by President Linstedt. Directors Acker, Linstedt, Welty and Campbell were present at Station 810. Also present Chief Rees and Stacey Burnett at Station 810. Sydell Lapidus was also present at Station 810. Ken Schaffer was present on Zoom.
2. **Roll Call.** Acker present, Linstedt present, Welty present, Campbell present
3. **Motion by Secretary Steve Acker to adopt the agenda:** Approved by a vote of 4 ayes
4. **Public communication to the board:** None
5. **Chief's report:** (see page 2)
6. **Consent calendar:**
 - a. **Approval of the January 20 Special meeting minutes.** (see packet)
 - b. **Approval of the January 21 Regular meeting minutes** (see packet)
 - c. **Acceptance of submitted current financial report.** (see packet) Revenue and Expense Budget vs Actual needs corrections. Income reporting is not accurate.
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Building Committee:** see 8.a. below.
 - b. **Treasurer's report:** Welty Chief Rees and Welty will work with the book keeper to correct the financial reports.
 - c. **Finance Committee:** State FTR report completed and submitted.
 - d. **MCAFD report: Linstedt** (see attached page 3)
 - e. **Fire Tax Ad Hoc Committee:** none
 - f. **Fire Auxiliary:** Possibly shift ALRFPD meeting date so Auxiliary member can attend. Suggestion was made to schedule a periodic special meeting to include the Auxiliary instead of rescheduling regular meetings.
 - g. **Fire Safe Council:** Lapidus -2 PG&E Grants are in process. Navarro Ridge Road and Little River Airport Road for brush clearing. Information on fire water tank installations budget needed for grant application.
8. **Items for discussion and possible action by the board**
 - a. **FDAC Membership & BAER SAFER GRANT UPDATE:** Confirm who has signed up for FDAC Leadership Training (March 20, 21)
 - b. **ALRFPD Updated Policies Drafts** (see packet addendum)
 - c. **RMAP GSRMA 3/2 Best Practices Documentation due**
 - d. **Dropbox access and cost** (see packet) Board members will be added to drop box access as needed.
 - e. **Elias Henderson contract (grant writer)** Motion to approve the contract with Elias Henderson for grant writing services. Approved by a vote of 4 ayes.
 - f. **Elections-candidate filing:** (see packet page 19) Four board positions are up for election on the November Ballot
 - g. **Donation solicitation by board members** (see packet)
 - h. **SB 827 new required training:** Required Fiscal training, every two years (current Board members have until Jan 1, 2028). New Board members (2026 and after must complete within 6 months). See page 3 MCAFD meeting notes
 - i. **SB 272 web site catalog update** (see packet) Not applicable to ALRFPD. Chief Rees will verify.
9. **Directors Discussion:** None
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm. The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026 10:00 am at Station 810 and Zoom.

Chief's Report 2/18/2026

Incidents

01/01-02/12/2026
Fires-3
Medical-15
Traffic Collision-5
Hazmat/FMS-2
Public Assist-5
Total Incidents-30

Schedule

02/05/2026-Medical
02/12/2026-Operations Meeting Station 810, 18:00
02/18/2026-Regular District Board Meeting Station 810, 10:00
02/19/2026-Fire Hose operations/ SCBA
02/26/2026-Medical Respiratory Distress/ Allergic Reactions/ Chest Pain
03/10/2026- ALR Fire Auxiliary 18:30 Zoom

LAFCo RFI

-Completed and submitted

Grants

-OTS request for battery extrication tools submitted

Image Trend

-We have decided to use Image Trend as our Records Management System(RMS)
-Image Trend is provided from Coastal Valleys EMS free for submitting our Patient Care Reports(PCR).

All Fire reporting features are included.

-All Incident reporting to NERIS will be done through Image Trend.

OES Preposition/ Mobilization

-Engine 8160 is staffed with 4 through Thursday for the storm

MCAFD Meeting ~ #57; MEETING NOTES - February 11, 2026

1). Guest Speaker: Katrina Bartolomie - Assessor, Clerk, Recorder, Registrar of Voters

Difference between tax collection and assessment:

PROCESS: Property deed is recorded in her office (combined with Assessor's office and Registrar of Voters); do everything by legal description (parcel # and address can change). Depending on time of year, given to clerical staff to create Deed letter, then goes to the Appraiser. Once it is in the system (have been having problems with the system), they then do all the comps and then certify. Once certified it goes to the Auditor (who looks at special taxes that may apply) then goes to the Tax Collector. Close books June 30 and send everything to the fire districts. Lien date of January 1. Fiscal year date of July 1. Generally 2 months for corrections. Aerials are used (for checking, they use the Sheriff's layer). Corrections can be made at any time of year.

For new construction, question how often the new layer is updated? For maps, a couple of times of year (maybe) LAND VISION layer or program for data.

Andres suggested that using electronic updates (Field Maps or Survey123) – she will talk to Assessor's office

Office would send out a Discovery letter (property owner has 30 days to respond) to the landowner who is not being assessed correctly. Could go back 4 years, possibly 8 years and that is up to the Tax Collector. 8 years if it is determined that the landowner purposely did not report correctly.

An online index is updated daily.

Once FD reports (Discovery) changes – Assessor's office must confirm the corrections (not legal for the Appraiser to go behind a locked gate). Appraisers work in the Assessment office (Katrina is the Assessor).

ASSESSORS office CAN collect taxes on unpermitted buildings. Per Katrina – no connection to legal protections (that would be environmental health or code enforcement).

CAL FIRE is using **FieldMaps** for Fire Safe Inspections and everything is marked

Discovery usually is within their office, sometimes from Code Enforcement

Assessor and Planning Dept (and Code Enforcement) use a *TrackIt* program, this program may change.

Anything over 10x10 can be put on the role.

- Best way for FD to report a discrepancy/correction is to send an email: "we believe there are unassessed structures at this address"

AUDITORS office is responsible for tax rate area (e.g., our units)

Calamity claim (if structure destroyed) Assessor will take property off the role and if new structure is in same footprint then assessed at the old rate.

2). Updates

- FDAC class for Board Members, Chiefs and staff, March 20 & 21, Mendocino College <https://www.fdac.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=2026743>
- **SB 872** in-person training interest? **Required Fiscal training**, every two years (current Board members have until Jan 1, 2028). New Board members (2026 and after must complete within 6 months).
- Request for Information from LAFCo - 'Regional White Paper' development
Uma and Emily will be looking at Fire Services from a county-wide perspective; Municipal Service Reviews (MSR) are coming in and helpful; will also be looking at available funding streams (i.e., sales tax, TOT, CSA-3, etc.)

Follow up from December meeting, health care discussion

South Coast Board abstained from the vote in support (concern that it may complicate FDACs search for more funding).
Decision not to pursue right now as Chris Rogers did not prioritize this issue for this year.

Citizens Initiative update

Measure P as percentages – delayed working on this and re-evaluate. Chiefs Association has a ballot committee. Huge amount of work to do for 2028. Measure P sunsets in 2033. Emily will be sending an email with "formula" as a percentage that our Board needs to discuss. Discuss the support (if we choose to do so) to make it possible. New legislation may include a sunset for 10 years. A resolution from our Board will be necessary in the future.

3). For the Good of the Association

Andres mentioned ABH rate reduction (CFAA) for apparatus based on FEMA rates. CalOES (Lori Lopez) said the rates should go back up, working on a new rate agreement.

2026 MCAFD Meetings

- 1) April 8th (Tami Bartolomie, Acting Program Administrator, Public Health), June 10th, August 12th, October 14th, December 9th