

**ORLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
810 5TH STREET
ORLAND, CA 95963**

**MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2026**

Board Members:

**Rob Silveira-Board President
Ron Goings-Board Secretary
Dave Kelly
Darin Titus
Steve Hasley**

**Chief-Justin Chaney
Mark Sarmento-1st Asst.
Eddie Martinez-2nd Asst.**

A. Call to Order:

A. Board President Rob Silveira called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

B. Roll Call: Present were Board Members Rob Silveira, Dave Kelly, Darin Titus, Ron Goings, Steve Hasley.

Absent:

Others present: Chief Chaney, Mica Alva, Dusty Lefdal, Gary Campbell

C. Business:

- A. Darin Titus made a motion to approve the February 24, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Ron Goings. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discussion was held regarding the proposed Valley View transmitter site as a potential replacement for Red Mountain due to lease concerns and radio interference issues. The U.S. Forest Service has offered a 25-year lease with a one-time \$250 application fee and no annual lease costs. The Board discussed the possibility of the Fire Protection District holding the lease. Funding, site access, infrastructure needs, long-term maintenance, and liability requirements were discussed. Dave Kelly made a motion to move forward with exploring the lease agreement with the U.S. Forest Service for the Valley View transmitter site, seconded by Ron Goings. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. The Board reviewed SCI Engineering's Assessment Report for FY 2026–2027. The report calculated a maximum allowable assessment increase of 3%, raising the assessment rate from \$56.25 to \$57.93 per parcel. The Board reviewed the assessment process timeline and discussed the district's financial outlook, including rising costs and reduced funding contributions from the City of Orland. It was noted that approval of the engineer's report is a procedural step and does not constitute final approval of any assessment increase. Darin Titus made a motion to approve the draft Engineering report from SCI for FY2026-27, seconded by Dave Kelly. Motion passed unanimously.

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- D. The Board reviewed SCI's proposal for assessment administration services for FY 2026–2029. Discussion focused on the cost-benefit of the service and the district's current internal process for tracking new development. Consensus was to continue using SCI for the new assessment only in FY 2027–28 at an estimated cost of \$6,400, while evaluating the potential for future in-house administration with periodic audits as needed. Motion made by Ron Goings to approve payment for the SCI assessment service for the new fire assessment only for FY 2027-28, seconded by Steve Halsey. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. The Board reviewed the preliminary FY 2026–27 budget and compared it to the current fiscal year budget. Discussion included revenue projections, strike team payroll, volunteer funding, clerical costs, and equipment maintenance needs. It was noted that no PILT redistribution funds are expected this year. Additional discussion was held regarding preparation of replacing Engine 35 and the status of the new Chief's truck, which is expected to arrive by the end of April with delivery anticipated in late May or early June. Motion made by Dave Kelly to approve the preliminary budget for FY 2026-27 as presented, seconded by Darin Titus. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. The Board discussed Resolution 2026-1 establishing the appropriation limit for FY 2025–2026 in the amount of \$507,534. Motion made by Ron Goings to approve resolution 2026-1 for FY 2025-2026, seconded by Steve Halsey. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. The Board discussed Resolution 2026-2 regarding a gift of public funds to the Orland Volunteer Fire Department. A motion was made by Ron Goings to approve Resolution 2026-2 and seconded by Darin Titus. Motion carried by a voice vote 4-0-1.
Ayes: Board members Rob Silveira, Ron Goings, Darin Titus and Steve Halsey.
Noes: None
Abstain: Dave Kelly

D. Closed Session:

- A. None

E. Adjourn:

- A. Ron Goings motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:14pm.