

Santa Margarita Fire Protection District
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Board of Directors Meeting

May 6, 2026

Minutes:

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Present: Beth Gorrill and Joel Switzer; Fire Chief, Bob Murach; Chief Bobby Guy; Absent: John Wilkins
2. The April minutes were read. Joel moved to approve, Beth seconded and minutes were approved with a vote of 2 ayes, no nays.
3. Action Items:
 - A. The warrants were presented. Joel moved to approve, Beth seconded and the motion passed with 2 ayes and no nays.
 - B. A Budget adjustment was made to pay Hunter Smith.
 - C. Beth made a motion to request the Clerk's office to consolidate the Santa Margarita Fire Protection District's Election with San Luis Obispo County's general election in November. Joel seconded and the motion carried with a vote of 2 ayes no nays.
 - D. Hunter Smith plans for the new station are expected to be submitted next week, pending an exemption from the Build America Buy America Act, as no faucets are currently produced in the US.
We will be applying for a loan from the USDA to complete the project, which must be done before selling current station property, which will then be used to repay the loan.
 - E. The Addendum to the 2025 CA Fire Code Exhibit A along with proposed Fee received no public comment. Beth moved to approve, Joel seconded and the motion carried with 2 ayes, no nays.
 - F. Weed abatement inspections will be commencing and will be completed by June 1st.

- G. The proposed Preliminary 2026-27 budget received no public comment Joel moved to accept the budget, Beth seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 2 ayes and no nays.
 - H. Joel moved to add Chief Robert Guy to all accounts the department has with Columbia Bank, previously known as Pacific Premier. Beth seconded and the motion carried with a vote of 2 ayes and no nays
- 4. Chief's Report: Bob reported that Wildland training and testing has been completed and all staff passed. CPR Class will be held tonight.
 - 5. The Meeting was adjourned at 5:30. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10 at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Gorrill, Board Secretary