ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Ross Valley Fire Board of Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Note: These are summary action minutes.
The Zoom recording can be accessed by clicking here
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https://www.rossvalleyfire.gov/board-meetings

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call – 6:00 pm**.

   In attendance: Directors McMillan, Kircher, Coler, Hellman, Walker, Burke, Shortall, Finn

   President McMillan left at 6:45 pm. Director Coler assumed role of President.

   Director McMillan proposed to move Item 5 and Item 7 to follow Item 3.
   Ayes: Directors McMillan, Kircher, Coler, Hellman, Walker, Burke, Shortall, Finn

2. Chief Report
   a. Service Recognition of Director Kircher - Words of appreciation and presentation of plaque to Director Kircher.
   b. Verbal update by Fire Chief Mahoney - Currently conducting Firefighter interviews. There will be a short remembrance of 9-11 this Friday. Appreciation to Fairfax for resolving the flea issue so quickly. Crews and a Battalion Chief were deployed to Washington State to assist with the fires. Fire Chief gave an overview fire and incident response.

3. Open time for public expression. The public is welcome to address the Board at this time on matters, not on the agenda. However, please be advised that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the Board is not permitted to take action on any matter not on the agenda unless it determines that an emergency exists or that the need to take action arose following the posting of the agenda.

   No public comment.

4. Consent Agenda: Items on the consent agenda may be removed and discussed separately. Discussion may take place at the end of the agenda. Otherwise, all items may be approved with one action.

   a) Receive call report for July & August
      Item 4a - Call Report

   b) Acknowledge check register issued during July & August
      Item 4b - Check Register

c) Receive current budget report for July & August
Item 4c - Budget Report

d) Approve Minutes of the July 8, 2026 Board meeting
Item 4d - Minutes

No questions from the Board. No public comment.

M/S: Walker/Hellman: Ayes: Directors Kircher, Coler, Hellman, Walker, Burke, Shortall, Finn. Absent: McMillan

5. Consider approving the proposed Fourth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement and direct staff to circulate it to Member agencies for ratification. - Chief Mahoney

Item 5 - Staff Report for Fourth Amendment
Item 5 - Attachment #1 - Amended and Restated 2010 JPA and Amendments 1, 2 & 3
Item 5 - Attachment #2 - Fourth Amendment to the Amended and Restated JPA
Item 5 - Attachment #3 - Savings Calculations Sheet
Item 5 - Attachment #4 - Funding Formula Sheet

Fire Chief Mahoney and Finance Director Zuba gave an overview and fielded questions from the Board.

No public comment.

M/S: Coler/Finn: Ayes: Directors McMillan, Kircher, Coler, Hellman, Walker, Burke, Shortall, Finn

6. Receive and consider approving the Response to the Grand Jury Findings (F1-F7) and Recommendations (R1-R9) in regard to the "2025-2026 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report: Better Services at Lower Cost - Optimizing Essential Sevices for the Future of Marin"; and authorize Fire Chief to submit the approved response on behalf of the Board by September 11, 2026. - Chief Mahoney

Item 6 - Staff Report for Grand Jury
Item 6 - Attachment #1 - Grand Jury Report June 11, 2026
Item 6 - Attachment #2 - RVFD Response to Findings and Recommendations

Fire Chief Mahoney gave an overview and fielded questions and comments from the Board.

No public comment.

M/S: Burke/Finn: Ayes: Directors Kircher, Coler, Hellman, Walker, Burke, Shortall, Finn. Absent: McMillan

7. Consider adopting Resolution 26-08 to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase a new Type 6 fire engine in an amount not to exceed $572,194, utilizing funds from the Department's undesignated reserve account - Chief Mahoney

    Item 7 - Staff Report for Type 6 Engine
    Item 7 - Attachment #1 - Resolution 26-08

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No public comment.

M/S: Walker/Shortall: Ayes: Directors McMillan, Kircher, Coler, Hellman, Walker, Burke, Shortall, Finn

8. Board requests for future agenda items, questions, and comments to staff, staff miscellaneous items.

None.

9. Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2026, in person at the San Anselmo Town Council Chambers, at 525 San Anselmo Ave. San Anselmo, CA 94960, and via Zoom and telephone call-in.

Lauren Houde

s/Lauren Houde, Administrative Assistant

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