

Placerville Fire Protection Dist. Inc.
Commissioners' Special Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2026 1:00 pm at Placerville City Hall

1:03 pm - Commissioner Longden called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Quorum Established. Commissioners present: William Longden, Tom Andreason, Absent: Rick Barber.

Staff Present: Treasurer Linda Jones, Secretary Kim Barker

Old Business:

- *Discuss incident / impact fees.* Kim contacted the attorney Geoff, who is available in February if needed. Geoff didn't think the discussion topics warranted an executive session; he offered to share what's been compiled if anyone wants to meet when he's in Boise; Kim will reach out and put something together next week.

Commissioner Longden brought up an about anyone in the taxing district not be charged for a structure fire, but to charge for open burning to save the District concern over determining negligence. Chief Bourret countered with the idea of charging for each time there is a tone out; divide in-district versus out of district and apply the Fire Marshall scale of fees, and just decide under what circumstances people are charged.

Chief Bourret brought up the four structure fires over the last year—PFPD toned out in each case and homeowner insurance would have paid a bill. Commissioner Longden and the Chief shared the concern about people not calling for help out of fear of being charged. The Chief shared districts with really large budgets don't have to worry about these questions, it's the small taxing districts that get stretched because the tax revenue is too small to even maintain equipment well.

Commissioner Andreason shared subscription fees for people who may want to subscribe; he suggested a fire fees chart that can be posted. Discussion about why would anyone want to subscribe if they also pay for a call too followed. Commissioner Andreason stated that while comfortable with a fee structure from a budgeting standpoint, he is not comfortable with charging tax payers in addition to their taxes. In turn, Commissioner Longden suggested no additional fees for in-district; charge fees for out of district, then investigating impact fees as the area grows. Linda pointed out structure fires should be covered under insurance but not everyone has insurance—this is a long process and Commissioner Longden will start looking into it. Kim asked if the district had ever asked for a levy; Chief Bourret shared the Garden Valley levy did not get voted in because the district may not have done a good job making it clear how the additional funds would be used.

Commissioner Longden summarized these ideas for consideration / to be shared with the attorney:

- In-district or subscribers do not get billed for structure fires, but the District would like to know precedence for charging. The District would like to understand what other districts are doing; charging would be something different than what we've done historically so if the District ever went that route, we would want to get people involved.
- In-district or subscribers get charged for anything that is open burning tone outs. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has a definition of what open burning means. Chief Bourret will pass additional information to the Commissioners. Commissioner Andreason suggested charges for when a fire is unattended or gets out of control.
- Out of district or non-subscriber get out of district fees (open burning, structure, or rescue). The State Fire Marshall schedule covers equipment and personnel fee structures.

Chief Bourret also pointed out that mutual aid calls get charged after 24 hours and if those other districts charge, they will charge the “home” district and this could basically bankrupt the district if there was not a pathway to charge the person responsible for the fire.

New Business:

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Public Input: There will be a 3-minute time limit for each speaker.
No attendees.

Adjournment

Commissioner Longden adjourned the meeting at 1:57 pm.