

4.1.1. Preliminary Budget Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Chief Johnson reported that the proposed Preliminary Budget for 2026-27 was presented for 30-day review. It included a new engine purchase and a prepayment from the C-budget, some new Station 3 funding, and some turnout replacements. Engineer Glenn Verkerk noted the life span of current turnouts and his plan for replacement needs over time so that the District does not have to buy a large stock in any upcoming years. He added that the 10-year certification period for each turnout as set by NFPA can strain budgets.

Mr. Clemens made a motion to go forward with the 30-day review of the Preliminary Budget with the possibility of amendments. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone; ABSENT: Barr).

4.2. Personnel/Safety Committee (Directors Clemens & Barr)

Chief Johnson reported there had been a back injury during a training session.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors McKinney & Vattuone)

Chief Johnson reported that the lot cleaners had met to get direction for lot clearing. He reported Wildfire Awareness Day was set for May 2nd with the newly appointed OES representative there along with U.S. Forest Service, PG&E, etc.

4.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee (Directors McKinney & Clemens)

Chief Johnson reported there was no real update other than the new utility was being sent to the upfitters for siren installation.

4.5. Station 3 Construction Committee (Directors Barr & Alternate Clemens)

Chief Johnson reported there would be a Sta. 3 meeting on Friday with Mike Wasserman regarding Request for Proposal options.

5. Scheduled Items

5.1. 2025 Consumer Price Index West Urban—Cost of Living Adjustment

After some discussion, Mr. Clemens made a motion to approve the 2.7% COLA be used to set the 2026-27 Personnel Pay Schedule. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone; ABSENT: Barr).

5.2. Personnel Pay Schedule 2026-27

It was the consensus of the Board members to table this item until next month.

5.3. Resolution No. 2026-1: Calling General District Election

Mr. Clemens made a motion to Approve Resolution 2026-1. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone; ABSENT: Barr).

- 5.4. **CLOSED SESSION: Personnel Matter** (Government Code § 54957(b)(1)
Upon return to open session, the Board acted on the proposed resolution:
- 5.5. Resolution No. 2026-2: Determining that Engineer-EMT James Eaves is Entitled to an Industrial Disability Retirement
Mr. Clemens made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-2: Resolution of the Board of Directors of Ebbetts Pass Fire District Determining That Engineer-EMT James Eaves Is Entitled to an Industrial Disability Retirement. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone; ABSENT: Barr).
- 5.6. Resolution No. 2026-3: Authorizing the Calaveras County Auditor's Office to Make Appropriate Interclass Budget Transfers
Mr. Clemens made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-3: Authorizing the Calaveras County Auditor's Office to Make Appropriate Interclass Budget Transfers. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone; ABSENT: Barr).
- 5.7. Selection of 115 Trust Financial Provider
Chief Johnson reported the choice of providers was being placed before the Board of Directors. After some comments, Mr. Clemens made a motion to move forward with CalPERS as the 115 Trust Financial Provider. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone; ABSENT: Barr).
- 5.8. Golden State Fire Apparatus Invoice for New Fire Engine Prepayment
Chief Johnson asked the Board members to consider paying a prepayment from the Citizen's Initiative Staffing Augmentation Budget this fiscal year. He explained several advantages and the ability to expend up to 30% on non-personnel items. Mr. Dashner made a motion to approve the prepayment for the fire engine and authorize the Finance Committee to make the transaction at the appropriate time. Mr. Clemens seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone; ABSENT: Barr).
6. **REPORTS**
- 6.1. Administrative Report
Chief Johnson reported there had been unfavorable mold found in the Training Room and remediation would soon be underway. He added that an effort to limit exposure was in place until then.
- 6.2. Legislative Report
Chief Johnson reported that SB852 would soon have electronic filing of California Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700).
- 6.3. Administrative - EMS
Chief Johnson reported that new software was transmitting each ePCR to the hospitals. Battalion Chief Rodney Hendrix reported that the billing company had recently completed an audit of the ePCRs submitted by staff and it was determined

to add a mandatory setting for signature requirements in order to maintain good data for billing purposes.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members

Mr. Clemens said that he was glad to be able to provide benefit packages and to keep staff safe.

7.2. Firefighters Association

Glenn Verkerk reported the next event for the Association was the fundraiser envelope stuffing. He added that the items should be arriving within the week and then the date for stuffing could be set. He also noted that the beer booth signups would soon be up and there was a requirement to renew the registered beverage servers.

7.3. Employees' Group

Captain-EMT Nick Landuyt thanked the Board members for their support.

7.4. Public Comments

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dashner made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Clemens seconded; motion passed 4-0 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone; ABSENT: Barr). 10:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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District Secretary