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AGENDA

Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Station 26 Meeting Room, 3318 Topeka Street, Riverbank, CA

(THE AGENDA PACKET IS POSTED AT EACH SCFPD LOCATION AND AT WWW.SCFPD.US)

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Rivers

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rivers

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Charles E. Neal with Riverbank Assembly of God Church

4. ROLL CALL

Board President:	Rivers
Board Vice President:	Bernardi
Director:	Murdock
Director:	Neal
Director:	Stanfield

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5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – *at this time, a Board Member may pull an item from the agenda.*

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – *Declaration by Board of Director members who may have a conflict of Interest on any scheduled agenda item is to declare their conflict at this time.*

7. PRESENTATION/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

No Presentation Items scheduled.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS- *The Board of Directors welcomes participation in Board meetings. Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board that are not posted on the agenda may be addressed by the public. California law prohibits the Board from acting on any matter which is not on the posed agenda, unless the Board determines that it is an emergency or other situation specified in Government Code Section 54954.2. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual. Please make your comments directly to SCFPD Board President. **Comments will be accepted via Teleconference.***

ACTION CALENDAR

9. CONSENT ITEMS- *All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted upon by one motion unless otherwise requested by an individual Board Member or public for special consideration.*

No Consent Items scheduled.

10.DISCUSSION ITEMS

No Discussion Items scheduled.

11.PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing Items scheduled.

12.ACTION ITEMS

Item 12.A:

The Board consider approving Resolution 2026-009, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District declaring its intent to negotiate and enter into a revenue sharing agreement with the City of Ceres following the Proposed Annexation of the Ceres Fire Protection District.

Recommendation: The Board approve Resolution 2026-009, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District declaring its intent to negotiate and enter into a revenue sharing agreement with the City of Ceres following the Proposed Annexation of the Ceres Fire Protection District.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Correspondence** –
No Correspondence Items.
2. **Written Staff Reports** –
No Written Staff Reports.
3. **Verbal Reports** –
No Verbal Reports.
4. **Directors Comments** – *At this time, Board Members may verbally make individual announcements, report briefly on their activities, or request an item be place on a future agenda.*

14. CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session Scheduled.

15. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

16. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

17. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the SCFPD Board of Directors is September 9, 2026.
at 6:00 p.m. in the Station 26 Meeting Room, located at 3318 Topeka Street, Riverbank, CA.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Jessica Sousa, Clerk of the Board (A) of the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District, do hereby declare the foregoing agenda for the Special meeting of the Board of Director has been posted at the Administrative Offices, District website of the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District at least 24 hours prior to the meeting date and will also be posted at each of the District Fire Stations.

Dated: August 17, 2026,

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Jessica Sousa /s/

Jessica Sousa

Board Clerk (A)

Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District

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STAFF REPORT

TO: President Rivers and Members of the Board of Directors
FROM: Clint Bray, Deputy Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2026-009 Declaring the District's Intent to Negotiate and Potentially Enter into a Revenue Sharing Agreement with the City of Ceres Following the Proposed Annexation of the Ceres Fire Protection District
DATE: August 17, 2026, Special Meeting

BACKGROUND

The Stanislaus Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is scheduled to consider the proposed annexation of the Ceres Fire Protection District into the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District on August 26, 2026. For more than sixty years, the City of Ceres has provided fire protection services within the Ceres Fire Protection District pursuant to contractual arrangements between the agencies.

The proposed annexation is intended to establish long-term governance and financial stability for fire protection services within the affected area. In connection with the proposed annexation, representatives of the City of Ceres and the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District have initiated discussions regarding the possibility of a future revenue sharing agreement.

The purpose of the proposed Resolution is to formally acknowledge the District's willingness to continue those discussions and to negotiate in good faith with the City of Ceres regarding a potential future agreement.

DISCUSSION

The proposed Resolution does **not** approve a revenue sharing agreement or establish final financial terms between the District and the City of Ceres.

Rather, the Resolution is intended to provide a framework for continued discussions between the two agencies following consideration of the proposed annexation by LAFCO.

The City of Ceres and the District have expressed a mutual interest in negotiating a potential transition arrangement that would provide continued funding to the City at a level generally equivalent to revenues currently received by the City for providing fire protection services within the former Ceres Fire Protection District service area. The duration, amount, conditions, and other terms of any such arrangement have not yet been finalized.

Any potential revenue sharing agreement would require further negotiation and would ultimately be subject to consideration and approval by the District's Board of Directors at a future duly noticed public meeting.

No Binding Commitment

The proposed Resolution specifically provides that it is an **expression of intent only**. Adoption of the Resolution would not:

- Require the District to enter into a revenue sharing agreement;
- Commit the District to make any payment to the City of Ceres;
- Establish a specific payment amount or percentage;
- Establish a specific duration for revenue sharing;
- Approve or authorize a final revenue sharing agreement; or
- Bind the Board to any particular financial or contractual terms.

The proposed Resolution is intended to allow the District and City to continue discussions while preserving the Board's authority to review and approve, modify, or reject any future agreement.

Property Tax Allocation

The proposed Resolution also expressly provides that the contemplated revenue sharing discussions are separate from any property tax allocation or exchange undertaken pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 99 in connection with the proposed reorganization.

The Resolution does not modify, supersede, or otherwise affect any property tax allocation or exchange required or approved in connection with the proposed reorganization.

Accordingly, adoption of the Resolution should not be interpreted as an amendment to, or replacement for, any separate property tax allocation or tax sharing arrangement associated with the proposed reorganization.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of the proposed Resolution itself is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact because the Resolution does not approve a revenue sharing agreement or authorize a specific payment to the City of Ceres. The potential fiscal impact of any future revenue sharing agreement will depend upon the terms ultimately negotiated by the parties, including the amount, duration, funding source, and other conditions of the agreement.

Any proposed agreement will be brought back to the Board for separate consideration and approval before the District becomes obligated to perform under the agreement.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed Resolution is intended to establish the Board's general intent to continue negotiations while expressly preserving the Board's discretion regarding any future agreement.

The Resolution does not authorize execution of a final revenue sharing agreement and does not commit the District to specific financial or contractual terms.

Prior to execution of any future agreement, the proposed agreement should be reviewed by District legal counsel and presented to the Board for consideration at a duly noticed public meeting.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board may:

1. Adopt the proposed Resolution declaring its intent to negotiate a potential revenue sharing agreement with the City of Ceres;
2. Direct staff to make modifications to the proposed Resolution before consideration;
3. Continue consideration of the Resolution and direct staff to obtain additional information or conduct further negotiations with the City of Ceres; or
4. Decline to adopt the Resolution.

CONCLUSION

The proposed Resolution provides the District with an opportunity to formally express its willingness to continue working with the City of Ceres toward a potential revenue sharing arrangement associated with the proposed annexation of the Ceres Fire Protection District.

Importantly, adoption of the Resolution does not approve a revenue sharing agreement or commit the District to any specific financial obligation. The specific terms, conditions, duration, and financial impacts of any future agreement remain subject to negotiation and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors.

Staff therefore recommends that the Board adopt the proposed Resolution and authorize continued good-faith negotiations with the City of Ceres, while preserving the Board's authority to approve or reject any future agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors:

1. Adopt the proposed Resolution declaring the District's intent to negotiate in good faith with the City of Ceres regarding a potential future revenue sharing agreement following the proposed annexation of the Ceres Fire Protection District; and
2. Confirm that the Resolution is an expression of intent only and does not obligate the District to enter into a revenue sharing agreement, make any payment, or accept any specific financial or contractual terms.

Any future revenue sharing agreement would be presented to the Board for separate consideration and approval at a duly noticed public meeting.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A: Resolution No. 2026-009 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District Declaring Its Intent to Negotiate and Enter into a Revenue Sharing Agreement with the City of Ceres Following the Proposed Annexation of the Ceres Fire Protection District

Clint Bray
Deputy Fire Chief

RESOLUTION 2026-009

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENT TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CERES FOLLOWING THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF THE CERES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is scheduled to consider the proposed annexation of the Ceres Fire Protection District into the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District on August 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, for more than sixty years the City of Ceres has provided fire protection services within the Ceres Fire Protection District pursuant to contractual agreements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ceres recognizes that the proposed annexation is intended to provide long-term governance and financial stability for fire protection services within the affected area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ceres and the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District have initiated discussions regarding a future revenue sharing agreement associated with the annexation; and

WHEREAS, representatives of both agencies have expressed a mutual desire to negotiate in good faith toward an agreement that would continue funding to the City of Ceres at a level generally equivalent to the revenues currently received by the City for providing fire protection services within the former Ceres Fire Protection District service area for a transition period, the duration and terms of which remain to be negotiated; and

WHEREAS, both agencies recognize that additional time is necessary to negotiate the specific terms, conditions, duration, and implementation of such an agreement; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this Resolution is intended to modify, supersede, or otherwise affect any allocation or exchange of property tax revenues required or approved pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 99 in connection with the proposed reorganization; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Directors to publicly express its commitment to continue those negotiations in good faith and to work cooperatively with the City of Ceres to reach a mutually beneficial agreement following LAFCO's consideration of the proposed annexation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District does hereby declare its intent to negotiate

ATTACHMENT B

and enter into a revenue sharing agreement with the City of Ceres following the proposed annexation of the Ceres Fire Protection District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is an expression of intent only and does not obligate the District to enter into any agreement, make any payment, or accept any particular financial or contractual term. Any proposed revenue sharing agreement shall be subject to subsequent consideration and approval by the Board of Directors at a duly noticed public meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this Resolution modifies, supersedes, or otherwise affects any property tax allocation or exchange undertaken pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 99 in connection with the proposed reorganization.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District Board of Directors at a special meeting thereof held on the 17th day of August 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	Board Members:
NOES:	Board Members:
ABSENT:	Board Members:
ABSTAIN:	Board Members:

Brandon Rivers, Board President

ATTEST:

Jessica Sousa, Clerk of the Board

Kyler Rayden, District Counsel