



Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District

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Director
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MINUTES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

REGULAR 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

The Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District met this date at 6:00 p.m. in the Station 26 Meeting Room with President Bernardi presiding and calling the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bernardi.

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Charles E. Neal lead the invocation.

4. ROLL CALL

Board Clerk Called the roll:

Present:

Directors: Bernardi

Director: Rivers
Director: Murdock
Director: Neal
Director: Stanfield

Absent:

Vice President: Rivers

Staff Present:

Fire Chief: Bray
District Attorney: Rayden
Clerk: McCormick

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

Motion by Director Neal, seconded by Director Stanfield to approve the agenda. Passed by roll call vote 4/0/0/1.

AYES:	5	Directors:	Bernardi, Neal, Murdock, Neal, Stanfield
NOES:	0	Director:	
ABSTAIN:	0	Director:	
ABSENT:	0	Director:	Rivers

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.*

None was declared.

7. PRESENTATION/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- No presentations.

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.*

- **No Public Comments**

8. CONSENT ITEMS

Item 9.A: Acceptance of Warrants (Check Register) – May 2025

Item 9.B: Acceptance of Financial Reports – May 2025

Motion by Director Stanfield, seconded by Director Murdock to approve the consent calendar. Passed by roll call vote 4/0/0/1.

AYES:	4	Directors:	Bernardi, Neal, Murdock, Neal, Stanfield
NOES:	0	Director:	
ABSTAIN:	0	Director:	
ABSENT:	1	Director:	Rivers

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

No Discussion Items

10. PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing Items

11. ACTION ITEMS

Item 12.A: Review and Consideration of Approval of the SCFPD FY 23-24 Audit Report

Action: The Audit was Presented by Smith & Newell CPA's. By Roll Call Vote, the Board Approved the SCFPD FY 23-24 Audit Report.

Motion by Director Neal, seconded by Director Murdock. The Board Accepted the Audit Report by Roll Call Vote 4/0/0/1.

AYES:	4	Directors:	Bernardi, Neal, Murdock, Neal, Stanfield
NOES:	0	Director:	
ABSTAIN:	0	Director:	
ABSENT:	1	Director:	Rivers

Item 12.B: Preliminary Budget 2025/2026- Review and consider approving the preliminary Budget FY 2025/2026.

Action: Financial Advisor Andy Heath presented the Preliminary Budget FY 25-26. The Final Budget will be Brought Back at the September 2025 Regular Meeting. By roll call vote, the Board Approved the Preliminary Budget FY 2025/2026.

Motion by Director Neal, seconded by Director Murdock. The Board Approved the Preliminary Budget for FY 2025/2026 by Roll Call Vote 4/0/0/1.

AYES:	4	Directors:	Bernardi, Neal, Murdock, Neal, Stanfield
NOES:	0	Director:	
ABSTAIN:	0	Director:	
ABSENT:	1	Director:	Rivers

Item 12.C: Appropriations Limit- Consider adoption of Resolution 2025-005 adopting the Appropriations Limit FY 2025-2026.

Action: By roll call vote, the Board Approved Resolution 2025-004.

Motion by Director Murdock, seconded by Director Neal. The Board Approved Resolution 2025-004 by Roll Call Vote 4/0/0/1.

AYES:	4	Directors:	Bernardi, Neal, Murdock, Neal, Stanfield
NOES:	0	Director:	
ABSTAIN:	0	Director:	
ABSENT:	1	Director:	Rivers

12. COMMUNICATIONS

Item 13.3.A – Fire Chief’s Verbal Report

- Chief Bray provided a verbal report for the month of May.

Item 13.3.B – Capital Improvements

- No Report Given

Item 13.3.C – Finance Committee

- No Report Given

Item 13.3.D – Personnel Committee

- No Report Given

Item 13.3.E – Fire Advisory Committee with Modesto Fire Department

- No Report Given

13. CLOSED SESSION

Item 14.A: No closed session items.

14. CLOSED SESSION - Report

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 6:51 pm.

ATTEST:

Amanda McCormick /s/
Amanda McCormick, Clerk of the Board



FY 2025-26 Preliminary Budget

Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District
Board of Directors
June 11, 2025

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SCFPD - FY 2025-26 Budget Development Discussion Outline

- ▶ FY 2025-26 Budget Process to Date
- ▶ High-Level Base Budget Overview - FY 2025-26
- ▶ Overview of Significant Budget Requests
- ▶ Overview of Financial Forecast - Multi-Year Model Update
- ▶ Budget Development - Next Steps

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SCFPD - FY 2025-26 Budget Development Budget Development Process to Date

Development of FY 2025-26 Budget - Process to Date:

- ▶ Update to Base Budget / Financial Forecast including comprehensive reconciliation of staffing costs
- ▶ Request for and receipt of budget requests from SCFPD management / staff
- ▶ Coordination with third-parties regarding hypothetical financing for major capital purchases and financial system replacement
- ▶ Integration of budget requests / hypothetical capital purchases & financing into forecast
- ▶ Review of Preliminary Budget with Finance Committee - May 13, 2025

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SCFPD - FY 2025-26 Budget Development Base Budget Overview

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION				
Budget Overview				
Sub-Acct	Summary	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
		Preliminary Results	Mid-Year Budget	Preliminary Budget
	Projected Recurring Revenues	\$ 15,415,750.00	\$ 15,718,613.00	\$ 15,120,780.00
	Operational Expenditures			
5000	Salaries and Benefits	\$ 10,435,665.00	\$ 11,436,702.00	\$ 12,288,652.00
6000	Services & Supplies	\$ 2,552,791.00	\$ 2,704,628.00	\$ 2,467,480.00
	Total Operational Expenditures	\$ 12,988,456.00	\$ 14,141,330.00	\$ 14,756,132.00
	Subtotal	\$ 2,427,294.00	\$ 1,577,283.00	\$ 364,648.00
	Capital Budget (Restricted/Reserve funded)			
7040	Capital/Facility Improvement Projects	\$ 243,730.00	\$ 335,059.00	\$ 335,059.00
7800	Capital Equipment	\$ 174,328.00	\$ 175,242.00	\$ 422,241.00
	Total Capital	\$ 418,058.00	\$ 510,301.00	\$ 757,300.00
8100	To or (From) Unallocated Reserve Funds	\$ 2,009,236.00	\$ 1,066,982.00	\$ (392,652.00)

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SCFPD - FY 2025-26 Budget Development Base Budget Overview

- ▶ Base Budget Revenues - \$15,120,780
 - ▶ Property Tax Growth @ 4% / Special Assessment Growth @ 3%
 - ▶ Interest Earnings reflect current cash position / high rates (\$175,000)
 - ▶ Special Assessment includes blended increase to base pursuant to reclassification of certain parcels within District boundaries
 - ▶ Maintains other ancillary revenues at essentially same level as FY 2024-25
 - ▶ Includes anticipated ongoing receipt of Proposition 172 passthrough funding from Stanislaus County (\$891,530)
 - ▶ Updates Fire Investigator overtime reimbursement consistent with experienced levels (\$190,000)
 - ▶ Removal of any one-time revenues

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SCFPD - FY 2025-26 Budget Development Base Budget Overview

Base Budget Expenditures - \$15,513,432

- ▶ Full staffing - all positions filled for entirety of year (58.25 FTE)
 - ▶ Vacant positions assumed filled (no salary savings)
 - ▶ 15/15/15 staffing matrix; 3 Relief positions
 - ▶ Sworn Command - Deputy Chief / 4.0 Battalion Chiefs / Contracted Chief
- ▶ Negotiated 5% increase included effective July 1, 2025 / Nominal amount for step increases
- ▶ Overtime @ \$1,255,000 (*includes additional \$5,000 for training overtime*)
- ▶ CalPERS UAAL direct costs increase to \$610,511 in FY 2025-26
- ▶ CalPERS Pension Obligation debt service @ \$829,589 (paid off in 2040-41)
- ▶ Workers Compensation estimated to increase slightly to \$740,828
- ▶ Modesto Services contract increased to \$413,870
- ▶ Second of ten Fire Truck debt service payments built in - \$134,072

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SCFPD - FY 2025-26 Budget Development Significant Requests Overview

Supplies / Materials

- ▶ Safety Clothing - PPE maintenance / repair (add'l \$5,000)
- ▶ Station Supplies - increasing costs (add'l \$1,730)
- ▶ Vehicle Maintenance - base budget set back to \$225,000
- ▶ SCBA Equipment - increasing costs (add'l \$2,800)
- ▶ Hurst / Holmatro Rescue Tool (add'l \$5,000)
- ▶ Workshops / Seminars (add'l \$1,750)

- ▶ Slightly increased budgets for Medical Supplies; Training Program; Fiduciary & Liability Insurance

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SCFPD - FY 2025-26 Budget Development Significant Requests Overview

Capital & Outlay

- ▶ Radios / Hand Mic Replacements - \$21,810
- ▶ Replacement Drone - \$5,000
- ▶ Boat Replacement - \$10,000
- ▶ Phoenix G-2 Alerting System - \$20,000
- ▶ Financial System (1-time implementation costs) - \$67,000
 - ▶ *Back to Board in July with formal implementation contract*

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SCFPD - FY 2025-26 Budget Development Significant Requests Overview

Capital & Facilities

- ▶ Funding for future lease-purchase(s) / outright purchases
 - ▶ Total amount built in for unappropriated capital / deferred maintenance (this amount represents unappropriated balance of capital base - \$41,190
 - ▶ Total amount built in for unappropriated apparatus replacement - \$41,169
 - ▶ Total amount built in for fire truck debt service = \$134,072
 - ▶ Total amount built in for Financial System licensing - \$33,000

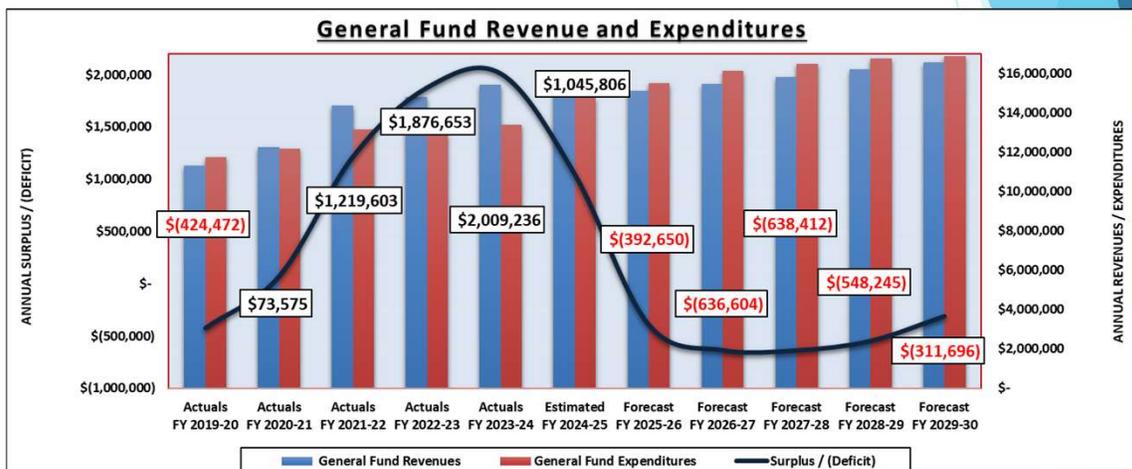
Hypothetical Financing cost of \$4 million over 10 years:
\$247,000 year 1 & 11; \$494,000 years 2 - 9

Significant District-wide Capital / Maintenance Needs

Capital Carryover Funding Reserves @ 6/30/24 -
~ \$1,415,916

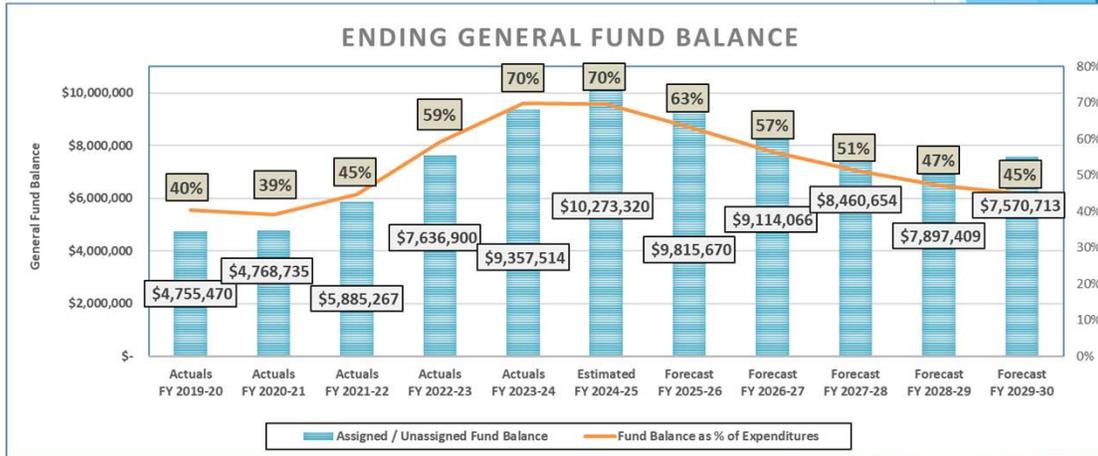
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SCFPD - FY 2025-26 Budget Development Initial Financial Forecast



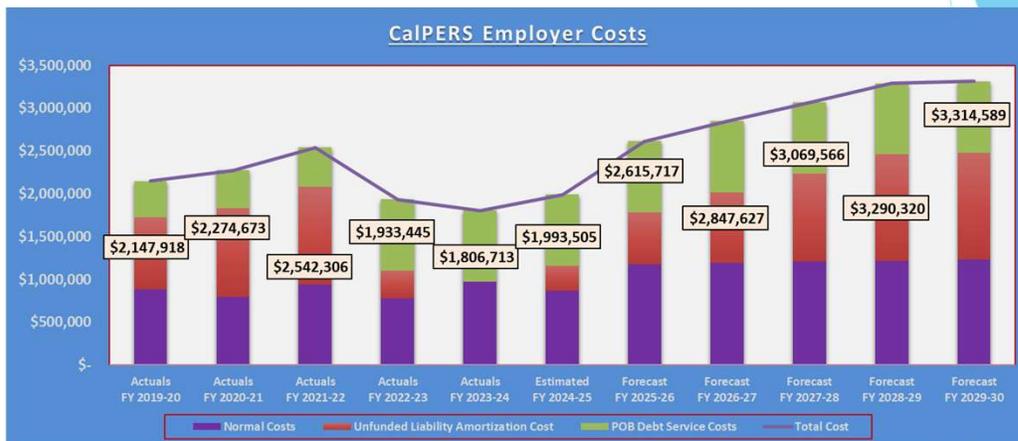
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SCFPD - FY 2025-26 Budget Development Initial Financial Forecast



- Pension costs increase due to return; ramp-up of UAAL
- Continue to monitor CalPERS costs long-term

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SCFPD - FY 2025-26 Budget Development Budget Development - Next Steps

- ▶ Modification / Approval of Preliminary Budget

- ▶ Preparation of Final Budget
 - ▶ Bring back to Finance Committee / Board of Directors - Sept.

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STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2025-005

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FY 2025-26**

WHEREAS, Section 7910 of the Government Code requires that each year the governing body of each local jurisdiction shall establish an appropriations limit for such jurisdiction pursuant to Article XIII-B of the California Constitution at a regular scheduled or noticed special meeting; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Finance has determined the percentage change in population and the change in the county per capita for the fiscal year 2025-26; and

WHEREAS, The Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District has calculated the Appropriations Limit using the change factors permitted by Article XIII-B of the California Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following percentage changes over the prior year are selected and appropriations limits established for the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District as follows:

	<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>CPI</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Population</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Appropriations</u> <u>Limit</u>
Regular Limit	2024/2025	1.0362	1.0055	\$51,009,092
Regular Limit	2025/2026	1.0644	1.0039	\$54,508,316
GANN Limit	2024/2025	1.0362	1.0055	\$17,579,683
GANN Limit	2025/2026	1.0644	1.0039	\$18,785,649

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the District Board by the following vote:

AYES: 4 Bernardi, Neal, Stanfield, Murdock
NOES: 0
ABSENT 1 Rivers
ABSTAIN: 0

Dated: June 11, 2025

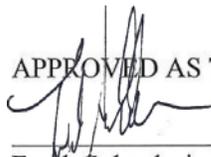
ATTEST:

The foregoing is certified to be a correct copy of the original on file in this office which has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


Amanda McCormick, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Frank Splendorio, District Counsel