

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THORNTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
25999 Thornton Rd., Thornton, CA. 95686
April 9, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Allan called the regular meeting of the Thornton County Fire Protection District Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors Present: Jim Allan, William Stokes, Jose Torres, Frank Yoka and Paul Guzman
Absent: None
Staff Present: Fire Chief Alberto Garcia and Secretary Diana Tidwell

GUESTS ATTENDING:

None

AGENDA:

On motion of Director Stokes, seconded by Director Torres, agenda for April 9, 2026, meeting approved. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:

Email received from Hawks and Associates advising start of audits to begin after the April 15, 2026, tax deadline.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

On motion of Director Stokes, seconded by Director Guzman, minutes for the regular meeting on March 12, 2026 approved. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT & BILL LOG:

On motion of Director Stokes, seconded by Director Yoka, financials and bill logs for March 2026 in the amount of \$99,957.60 approved. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEETING:

None

FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION REPORT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. On motion of Director Yoka, seconded by Director Stokes, approve purchase of PPE not to exceed \$23,500. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Chief Garcia to bring additional information on increasing impact mitigation fees to the May 2026 board meeting.
- C. On motion of Director Guzman, seconded by Director Stokes, approve purchase of 4 new radios from 49er Communications in the amount of \$38,358.96 using Strike Team Funds. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- A. Chief Garcia reviewed the Alarm and Fire Prevention Reports, and each board member received a copy. Alarm reports show 17 calls for the month of March 2026, for a total of 55 calls on the year, a decrease of 54 calls from last year.

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- B. The Thornton Library passed inspection. Chevron failed and will be reinspected a week from today.
- C. Chief Garcia will be applying for a Firehouse Subs grant for 5 sets of PPE. There is no update on other grants.
- D. Two intern candidates starting April 20, 2026, and a third intern is currently going through the screening process.
- E. Firefighters participated in an Easter egg hunt at the Community Center and a ribbon cutting for the basketball courts attended by UOP college basketball players.
- F. All department training and the monthly North County continue as scheduled.
- G. Engine 17-1 front lights and compartment lights were replaced. There is nothing to report for Engine 17-2, Engine 17-3, Water Tender 17-1, and Chief 17-1.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

- A. Administration Negotiations pursuant to California Government Code Section §54957.6
The meeting convened into closed session at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened into open session at 6:35 p.m. with the following action from the Board of Directors:

- 1. On motion of Director Stokes, seconded by Director Guzman, approve change of Administrative Assistance employment status from W2 Employee to 1099 Contractor.
All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING:

On motion of Vice Chairman Stokes, seconded by Director Guzman, the Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

DIANA TIDWELL